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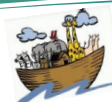
- Remember to turn back your clocks one hour this Motzai Shabbos.
- Please be advised that starting this Monday, Nov 7, Lexington Avenue will become a one-way street for one block, between Rt. 27 and Dreier Place. When you exit the Shul parking lot on Lexington Avenue, you will only be able to make a left turn.
- Important Reminder for all Preschool Parents! According to the NJ Health Department, all preschool children MUST have vaccinations and medical forms on file in the school office, otherwise, your child(ren) will not be allowed to attend classes.
- After school programs in both boys and girls divisions will start the week of Nov. 7th.
- Save the Date! Sun, Nov. 13th - 7:00 p.m.- The Digital Citizenship Project - "Raising Healthy Children in a Digital World." Please see attached flyer and mark your calendars.
- Around the Table - This program has been designed to offer facilitated conversations about relevant parenting topics on multiple motzei shabbosos during the winter months. There is a nominal fee of \$10 to attend each event. Look out for an email invitation with more information about ATT events that are applicable to you.

Parnes Hayom

As part of the school's ongoing celebration of its 25 years in the field of Torah education, YST is proud to introduce the Parnes Hayom Program.

A Day of Learning is a meaningful way to honor or memorialize a loved one, or to mark a special occasion. We will publish the sponsored Day of Learning in the newsletter.

To sponsor a Day of learning, or for more information, please contact Mrs. Glinn at 732-777-0029, or on our website: www.ystnj.org and click on Parnes Hayom to donate.



Parsha Points

There is a famous Rash"i that brings one Medrash which says that נח was coughing up blood from the strain of taking care of the animals in the תבה, and another Medrash which says that he was wounded by the lion when he was late in bringing him his food. Why did ד' make נח work so hard in the תבה?

ר' אליהו דסלר זצ"ל, ספר מכתב מאליהו, explains that, as the תורה says, ד' brought the מבול on the world mainly because of חמס - stealing. Stealing is actually a result of selfishness, because selfish people, concerned only with their own desires, get so caught up in themselves that they eventually find nothing wrong with getting what they want even if they have to take it from another person. This terrible מדה had been rooted in the people of the world before the מבול. In order to build a new world, נח had to completely uproot this evil מדה. He and his family had to do this by completely occupying themselves in חסד and רחמים, the opposite of selfishness. Therefore, they had to spend an entire year in the תבה taking care of all the needs of the thousands of animals aboard with נפש, in order to start the new world, that was going to be reborn after the מבול, the right way - through רחמים.

Week in Review

Gedolim pictures, label makers, bicycles paraphernalia, basketball, ספרים, English ספרים, flashlights, English books, picnic chair, food and drinks were just some of the prizes raffled off in the 7th grade bi-monthly Chinese auction. The auction is an incentive for the boys to review their segments of *Gemara* that they have learned in מסכת מכות and is the reason why the חזרה program is called "*Talmudo B'Yado*" is so successful in the 7th grade. This "*Talmudo B'Yado*" program is a voluntary program, which encourages the *talmidim* to become fluent in their *Gemara* learning and is widely participated throughout the class. The boys are offered tickets for the auction based upon how many times they have reviewed the *Gemara*. Some boys have even reviewed the *Gemara* 12 times already! This *chazarah* program has become an impetus for the *talmidim* to continue their *chazara* of מסכת מכות throughout their future years as they continue their track through yeshiva in high school and beyond. One *bochur*, who is presently in his early 20's, has recently told Rabbi Neiman that he completed *Maseches Makos* over 40 times!!

"אשרי מי שבא לכאן ותלמודו בידו"

"Fortunate is the one who comes to שמים with his learning in his hand".

Grade 7 boys have finally completed the first section of their unique biology program aptly named *The Miracles of the Human Body*. The students studied the eye, an incredible organ. Both Torah and secular sources were used to provide a comprehensive approach to this topic. They discussed how the eye works as a whole and discussed the function and form of each part. Near and far sightedness were assessed and it was discovered that most students with glasses in grade 7 are nearsighted. We are looking forward to the next topic which will leave our students with an "ear full" of knowledge.

Preschool Jottings



We learned the step by step process of voting in our little voting booth and now the children come in every morning ready to cast their vote on the choice of the day. We voted this week on the preference of showers vs. bath, buttons vs. zippers, *challah* vs. *matzah*, ice cream cone vs. lollipop and hamburgers vs. hot-dogs. The winners were bath, buttons, *challah*, lollipop and hotdogs. The children are so excited to do what only the adults are going to do on Tuesday.

Harvey's bus transported the preschool children to several places this week. All the classes enjoyed a trip to Johnson Park to visit the species of animals that boarded the *Tai-vah*. The brave children fed the animals carrots, celery and salad and cared for the animals just as Noach did. Morah Mimi's kindergarten class traveled to the Pet Store and continued to comment on how hard Noach must have worked. Morah Faige and Morah Rochel's nursery class went to the Highland Park Fire Station and discovered the color red that seemed to be everywhere!!

Mrs. Chait's fifth grade explorers are about to embark on a new journey: traveling across the U.S.A.! Students have just begun their research on one of the five regions of our country, and will gather information about land forms, natural resources, major cities, and other interesting facts. The students will then act as travel agents to persuade the rest of the class why their region is the best one to visit. They will even tell the "tourists" what to pack in their suitcases and will provide a souvenir and food from each region. Stay tuned for the fantastic fifth grade posters on the different parts of our country!

Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan ushered in a slew of "first time this year" activities for all grades and ages in the girls school. Grades 4 - 8 davened together both days of Rosh Chodesh, with the specialness of the t'fila enhanced by the presence of several mothers. The younger division created "rainbow" pretzels while the older girls enjoyed the fabulous "The Sky's the Limit" G.O. presentation and craft project. Kudos to G.O. heads, Michal, Zehava, Shira and Chana for a job well done!

Technology influences nearly every facet of our lives, placing children today in a digital playground without instruction and supervision. Our upcoming parent evening hopes to empower all parents to be able to communicate with their children to help them maximize the benefits of technology by understanding and avoiding its inherent dangers. The members of the Va'ad HaChinuch and the administrative staff of YST strongly encourage every parent to attend Dr. Shapiro's lecture "Raising Healthy Children in a Digital World" next Sunday evening, November 13th, 7:00pm in the boys school.



Mazel Tov

- Rabbi Yitzchak Yaakov and Morah Mimi Blumenkrantz upon the engagement of their daughter, Devorah, to Chanoch Mashitz of Monsey
- Mr. & Mrs. Menachem (Arya) Eisner upon Yitzchok's Bar Mitzvah
- Mr. & Mrs. Arnon Wiener upon the marriage of their daughter

Catch 'em Being Good:

Dear Yeshiva Shaarei Zion Preschoolers,
This letter is to thank you for the beautiful decorations that you put in our Sukkah. You all must have worked very hard to complete the long chains. The shul and the guests that came to use the Sukkah enjoyed seeing the colorful decorations hanging on the wall. Nobody else could have done a better job!
Agudath Israel of Edison Highland Park

Hello Mrs. Brudny,
On behalf of the Middlesex County Great Big Challah Bake, I would like to thank you for reaching out to your students to help us pre-measure and prepare for the first Middlesex County Shabbos Project Challah Bake. I can not say enough about how impressed all of the women involved in today's endeavor were with your students. Clearly their responsibility, work ethic, respect to the women on this project and diligence reflects on the education being provided at your school. We truly appreciate their time and could not have taken on this preparation without their help.

Thank you to them (and we did) and thank you to you for sending them to us!

Middlesex County Great Big Challah Bake, Co-Chairs,
Laurie Denenberg, Susan Pearlman and Taryn Webber

Writer's Corner



The first grade girls are anticipating Election Day. We have 28 qualified candidates who are busy campaigning. Here are samplings of 2 of the speeches.

If I become President of the U.S.A. I will build a wall. I will make speeches. I will make sure we have food. I will make sure that everybody is safe. I will make sure that children get into school.
- Bracha Brown

If I become President of the U.S.A. I will care for Jews. I will have our people build a lot of play grounds. I will make sure that the country has food.
- Maera Grossman

Bulletin Board

• **Motzai Shabbos, Nov 5 - 9:00 PM** - Tiferes DVD for women will be held at the home of Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Rd. "POSITIV" EYES" – Nurturing the real view of your kids and yourself. Speakers: Rabbi Dov Brezak and Mrs. Chana Werdyger.

• **Motzai Shabbos, Nov 12 - 8:00 p.m.** -The 14th annual Yahrzeit of Rochel Imeinu video: "Tefillah: The Ultimate Connection" with stories of *yeshuos* through *tefillah*. Featured speakers are Rabbi Paysach Krohn, Rebbitzeh Tziporah Heller, and Rebbitzen Tehilla Jaeger. Video will be shown at the Orani residence, 292 North 5th Ave, Highland Park. For women only. Sponsorships welcome. All proceeds will go to Aniyei Eretz Yisrael. For more info, please call Tzippy Rieder 718-541-4710.

Local News & Shiurim

- Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class on Sun, Nov 6 at 11:00 AM at the Agudah; Parsha class on Mon, Nov 7th at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah.
- Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class will take place Tues, Nov 8 at 9:30 AM at the home of Tzippy Rieder, 6 Cliff Street, Edison (off of Brookhill Ave, past Stone St.)
- 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.
- Calling all female performers! Do you sing? Dance? Juggle? Do magic? Play an instrument? Are you a comedian? AY's annual Melave Malka presents Edison/ Highland Park's Got Talent! Join us for a special evening of amazing talent from the woman in our community. Enjoy various performances by woman for woman. All while getting a chance to spend time with friends and enjoy dinner. Motzei Shabbos Dec. 3, 8 pm at Lotus studio. All woman college age and up are invited. To register to attend sign up at ayedison.org or contact Rivka Jaffe at 732-762-0490. To sign up to perform email sisterhood@ayedison.org or contact Devorah Lockspeiser at adlock@gmail.com