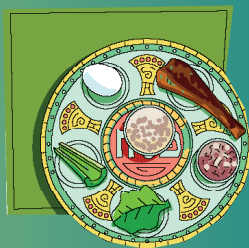




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Parsha Points

The Parsha begins by telling us that Moshe gathered all the Jews in order to teach them Torah. Later when the Jews left the gathering the *Pasuk* says: "The entire assembly of the Jews left from before Moshe." There seems to be an obvious question. If the Torah already told us the Jews were gathered in front of Moshe, why then does the Torah have to tell us that they left from before Moshe? Isn't it obvious that if they were in front of Moshe, then when they left, they left from before Moshe? Rabbi Eliyahu Lopian zt"l answers: A person is affected by his surroundings, and by taking a look at him you can tell what kind of surroundings he is accustomed to be in. This is the intention of the Torah in stating that the Jews left from before Moshe. The Torah is telling us that proper teacher-student relationships are those that have a recognizable effect on the student, so much so that even after he leaves the Yeshiva that he is in, and even after he takes leave of his teacher's presence, people look at him and say that he is someone who left from before his teacher – i.e. he has never stopped thinking about his teacher and what he/she taught him. Such a person is someone about whom we can truly say that his teacher had an everlasting effect on him.

Week in Review

There was a special feeling in the air of the boys school gym last Friday, as the Pre 1A boys took the stage for their Siddur performance. They sang their songs with sincerity and feeling, bringing tears of emotion and pride to their parents, grandparents and siblings. Rabbi Lebowitz, Ephraim's father, spoke to the boys about using their opportunity for *תפילה* and connecting to 'ד and to *כלל ישראל* in this special way. As Rabbi Herskowitz handed each boy his *סדור*, they held tightly to their new special treasure. Rabbi Herskowitz thanked all the Morahs who practiced and worked with the boys on their *קריאה* skills to prepare them for this special moment. We hope that the Pre 1A *תלמידים* will use their *סדורים* well and continue to bring *נחת* to their parents, their teachers, and all of *כלל ישראל*.

The third grade boys at YST have been working on their friendship skills. They read the book "The Rainbow Fish" during Literary Week and learned how Rainbow Fish gave up from himself and acquired a friendship. The boys discussed ways they can be good friends to each other and how they can give of themselves to their peers. We then launched "Project Rainbow" and the boys took to it enthusiastically. Each week we read a new *הלכה* about *דבריהם* and we work on using nice words all the time. The boys aim to act like good friends. ב"ה we are seeing many beautiful actions of friendship in the 3rd grade!

FYI

- The 2nd set of bus vouchers for Edison students have been sent out. If you have child(ren) in both the boys & girls schools, you can expect 2 envelopes from the township. **VOUCHERS MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED TO THE TOWNSHIP** (address is shown on top of the page) **SO THAT 'AID-IN-LIEU' REIMBURSEMENTS ARE PROCESSED.**

- 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.

- Great vacation treat! You enjoyed the girls school play, now enjoy DVD's of Heshy! An East Side Story. DVD's are only \$15. To place orders, e-mail ystnj.org.

- Fri, April 21 - Regular Friday dismissal begins.

- Save the date: Lag Ba'omer, Sun, May 14th (1-3pm) for the YST boys school bikeathon! A fun afternoon for the whole family. More details to follow. Please email us at ystpta@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering for this event.

- Tues, May 16 - Girls Pre1A Siddur presentation. **Please note change of date.**

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

- Pirchei and Pirchei Beis Medrash will resume after Pesach.

Parnes Hayomim

A day of learning is being sponsored on Fri April 1st, *ד' ניסן* in commemoration of the Sholshim for *בנימין בן מאיר דוד*, ז"ל by the Hoffman Family

A day of learning is being sponsored on Thurs, April 6th, in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of *Hersz Hanfling*, ז"ל *צבי בן מרדכי*, ז"ל (which takes place on *ניסן*) by the Slepoy Family

Preschool Jottings

Who knows **one**? We know **one!**

There's only **one** beautiful YST Preschool where all this could happen!

Who knows **two**? We know **two!**

Two are the numbers of Moros in each classroom that create, design and help the children make all the wonderful Pesach projects!

Who knows **three**? We know **three!**

Three are the matzos that Morah Devorah Mueller taught us how to draw during art. She taught us how to layer the matzos and then give them some bumpy texture!

Who knows **four**? We know **four!**

Four is the age of the Kindergarten children in Morah Rochel and Morah Faige's classroom who are bringing home the YST Preschool 7th year publication of *Is it Pesach Yet?*

Who knows **five**? We know **five!**

Five is the number of the days of the week when we come to school and work so hard to learn and prepare for Pesach!

Who knows **six**? We know **six!**

Six is the number of gallons of paint that Morah Yaffa and Morah Devora have used while painting and decorating their Pesach Hagaddah.

Who knows **seven**? We know **seven!**

Seven is the number of projects that are being worked on in Morah Mimi and Morah Irene's classroom, including a Hagaddah, a kittel and a pillowcase – each specially designed by the children that will enhance your Yom Tov.

Who knows **eight**? We know **eight!**

Eight is number that reminds us of the delicious matzah that we made and "eight" this week!! The South Brunswick Chabad Matzah Factory came to the Preschool on Tuesday and demonstrated, step by step, exactly how matzah is made.

Who knows **nine**? We know **nine!**

Nine is the number of days until the Yom Tov of Pesach, when we can share all that we have learned with our families.

Who knows **ten**? We know **ten!**

Ten is the number of YST Preschool Staff Members who make this all happen!

Chag Kasher V'sameach!

Mrs. Anolik's 4th grade girls have become experts on all types of animals. After thoroughly researching and taking notes on a particular animal, each girl succeeded in writing her first full-fledged research paper. These reports were not only informative and well-written, they were even funny at times. Here are a few excerpts that may (or may not) make an animal lover out of you!

"Now you know everything there is to know about chameleons. You will be able to quiz your super-smart parents and totally amaze them . . . "

from Shana Freund's concluding paragraph

"Who doesn't love tigers? I don't! That's for sure. They are not to my liking . . . "

from Rivkah Krauss' introduction

"The giraffe is a herbivore. That means it only eats plants. So when you see a giraffe, don't start running for your life!"

by Riva Gross, from the body of her report

דבר בעתו מה טוב! Special congratulations to Morah Govhari and the 5th grade on the completion of *Parshas Bo*. What a special privilege to complete learning about the *מכות* and *יצירת מצרים* during this season! They shared their expertise with the younger classes by hosting a *מכות* carnival. A sampling of the booths included "Shoot the *שחין*", "צפרדע Mask-Making", "Balloon Blast" and, of course, the "ארבה Pickle Race." Kudos to 5th grade for creating and running a spectacular event.

The very special pre-Pesach atmosphere in the girls school is palpable everywhere. There is a steady hum of productive activity, snatches of "*Ma Nishtana*" and other familiar Pesach tunes wafting through the air and a steady stream of teachers and students checking out the supply closet for another doodad to enhance the beauty of their *Hagaddos*. Strongest of all, though, is the celebratory feeling of approaching this *yom tov* with joy and anticipation. Wishing all of *K'lal Yisroel* a *Chag Kosher V'Sameach*.

Writer's Corner



The 7th grade girls have been studying the Haggadah and decided to create their own song.

Please enjoy their excerpt from *אחד מי יודע?*

אחד מי יודע?
אחד אני יודע. אחד גברת ברודנא שאנו אוהבת אותה.

שנים מי יודע?
שנים אני יודע. שני מזכירות שעזרות לנו כל כך הרבה.

שלשה מי יודע?
שלשה אני יודע. שלשה דקות עד שאנו מוכנות לכתה.

ארבע מי יודע?
ארבע אני יודע. ארבע דברים שיש לנו לעבודת בית כל יום.

חמישה מי יודע?
חמישה אני יודע. חמישה ימים שאנו בבית ספר כל שבוע.

שישה מי יודע?
שישה אני יודע. שישה שמורות שלומדות לנו הרבה לימודים.

שבעה מי יודע?
שבעה אני יודע. שבעה – כתה ז!

"כל פה'צין חב'ין לא'לה"

You may remember the exciting leaning 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 cost 1 for \$8.00 and 2 for \$15.00

Mazel Tov!

- Mr. & Mrs. Zev Moskowitz upon the birth of a son
- Dr. & Mrs. Steven Zarny upon Jenna's Bas Mitzvah
- Rabbi & Mrs. Shmueli Greene upon Hadassah's Bas Mitzvah

Local News & Shiurim

- Mrs. Shevi (Cohen) Weiss will, once again, be running her Pre-Pesach Day Camp. For more information, see attached flyer.
- The Eisner Boys' Camp Geshmak will also be running once having it's Pre-Pesach camp for boys. For hours and to RSVP please see the attached flyer."
- 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
- Rebetzin Eichenstein, Mrs. Cohen & Mrs. Drillman's classes will resume after Pesach.