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## FYI

### • 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.

• The 6 Flags Read to Succeed program is well under way. Please remember that the Student reading logs must be submitted by Feb 13 for the boys and Feb 24 for the girls. *Sorry, no exceptions are allowed.*

• 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 - The next session will be Motzai Shabbos, Feb. 4th - Mothers of preschool children should watch out for an e-mail with information. Also, The ATT event with Mrs. Didi Deitcher on the topic of Social Stuff - When and how to intervene for mothers of 3rd-5th grade girls has been rescheduled for February 25th. Look out for an email with more details.

• No Bnos Malka this week. However, Pre1a - 8th grade girls should save the date for Sun, Feb 5th from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. for a special Bnos Malka event! Stay tuned!

• No Pirchei and Pirchei Beis Medrash this week.

## Parnes Hayom

A school-wide day of learning will be sponsored on Thurs. Feb 2, שבת 1

in memory of

Chaim Yitzchok Kraus, ז"ל

חיים יצחק בן ישראל דוב הלוי ז"ל

by the Kraus Family



## Parsha Points

Rashi points out that when the Torah talks about Moshe and Aharon, in some places Moshe is mentioned first and in other places Aharon is mentioned first. Rashi explains that the Torah is teaching us that Moshe and Aharon were שְׁקוּלִין - equally great.

Rav Moshe Feinstein, זצ"ל asks: How can we say that Aharon was equal to Moshe when we know that Moshe was the greatest נביא that ever lived?

Rav Moshe answers that although Moshe was greater in נבואה, still Aharon used every day of his life to serve ה' with all his capabilities. The only difference between Moshe and Aharon was that Moshe was given greater capabilities than Aharon. Since they both used their full potential to serve ה' they were considered equal in the eyes of ה'.

We learn from this a very important lesson: A person's greatness is not judged by what he does but rather according to how much he uses his capabilities.

## Week in Review

מזל טוב to our 6th graders who completed פרק הכונס. We are looking forward to a trip in honor of our סיום, and to celebrate this accomplishment, after midwinter break.

The class is also davening beautifully and getting ready to have the privilege to join our yeshiva's morning מנין. We have gotten off to a wonderful start in פרק המניח and look forward to a most productive 2nd half of the year.

Recently, the 7th Grade boys at YST in their unique Biology program encountered a very important and relevant application. In their unit on nutrition, the boys learned the importance of eating breakfast each and every morning. They learned the importance of a varied menu of dairy, grains and fruits or vegetables have unique benefits. Some of these benefits include improved concentration, preventing weight gain and a higher level of sustained energy. It was a fascinating life-changing lesson that the boys will remember and use for a long time to come, *b'ezras Hashem.*

Morah Sara Goodman was so excited to distribute the unique, artistic cards that the students designed and ordered. They were really beautiful. In case you missed out on this wonderful fundraiser, we hope to offer it again for another occasion.

YST Girls' Division proudly presents ....? This is your play and you have an opportunity to name it! Winner receives 5 premium seats to the performance. Suggestions must be submitted to Mrs. Brown not later than Sun, Feb 5th.

Save the date for the YST play  
Sun, March 19th.

## Preschool Jottings

The nursery classes are truly taking shape in YST Preschool. The younger nursery children made pizza pies and discovered a triangle slice from a circle pie. And putting them in a square box was the added touch! The older children made square accordions to add to their triangle tubas and circle drums. The band is "shaping" up for a harmonious and melodious concert.

The kindergarten children learned the letter Yud this week. Each child received a little Yud and took care of it like they would take care of a baby. The little Yud was wrapped in a blanket, rocked, cuddled and loved!

Our Lots and Lots of Language took us on a trip to Glatt 27. We were learning about where a cash register belongs, a cashier, a manager, a vegetable section, a fruit section, a meat section, a dairy section and a nosh section belong! Well, we found them all! We took a picture of each section so that we can always review and remember the new vocabulary words. But the most amazing part of the trip was that we had decided before we even left school what was the one item we were going to buy for the whole class...and all the children agreed on the vote and were happy to enjoy it when they returned to school.



Mrs. Brotsky's 8th grade girls were experimenting with lenses using 3-color LEDs to see how they bend light. They also used lenses to see how camera and telescopes work and used this understanding to study how the lens in our eye works and how glasses correct vision problems.

After much hard work, the 8th grade girls are submitting their Toshiba Exploravision projects this week. They each picked an existing technology and imagined how it would be developed in the future.

### Tech-Tips

**Create tech-free zones.** Keep family mealtimes, other family and social gatherings, and children's bedrooms screen free. Turn off devices that you aren't watching, because background noise can get in the way of face-to-face time with kids. Recharge devices overnight—outside your child's bedroom to help children avoid the temptation to use them when they should be sleeping. These changes encourage more family time, healthier eating habits, and better sleep, all critical for children's wellness.

### Library Additions

- Flight 079 - The Escape donated by Mrs. Adler in honor of Avigdor Neuwirth's Bar Mitzvah
- A Journey with Rabbi Juravel #5 donated by Mrs. Adler in honor of Menachem Mendel Zeilberger's Bar Mitzvah



### Writer's Corner



Mrs. Gross' 6th grade girls have been busy creating descriptive essays using a picture. Each essay consisted of metaphors, exact wording, vivid language and appositives. Enjoy an excerpt from Michaela Feiler's descriptive essay below.

You're looking at an empty field. The dead man's fingers are reaching toward you; like a 3D vision in this wonderous picture. Before they can snatch you, the cold, dry wind pushes them away. The fingers are bare trees that try to hide from the sun, but can't.

The evil branches are closing in; you want to run to the comforting ombree blue sky with clouds, balls of cotton in the atmosphere of this angry world. The evergreen that hides behind the fingers is being cared for by the crisp clear air. It's twigs are dark green spikes bent over with modesty.

An empty nest dangles in the distance. "Caw, caw," a mama bird calls to her baby.

"Tweet, tweet, the baby cries back. The cry is the loud screech of a lost eagle waiting to be found.

### Congratulations!

To 5th grader Perel Sarah Blum, who was selected as a winner in the Jewish Press Chanukah writing contest. The topic was to write about a personal hero and Perel Sarah chose to write about her 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Weldler. *Kudos, Perel Sarah*

### Catch 'em Being Good!

Dear Rabbi Herskowitz:

Last Shabbos at Moshe's Bar Mitzvah, we saw a *raayah* in the Gemara *Abbaye- Yoma 86*. In relating to this *raayah*, Moshe's 7th grade class came to his Bar Mitzvah at Ahavas Achim. They were clearly recognizable as Bnei Yeshiva, and they stood up to their reputation.

They *davened*, they learned, they were polite, respectful, and pleasant. They spontaneously sang *zemiros*, said *divrei torah*, and learned on their own when they had a free moment. We had 100 guests from all over the world, and there were another 200 or so people in shul. I lost count of how many of them came over to me to comment on how big a *Kiddush Hashem* these 16 *bochrim* made. *Ashrei Rabo Shelamdo Torah!* - Mr. Betzalel Posy

## Bulletin Board

• 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](mailto: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](mailto:eposen@optonline.net). For more info, please call Lynn Hanfling at: 732-777-0225.

• Sun, Feb 26 - 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](mailto:RPRYPLUS@rpry.org)

• Sun, Feb 26 - Cong. Ahavas Yisrael will be hosting its 8th Annual Journal Breakfast at Cong. Ahavas Achim, 216 S. 1st Ave., Highland Park, NJ, at 9:30 am. Honorees are Mr. Menachem and Mrs. Helene Kravitz (Guests of Honor), Mr. Zev Rosenberg, and Mr. Aryeh Berger (Service Awardees). For more information, please visit [www.ayedison.org](http://www.ayedison.org) or email [Breakfast@ayedison.org](mailto:Breakfast@ayedison.org).

• Sun, March 5 - 9:30 AM - **Bikur Cholim of Raritam Valley Annual Event** to be held at the Pines Manor, 2087 Raritan Ave. The Guest Speaker will be Rabbi Dovid Goldwasser. This year's Guests of Honor are Dalya & Harry Chefitz and Ezra and Nava Chefitz; Gomlei Chesed awardees - Leon & Sharon Glaser and the Keter Shem Tov awardees to the Morris Family. Couvert is \$50 per person. Sponsorships are available.

### Mazel Tov!

- Dr. & Dr. Stuart Green upon the marriage of their daughter, Dena to Simcha Himmel
- Rabbi Shragi & Mrs. Shira Gross upon the engagement of their son, Eliyahu to Leeora Anisfeld from Monsey

### Local News & Shiurim

- Rebbitzten Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class on Sun, Jan. 29 at 10:30 AM at the Agudah; Parsha class on Mon, Jan. 30 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. Please note the earlier time for the Sun morning class; change is for this week only.
- Mrs. Miri Cohen's will not have Parsha class this week.
- Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class will meet on Mon, Jan 30 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.
- The Edison/Highland Park gown Gemach, L'iluy Nishmas R' Yitzchok Ben Binyomin, is open for business! The Gemach houses a wide selection of gowns for children, pre-teen, teens and adults. Please note the Gemach is still looking for donation of gowns in very good condition. Tax deduction is given and pick up of the gowns can also be arranged. For more information and/or to schedule an appointment please call Sara Scott at 516-526-0941.