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## FYI

- Hot Lunch order forms for the second half of the school year are now available. Please order online or send in the form by Tuesday, January 24. Sorry, late orders cannot be accepted.
- CHANGE OF DATES: 1) The Pre1A Boy's Siddur Play will be on Friday, March 24. 2) There will be a Staff Professional Development Day for the Boy's School on Sun, Feb 5th. All Sunday boys classes will be dismissed at 11:15 a.m. Please mark the dates accordingly.
- SCHOOL PHOTOS have not yet been posted online - An email will be sent out to the parent body when the pictures are ready for viewing.
- Please note: All sizes of hoodies for girls, are now available for purchase. Please send in \$20 for each hoodie and specify the size you need.
- PROP/ COSTUME CALL: If you have any of the following items that you can share for the school play, please label the item and send it to the Girls School office:
  - Newsboys Caps
  - Plaid or striped shirts (size 14 - 16 -18)
  - Suspenders / Vintage aprons
  - Large shawls
  - Metal buckets
  - Old fashioned seltzer bottles
- Around the Table - Mothers of girls in grades pre 1a-2nd grade should look out for an email with details about the ATT event this motzei Shabbos, Jan 21st.
- Starting this week! Bnos Malka invites Pre1a and 6 - 8 grades to join! We are so excited! We meet at the Agudah from 2:15-3:15.
- Pirchei and Pirchei Beis Medrash will be from 3:15 to 4:15 at the Agudah. There will be a minyan for Mincha before Pirchei at 2:50.



## Parsha Points

One of the signs משה רבינו was supposed to show the Jews was that his hand got צרעת when he spoke לשון הרע about them. Why did Hashem want the Jews to know that משה רבינו spoke לשון הרע about them? משה רבינו thought that the Jews will not have the necessary level of אמונה. They will not believe that Hashem sent him to say that they will be taken out of מצרים. Hashem told משה רבינו that he was not correct. כלל ישראל can really reach higher מדריגות than you think.

משה רבינו was the biggest of all הנביאים. ובניאם. If משה רבינו thought that they weren't able to reach that מדריגה, for sure the Jews themselves also felt that way. It was now משה רבינו's job to convince בני ישראל that they COULD reach high מדריגות of אמונה - of trust and belief in ד'.

They might think, "Who am I?" "What can I become?" משה רבינו was supposed to tell them, YES! You are great! You have the ability to climb to great heights. You might not realize it. Even I did not realize how great you are. Your potential greatness is there even if you don't see it!

משה רבינו is talking to all of us. There is no limit to how much each and every one of us can grow in תורה, מדות and שמים יראת.

## Week in Review

Rabbi Gutman's fifth grade has, reached a momentous occasion in their לימוד הגמרא, with the completion of the יארוש שלא מדעת סוגיא. They have shown great enthusiasm toward this new לימוד which is palpable in the classroom. The boys are mastering their גמרא skills, understanding to whom we are bringing a proof and then appreciating how these proofs are later brought into question. They are doing all of this while perfecting the skills of reading and punctuating properly. Many students are asking the upcoming questions of the גמרא and others have been able to give the answers before learning them. The classroom has evolved into a miniature בית המדרש of budding חכמים תלמידי. This happened simultaneously with the opportunity to show other talents they possess as they acted out the story that they recently learned. The אהדות and allowance for individuals to shine was truly remarkable. May we all reap much נחת from all of our תלמידים!

To turn their writing into creative writing masterpieces, the 5th graders have been working on constructing "Super Sentences." These are sentences which consist of the five elements: subjects, verb, adjective/adverb, where & when. However, some are not satisfied with just "Super" and are adding the element why, to create "Super Duper Sentences." Popping balloons to find the elements was truly a – "Super – Duper Experience!"

In addition, with literacy week upon us, the boys are working together beautifully to create their play on Honesty. Their camaraderie and great sportsmanship is a pleasure to watch!

## Preschool Jottings

The nursery children watched in amazement as Morah Yaffa & Morah Devorah put a triangle on top of a square to make a house! They drew pictures of the members of their family inside of their house. The children had the opportunity to introduce their family to their friends. They each said one unique thing about their household!

The musical band is "shaping" up in Morah Rochel and Morah Faige's room. This week, the children made triangle tubas! Blow hard and strong and the triangle sings for you. The highlight of the week was when the children were able to play Happy Birthday, Morah Faige on their tubas!

What is a slave? Morah Mimi and Morah Irene's class took orders from the "king" and had to work very hard scrubbing and cleaning. They understood what the Jews in *Mitzrayim* were going through when they were slaves to Pharaoh.

Lots of Language discussions were about the animals that live underground and in the dirt. We learned about worms, groundhogs, moles, rats, ants and mice. How many words can you think of that rhyme with "rat?" Come to Morah Minah's backyard and you will see a hole where the groundhog comes in and goes out of his house. How do you trap a mouse if it is your house? Check out the real worms that we have in school!

In Mrs. Greene's Language Arts class, 8th grade girls are well into their study of Louisa May Alcott's classic novel, Little Women. The longer they spend with the March sisters, the more the students begin to recognize and identify with some of their struggles and experiences. After reading how 12 year-old Amy March longed to fit in by having her own bag of pickled limes (all the rage in 1864!), the girls recalled the numerous "must-have" fads of their own elementary school years: Silly Bandz, napkin collections, Rainbow Loom and currently, fur pompoms! Each girl reflected and journaled about a personal experience of feeling left out or longing to fit in. The responses ranged from old memories of wishing to have a personalized hairbrush just like all the other neighborhood girls, to experiences of feeling awkward, but ultimately proud, of having to wear a skirt to gymnastics class.

Mrs. Loew and her 7th grade scientists recently completed a unit on genetics and heredity. For their final project, students created a "paper pet project". Each group created a unique family with 5 different genetic traits. Using punet squares and their knowledge of how dominant and recessive genes are passed on to and expressed in children, they created artistic, humorous, and diverse "families" that represented many of the possibilities for their "children".

**Heard & Overheard:** As Morah Leeba was reviewing the words of ברוך משלם שכר טוב ליראיו and arrived at the line – *Blessed is He who rewards well those that fear Him* - 2nd grader Miri Hersh made a marvelous connection by pointing out that, in this week's Parsha, the midwives feared Hashem, and therefore saved the Jewish babies. And, indeed, Hashem rewarded them very well! What good thinking, Miri!

### Tech-Tips

#### Limit digital media for your youngest family members.

Avoid digital media for toddlers younger than 18 to 24 months other than video chatting. For children 18 to 24 months, watch digital media with them because they learn from watching and talking with you. Limit screen use for preschool children, ages 2 to 5, to just 1 hour a day of high-quality programing, and watch it with them so you can help them learn from what they're seeing.

### Library Additions

- 2 CD's - Benny Friedman & Shir 2 in honor of Aharon Solomon's 5th birthday
- Yom Tov Yummies in honor of Hindy Birnbaum's 8th birthday
- Kids Speak #9 in honor of Shloimie Birnbaum's 11th birthday
- Great Jewish Treasures in memory of Mrs. Matla Lokensky, mother of Rabbi Yitzchak Lokensky, donated by Mrs. Helene Drapkin



## Bulletin Board

• **Motzai Shabbos - Jan. 21 - 8:30 PM, - Tiferes DVD for women:** "What is Ahavah? Cultivating this middah in ourselves and our children". Speakers: Rabbi Leib Kelemen and Rabbi Fishel Schachter. The program will take place at the home of Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Rd.

• **Motzai Shabbos - Jan. 21 - 7:45 PM - Highland Park/Edison Connects-** Come CONNECT and warm up with friends at the home of Debbie Botvinik, 26 Perry Road. Bring a freind, or bring a dish if you like. For more info, call Faygie Lobel 917-667-0635.

• **Sun, Feb 12 - 8:30 p.m. - Park Mikvah and Irgun Shiurai Torah** present a **Shovavim Project Lecture for Women** by Mrs. Debbie Greenblatt on the topic of "A Journey Towards Intimacy, The Mystery and Practicality of Taharas Mishpacha" to take place at Congregation Ohr Torah (social Hall). For married women only. For more info please email parkmikvaevents@gmail.com.

• **Motzai Shabbos - Feb 18 - 8:15 p.m. - Park Mikvah** presents a **cooking demonstration** with Miriam Pascal, founder of OvertimeCook.com, author of Something Sweet and Ami Whisk Magazine columnist. A milchig buffet will be served. The event will be held iyh, at the home of Esther Posen, 12 Fairhill Road, Edison. The cost of the event is \$36. Space is limited. For women only. To make a reservation, please email Esther Posen at: eposen@optonline.net. For more info, please call Lynn Hanfling at: 732-777-0225.

• **Sun, Feb 28 - 8pm - RPRY PLUS and the RPRY Alumni Association** invite the whole community to Coach Gila's cooking demo and workshop on TOP TIPS FOR HEALTHY EATING. Coach Gila (RPRY Class of '87!) is Director of Main Asset Health and at this event you will get to taste the food she prepares right in front of you and go home with a copy of her featured recipes! Cost is \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door. Sponsorships available and include admission: \$54 (VIP seating)/\$72 (VIP seating and special gift)/ \$180 (VIP seating and phone consult with Coach Gila!). For questions and reservations please email RPRYPLUS@rpry.org

• **Sun, March 5 - 9:30 AM - Bikur Cholim of Raritam Valley Annual Event** to be held at the Pines Manor, 2087 Raritan Ave. Details to follow.

## Mazel Tov!

- Rabbi & Mrs. Dov Silber upon the birth of a daughter
- Mr. & Dr. Betzalel Posy upon Moshe's Bar Mitzvah
- Rabbi & Mrs. Daniel Loew upon Avi's Bar Mitzvah
- Rabbi & Mrs. Aryeh Leib Zeilberger upon Menachem Mendel's Bar Mitzvah

## Local News & Shiurim

- Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class on Sun, Jan 22 at 11:00 a.m. at the Agudah; Parsha class on Mon, Jan 23 at 8:00 p.m. at Cong. Ohr Torah
- Mrs. Miri Cohen's will not have Parsha class this week.
- Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class will meet on Mon, Jan 23 at 7:30 PM at the home of Janet Rivenson, 19 Price Drive, Edison.
- Rabbi Bassous' Women's class is held on Sun mornings at 10:00 AM at Cong. Etz Ahaim. Class will be based on the book, "Happiness" by Rabbi Zelig Pliskin.
- SemPlus evening shiur for post seminary girls: Please call the hotline to confirm at 732-966-6503.