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FYI

• You enjoyed the girls school play, now enjoy CD's of the original Shmuel Kunda's, "When Zaidy was Young, Tale 1 and Tale 2". CD's are \$12 for 1 or \$20 for 2. To place orders, e-mail ystnj.org.

• 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.

• Fri, April 21 - Regular Friday dismissal begins.

• Fri, May 19 - 1st grade girls chumash presentation.

• A bag with diapers and pajamas was left at the girls school on Parent-Teacher Conference night. Please call the office to claim.

• 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 it 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

The תורה uses many פסוקים to make the calculations of how much gold and silver and all other materials were donated for the building of the משכן and how much of each material was used for each utensil in the משכן. What lesson can be learned from all these detailed calculations? משה פיננטיין זצ"ל says that the תורה makes this חשבון (calculation) in order to teach us that every person should make his own חשבון of all the gifts and materials that were given to him by Hashem. Firstly, one must notice all that is given to him and appreciate it. Secondly, one must make sure that all that he's being given is being used properly. For example - the time a person is given to live his life - is he using the precious time to learn and fulfill מצוות or is his time ה' being wasted? Another example זצ"ל משה הרב says of a person's material possessions and his money- is he giving enough צדקה? From this that the Torah goes to great length making these calculations should give us the message we must do the same.

The Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion family mourns the loss of a beloved parent and teacher, Mrs. Chaya Friedman, a"h. Mrs. Friedman wore many hats - all of them successfully. She was the parent of four outstanding alumni of YST, worked tirelessly as president of the PTA for several years, and connected with hundreds of students in her very many years as a staff member of YST. She was a person who wore her heart on her sleeve; she loved her children, her students, her co-workers and her community, and took pride in any and all of their successes. Ever grateful for the gifts of a beautiful family and warm friendships, Chaya went the extra mile to extend herself to anyone she could help. Intelligent and creative, her classes were lively and exciting. Mrs. Friedman loved to delight her students with a surprise or a treat, offered with her trademark smile. Above all, her deep appreciation for ruchniyus and her joy in leading a Torah-rich life was her hallmark. She will be sorely missed by us all.

Week in Review

This week, the 8th grade boys were treated to a rewarding and uplifting trip to Lakewood. Since Purim, in addition to the regular *Limud*, the 8th grade has been learning the *Sugya of Matzah Shmura*. This *Sugya* deals with the intricacies of properly baking Matzah which is kosher for the *Seder*. In conjunction with having completed the *Sugya*, they took a trip to the Lakewood *Shmura Matzah* Bakery to observe firsthand the process they had learned about. The boys then went to BMG (Bais Medrash Govoah) where they were inspired by watching the thousands of *bochurim* and *yungerleit* learning with *geshmak* in the various *Botei Medrash*. A major highlight was meeting with R' Yeruchem Olshin *shlita*, one of the *Roshei Hayeshiva*, who took time from his busy schedule to speak to the boys and greet each one personally. The *Rosh Hayeshiva* encouraged the boys that each and every one of them is capable of becoming a *gadol batorah* if they have the *ratzon*, and the boys left very uplifted from the meeting. After a filling lunch in JLI Pizza, the boys enjoyed a special visit with Rabbi Adlin where he shared with them *divrei chizuk*, and asked the boys to share with him all that is happening in YST. It was a wonderful way to end a fantastic trip!

Mrs. Zeigler's second grade has made tremendous progress in their math skills. After spending many weeks learning how to regroup in both addition and subtraction, they have mastered the skill and begun learning about time! In honor of their new math topic they created their very own clocks to use. It was led to a great conversation about the importance of using time wisely and being punctual, a lifelong skill!. Cont. on pg. 2.

Preschool Jottings

Why are these days in the preschool different than all the other school days of the year?

On all the other days of the school year, the Moros and the children find some time to stop and take a breath! But on these pre-Pesach days, everyone is so busy coloring, cutting, painting and designing there is hardly time to stop and rest!

On all the other days of the school year, the children sing and dance. But on these pre-Pesach days, the hallways and classrooms are filled with the melodious Pesach songs, including לשנה הבאה בירושלים and אחד מי יודע, דיינו, מה נשתנה.

On all the other days of the school year, the children play in the dress up center using many props. But on these Pre-Pesach days, the children play Pesach Seder in the dress up center. The boys dress like fathers and wear hats and jackets, hold Kiddush cups and the mothers pretend to serve special prepared Pesach foods.

On all the other days of the school year, the children make projects and are so proud of their work. But on these Pre-Pesach days, the children know that these projects are so superbly special. They work diligently to make everything so beautiful and they want everything to be special for this upcoming Pesach Yom Tov!

Mrs. Chait's fifth grade historians are bringing the sixteenth century Conquistadors into the twenty-first century! After researching each of these Spanish conquerors, including Juan Ponce de Leon and Hernando Cortes, students work in partners to create "yearbook pages" for these fascinating figures. Each conquistador is given a portrait, bio, quote, contact information, and even an emoji to suit his personality! The fifth graders are having so much fun combining their creativity with research, and can't wait to see each other's finished products.

Undoubtedly, though, the highlight of the week was Sunday's magnificent performance of **HESHY! An East Side Story**. From the opening full-cast trolley song, through the very last word every participant's talent radiated from the stage.

But Mrs. Brown, Gluck & Lockspeiser, the talented trio of directors, were not done just yet! They arranged for a delightful cast party for the girls on Wednesday and their clever ditty says it all:

*All who came to watch the show
Said they would never have known
Girls of this age could get onto the stage
And perform with such talent & grace!*

Thanks once again to one and all who helped make this production such an exciting endeavor for our girls. But don't worry - if you missed the play, there will be a DVD available shortly.



Writer's Corner

Mrs. Werner and the 1st grade girls have been reading, writing and discussing "Treasures". The girls wrote about their treasured memories. Enjoy a sampling of their writings.

My Memories by Emunah Titen

My memories are a treasure. They make me feel sad. I remember when my great-grama was alive. She was a big tzadekes, She was my grandfather's mother. She had white hair. I loved her. She was loving.

My Memories by Ruchama Lax

My memories are a treasure. They make me feel happy. I remember when my new born baby was born. I did not even know that she was born. She sits. She crawls a lot on the floor. She smiles at me. She is cute. She has chubby cheeks. I love her. She's the best baby. I touched her toes. Her name is Malka. She had a hat when she came home. I hugged her when she came back from the hospital.

My Memories by Ahava Schwartz

My memories are a treasure. They make me feel friendship. I remember when I met everybody in this class. I was shy. Some people were shy. I got used to meeting everyone. I love everybody in my class.

Catch 'em Being Good!

Dear Rabbi Herskowitz,

Yesterday afternoon, I heard a honk and saw Harvey's bus in front of my house (30 minutes after he had already dropped my son off). After making his bus run, Harvey came back to my house because my son had left a poster that he and some friends made for a syium. Harvey said that the boys on the bus told him that my son had left it, so Harvey came back to make sure that he got it back.

We at YST, are so privileged to have someone like Harvey on staff. He cares for each and every child and always goes above and beyond the call of duty for the children at all the YST campuses. It was also very touching that the other boys made sure that Harvey knew which child to return the poster to.

With much Hakoras Hatov! - Mrs. A. Gross

Bulletin Board

• **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 Osiyov 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.

Hurray for HESHY!!

Dear Mrs. Brudny, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Gluck & Mrs. Lockspeiser:

It is with such *hakaros hatov* that I write this brief note thanking the four of you (and your team) for making such magic happen. The joy and confidence you brought the girls, the skill and passion you devoted to this project and the evident investment of time and energy is so truly appreciated in every way. Words cannot express what gratitude I feel as a mother for your selfless gift of making this experience happen for my daughter and all of the YST girls! Yasher koach...
Mrs. Rottenstreich

Mazel Tov!

- Mr. & Mrs. Ayre Eisner upon the birth of a son
- Mrs. Chana Finver upon her son, Shloimi's marriage to Zippa Fenrich and upon Menachem Mendel's Bar Mitzvah
- Rabbi & Mrs. Hayim Leiter on the enagement of Tehilla to Yehuda Tarragan of N. Miami Beach

Local News & Shiurim

- **Tues, March 28 - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** - AY Sisterhood invites all women in the community to our bi-annual Hat & Tichel Show! Helen Baker from "Hat's Incredible" in Cherry Hill and Helene Kravitz from "Heads Up Snoods" in Highland Park will be at AY. Women/teen stockings and tights will also be available. Email Sisterhood@AYedison.org with any questions.
- **Children's ShoeShare:** Beautiful, new and barely-used kids Shabbos and everyday shoes in all sizes, including American and European brands. Just \$3 per pair, proceeds go to tzedaka. (Currently accepting donations of new and like-new kids' shoes) See all the inventory at facebook.com/shoeshare, or contact Elisheva Blumberg at (347) 416-3693.
- **Toy Library:** A free lending library of board games, train sets, puzzles, building blocks, and electronic toys available to borrow for one month at a time. Contact Elisheva Blumberg at (347) 416-3693
- **Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women:** Tefillah class on Sun, March 26 at 11:00 AM at the Agudah; No Parsha class on Mon, March 27.
- **Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class & Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class** will resume after Pesach.

המקום ינחם...

- **The Friedman family upon the loss of their wife, mother, & sister, Chaya Friedman, ע"ה.** Shiva will be observed until Wed morning at their home - 415 South 5th Ave, Highland Park. Shacharis will be Fri, Mon, Tues & Wed at 7:20 a.m. ; Sun, 8:00 a.m. and Mincha at 6:55p.m.