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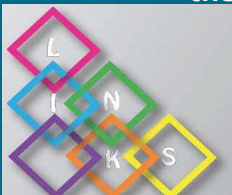
FYI

- The YST Girls School Play, "Heshy! An Eastside Story" will be **THIS SUNDAY** March 19th at 1:30 p.m. at the Forum Theater. Walk-ins are welcome!
- **Reminder:** All Chai Lifeline money collections must be in by this Tuesday, March 21st to be guaranteed a prize.
- Found in the YST Preschool parking lot. A Kohl's bag with two pairs of earrings inside. Receipt also found in the bag. Call the preschool 7328197083.
- Achievement Tests are coming up in the girls' and boys' divisions (April 24-28). Please make every effort to avoid having your children miss any of the testing sessions. Make sure your child has had a good night's rest and comes equipped with plenty of sharpened pencils and some healthful snack.
- 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.
- Bnos this week is from 2:15 - 3:15.

Good news!

You may remember the exciting learning opportunity that last year's YST Girls School LINKS game offered, as a prelude to Pesach family gatherings. We have re-issued the card game and are making available through the Girls School - Feel free to call the office and reserve a

set. The game sells for \$8.00 per game or 2 for \$15.00.



Parsha Points

In the aftermath of the sin of the Egel (the Golden Calf) Moshe pleads to Hashem saying: "And now if I have indeed found favor in your eyes, make your way known to me, so that I may comprehend your ways". The Gemarah in Brachos explains Moshe's request. Moshe said, "I know that Hashem is perfect and everything He does is fair and makes sense. Why then do we find many situations that seem unfair? Why do we find good and righteous people who have bad things happening to them? And why do we find bad, indecent people who are very successful and happy with all they encounter?"

The Chofetz Chaim presents a beautiful Mashal to help us deal with this famous question. A guest once arrived in town for Shabbos. In the morning he went to shul with his host. When they reached the time for reading the Torah, the guest watched in horror as the Rabbi "randomly" gave out the aliyos to various people, irrespective of the honor that they "truly deserved". After Davening ended, the guest went over to the Rabbi and gave him a piece of his mind. "How do you have the audacity to give the aliyos out not fitting with the honor they each deserve? The Rabbi calmly replied, "You are a guest here. You have never prayed here before. You have no way of knowing all of my calculations. I have been keeping very detailed notes of each person's aliyos. I know who has been honored recently and who hasn't."

So too it is with us in this world, says the Chofetz Chaim. We must remember that we are a guest on this world. There is so much going on in the world around us, and many times things seem unfair or even cruel. But we must know one thing, Hashem considers us his children and has only the best in mind for us. Only a father, who was around before his children even came into being, and is aware of their situation throughout their entire lifetime can know what is really best for us.

Week in Review

Flying airplanes. Flying drones. Flying footballs. Flying darts. Flying soaking wet sponges. Flying nerf-guy pellets. Flying high were all the **תלמידים** at the Annual Shushan Purim action-packed carnival at the boys yeshiva. The carnival was capably managed by our flying high united 7th grade flight attendants who not only displayed their sense of responsibility at their respective booths, but also "propelled" the ruach into the carnival with their music and liveliness. All the **תלמידים** were certainly bouncing high in the air while racing across the moonwalk obstacle course and in between the huge legs of the policeman guarding" the front of the prison-like structure. The 8th graders did their usual good job of taking care of the canteen, selling hot and cold food and drinks to the hungry and thirsty boys who seemed to be starving for nosh – as if they had not seen nosh in the longest time. Overall, the carnival was, **בס"ד** a flying success. The **תלמידים** have landed nicely and are not busily preparing for the upcoming Yom Tov of Pesach.

After studying the life cycles of a variety of animals and insects in conjunction with the Changes unit they covered in their literacy curriculum, the first grade boys welcomed the opportunity to witness the life cycle of a chicken. A farmer from Quiver Farms

Preschool Jottings

Our Shushan Purim Day was filled with excitement. Stretch the Silly Man greeted the children with his special wave that we all have mastered. He entertained them with a spectacular magic show. It was wonderful to have our Pre-1a boys back in our building, and at the same time extend a warm welcome to several children who will be joining us for the upcoming school year. Dressed in costume, the children danced, sang and enjoyed a festive and happy day.

The YST Preschoolers enjoy Art with Morah Devorah Mueller every week. She has taken the young children from scribbling to drawing outlines and full pictures. This past week, she encouraged the children to look carefully at a mishloach manos basket. Morah Devorah pointed out that when drawing the basket, only half of each item should be drawn. The top half is what you can see, the bottom half is not seen, because it is hidden inside the basket. You would be amazed at the beautiful pictures the children made after understanding the concept. When looking at their drawings, you see tops of apples, tips of hamantashen, necks of wine bottles and tops of oranges. Morah Devorah's talent and skill at breaking down the instructions so clearly for the children, makes it easy for a preschooler to succeed at art!

brought his hen and rooster to meet the students, along with an incubator and one dozen eggs the hen had laid. The boys carefully tended the eggs, turning them three times a day, as instructed. Five days later, the boys watched as a tiny bird pecked its way out of its shell, emerging a little wet and floppy. They saw it slowly gain its legs and its downy feathers fluffed out, metamorphosing into their ubiquitous yellow hue. Its cheerful chirping delighted the class. Soon thereafter, ten more chicks hatched. All were transferred to a bin equipped with a heat lamp, soft bedding, fresh water and food pellets to meet their every need. We bade them a fond farewell when the farmer returned to retrieve the newborn chicks. The class was acknowledged as Great Hatchers with an award that is proudly displayed on the classroom bulletin board. Many thanks to Mrs. Gruenebaum for arranging this project and to Rabbi Bhatia for his participation in this successful endeavor.

What a week it was in the girls school! Shushan Purim provides the YST Girls School family the opportunity to share the festive atmosphere in a fun and memorable way - and this year's activities did not disappoint. Guest hostess, Chavi Schwartz, provided the girls a rip-roaring good time as she moved through the Megila-themed Chinese Auction and the Rope Warrior wowed the crowd with his expertise with the "simple" game of jump rope. The day passed in a blur of special activities and nosh, the perfect prelude to the snow storm. . . The rest of the week passed in "play fever" with the lyrics of Here Comes the Trolley wafting through the halls. There are still tickets available for the world premiere of "HESHY!! An East Side Story" - The show opens at 1:30pm this coming Sunday afternoon at the Forum Theater in Metuchen - Don't miss it!

ג' כּתּוּב girls are settling back down after a wonderful, fulfilled Purim!! Morah Moller and her girls enjoyed a truly enjoyable siyum on פּרשׂת וּיִצְאָ which included two dances, one skit and an adorable game of "Pin חל on her גּמל" as well. Now on to וּיִשְׁלַח פּרשׂת!

The 8th grade girls, under the direction of Mrs. Komet and Mrs. Ukraincik, are in the homestretch on their Guinness Book of World Records-themed yearbook. As they finish up the writing, photo selection, and design, they are excited to see their ideas come to life on the pages. From the memories to the inside jokes to the bios, it is really shaping up to be one for the record books. *Just a reminder: If you have not yet submitted ads for your daughter, please do so ASAP.*

The Sole-Sisters program will soon be taking to the tracks to practice for their 5K. They have been working on their warm-ups, building their stamina, and stretching afterwards to ensure no sore muscles. While they are doing a great job in school, the upcoming meets at the Highland Park High School track will really give them an idea of how far they have come! Stay tuned for the dates/times we will start meeting outside. Keep up the good work girls!

Local News & Shiurim

• Congregation Ohr Torah will hold this year's community **Shaimos Collection** on Sun, March 18 from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM. The cost is \$20 per large garbage sized bags. Please make all checks out to Congregation Ohr Torah. For questions contact Barry Siegel - siegeldad@optonline.net. At the Shaimos Collection there will be a used **Seforim sale**. There will be a used Seforim sale at great prices!!! Come find your hard-to-find and/or out-of-print books and stock up your home libraries.

• Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class on Sun, March 19 at 11:00 AM at the Agudah; Parsha class on Mon, March 20 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah.

• Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class will take place Tuesday, March 21 at 9:30 AM at the home of Leah Epshtein, 253 Lawrence Avenue, Highland Park.

• Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class will resume after Pesach.

Bulletin Board

• **Motzai Shabbos, March 18 - 9:00 PM -Tiferes DVD for women** to be shown at the home of Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Rd., Edison. The topic will be: "Peer Pressure—Does it Ever End?" Speakers: Rabbi Ariel Shoshan and Mrs. Ayala Berney.

• **Sun, March 19 - 8:00 PM** - Dessert buffet & parlor meeting to benefit **YACHAD**. Enjoy a fun and delicious night out with friends while learning more about what Yachad does here and across the country. Buffet will be at the home of Srulee and Alisa Hercman, 9 Ryan Rd.

• **Sun, March 26 - 10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** - A.Y.'s Annual Community Clothing Giveaway. Location: Cong. Ahavas Yisroel. Come get new to you clothing for free. From more information, or to make a clothing donation, please contact Ida Sheiner 917-439-6163 or Rivka Jaffe 732-762-0490. Please note: only clothing in excellent condition will be accepted.

• **Sun, March 26 - 3:00 p.m.** - Please join the Shenkman Family in a **Hachnosos Sefer Torah** to Khal Chassidim. Kesivas Osiyos will be at the home of Steven and Hila Jaspan, 155 N 9th Avenue, Highland Park We will then escort the Torah to Kahal Chassidim- 46 North 8th Ave. in Highland Park at 4:30 pm.