



YESHIVA
SHAAREI TZION

Oct. 14, 2016

FYI

- Wed., Oct. 26 - delayed opening in all schools - 10:00 a.m. start.
- 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.
- The boys school has instituted mandatory hand washing for Hamotzi on Mondays and Thursdays for grades P1A-3. Your cooperation is appreciated.
- *Around the Table* - This program has been designed to offer facilitated conversations about relevant parenting topics on multiple motzei shabbasos during the winter months. Each conversation is designed for parents of a specific age group; the dates are on the attached flyer and the time and location information will be forthcoming. There is a nominal fee of \$10 to attend each event.
If you are interested in hosting a group (approximately 20-30 women) that is geared to parents in your child's class, please reach out to Shira Mirlis who will give you more information about what it entails. Her contact information is (516) 287-5076 or shiram08@gmail.com .
- 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. Please send them in as soon as possible to the school office.

Mazel Tov

- Rabbi Pinchus & Mrs. Shoshana Werner upon the engagement of their son, Yehuda Leib to Leah Epstein from Monsey
- Rabbi & Mrs. Binyamin Segall upon their son, Moshe's Bar Mitzvah



Parsha Points

"And you shall be truly happy." "והיית אך שמח"

The *Seforno* explains that this *פסוק*, which refers to the *Yom Tov of Succos*, is telling us that our *שמחה* should be total and complete, without any sadness mixed in. The *אבן עזר* (on the commentary of *אבן עזר*) explains that all of one's happiness in all aspects of life in this world should be considered as nothing (*כאפט*) when compared to the *שמחה* one receives from *Yom Tov*, or from his involvement in any other *שמחה*. Other pleasures and enjoyments may carry with them mixed emotions, but the pleasure and happiness from *Yom Tov* is refined and pure - total *שמחה*!

May 'ד indeed give all of our Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion families, and all of *כלל ישראל*, a *חג שמח*, a *Yom Tov* filled only with true happiness and joy in fulfilling 'ד's *Torah* and *מצוות*.



Week in Review

Morah's Miracle Midos Grow!

Morah Nomi's tremendous respect and love for the amazing *midos tovos* of her 1st grade *talmidim* is clear to see. Each day she lovingly cuts out and hangs up each *tzaddik's mitzvah* notes in his special *midos* garden. In this way the *tzadik* witnesses how his *mitzvos* accumulate and grow into a mighty rain forest that produces the true oxygen that enables all life and planet earth to breath. But that's not all.....,

Our *Tzaddikim* were so excited to learn that by caring and loving others, especially when it's not easy, they are copying and acting grown up like their Mommys and Tottys who care and love their children - a huge 24/7 job. But that's not all.....,

They are copying Their Totty in Shamayim, who loves every single Jew from each of the 4 types. But that's not all....., Our *tzaddikim* are Hashem's special *Midos Marines* trained by Morah Nomi to rescue and whisk all four types of the *Dalet Minim* through the *Delles* which really is meant only for *Tzaddikim*! Our Morah Nomi's *Midos Marines* are the *Esrog....Tzaddikim* with *Torah* and *Midos*, they transmit torah so effectively that even the *Haddasim* Jews without *Torah* have *midos*!!

But that's not all....., Our Morah Nomi's *Midos Marines* provide enough *Midos* power to march the *Aravos....Jews* without *midos* or *Torah* right through the *Shaar Hashamayim*! But that's not all....., Morah Nomi's *Midos Marines* are so powerful that they can squeeze the tall *Lulav* who has *Torah* but does not have the appropriate level of *midos tovos* right through the door. But that's not all.... they even restore to the *Lulav* the most challenging of Jews to squeeze through respect, by displaying to the world how amazing Hashem's love is, that His patience and love are infinite and that there is no one who is beyond His capacity to forgive and love! Thank you Hashem for your Morah Nomi.

The 3rd grade boys at YST are off to a great start! The boys are getting into routine and have begun learning. They are reviewing additions and subtractions math facts, and will be going on to 3 and 4 digit additions and subtraction shortly. They are also well into the first unit in reading and are learning many skills, as well as the value of money and the value of saving money! (though we do need to spend some...). We are looking forward to a great year of learning and growth in 3rd grade!

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Preschool Jottings

With *Sukkos* just around the corner, the children are busy with many activities that will surely enhance the upcoming *Yom Tov*. The children in Morah Yaffa and Morah Devorah's class are just the right size to fit into the "class-made" portable *Sukkah* that is right in the center of their classroom. Morah Rochel and Morah Faige's nursery children made a special *Sefer Torah* that the children will dance with on *Simchas Torah*. Morah Mimi and Morah Irene's kindergarten class have crafted a *Sukkah bencher* holder that will be the most convenient place to store the *benchers* over *Yom Tov*. The children are so proud of their handiwork!

YST Preschoolers are excited to bring home their first language ring that has cards all about THE NEW YEAR. The cards include pictures of things used for a new year in school, as well as cards that depict our Jewish New Year. There are so many new vocabulary words and ideas that the children are happy to share. We look forward to our next unit of I BELONG IN/ON...

Best wishes for a Chag Sameach!

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The 4th graders are really enjoying their exploration into the regions of the United States and are working hard to learn which states make up the Northeast Region. They have been working on maps of this region and showing the relationship of the northeast to the rest of the country. They are also reviewing the capitals of these states. We hope to visit one of our own state's famous sights some time during the school year and hope some parents can join us.

In our quest to further their apparent love of reading, they are keeping books which interest them, both fiction and non-fiction, at their desks so they may read after they have completed assigned work early. It is so rewarding knowing they share their teacher's great fondness for reading as well.

The 6th grade girls have been very busy analyzing various short stories. They have become very adept at finding the different aspects of setting (not just time/place) as well as the the plot (exposition, rising action, climax, falling action and Resolution). Stay tuned for the 6th graders unique short story children's books publishing party .

If you want to figure out which country can be found using specific degrees of latitude and longitude you can ask a 6th grade girl. The girls have been busy practicing their map skills. Who knows,we may have a future cartographer in our midst!

Have you seen the interactive science bulletin board in the hallway? Each month we feature amazing facts about another part of our body. The girls can answer trivia questions about it and aslo submit their own questions that will be answered on the bulletin board. This month we featured the eye, and the girls submitted many great questions such as, "Why do we have eyelashes?" and "Why do we need eyes if the brain really sees for us?" All submissions are entered into a raffle for an intersting science-related prize!

On Thursday, the 8th grade girls visited St. Peter's Hospital with a special mission in mind. Armed with posters, scissors, paper, staplers and glue, they worked creatively to decorate the hospital's sukkah and bring simchas YomTov to its patrons. Many thanks to Dr. Sue Brill for arranging for this opportunity for our girls!

Bulletin Board

- **Thurs., Oct. 20 - 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. - at the Agudah Sukkah - YST Simchas Beis Hashoaevah for all men and boys. There will be music, dancing and refreshments will be served. Viewing area with refreshments for ladies will be available. See attached flyer.**

2nd Grade Nachas Notes

Dear Morahs:

Racheli was such a big helper on Yom Kippur. She played with her little brother and sister so her Mommy could daven. We are so proud of her! - Mrs. Weiss

Dear Morah:

Miri read and explained her entire book of Yonah Beautifully! She also davened with her Mommy so nicely on Yom Tov! And lastly, she helped clean up her brother's mess of blankets and pillows! What a great way to start the New Year! - Mrs. Hersh

Dear Morah:

What a nachas Deenie was this Yom Kippur! First, on Yom Kippur night, Deenie sat and davened all of Kol Nidrei and Maariv! Then, on Yom Kippur morning she sat next to אַמא and davened from her מַחזור so quietly and beautifully. Lastly, at the end of the fast, she entertained Libby so that her אַמא could rest, all the while she herself wasn't feeling well! So proud of her! - Mrs. Golubchik

Dear Morah Leeba:

Shifra was amazing over Yom Kippur! She sat next to Mommy in shul and davened from her מַחזור. Then, when the baby woke up, she held him outside so that Mommy could finish. Later, she played nicely with her brothers so that Mommy could rest. When it was time for מְנוחה, Shifra watched the baby again so that Mommy could daven! I'm so proud of my special girl! - Mrs. Reider

Catch 'em Being Good:

Dear Mrs. Brudny,

Wishing you a G'mar Tov. I have been meaning to write to let you know how appreciated it is that the older girls are dismissed early on Fridays. My daughter, on her first Friday of 6th grade, feeling so grown-up and privileged, breezed in from the bus, suggesting a myriad of Shabbos preparations she could help me with. She ended up skinning chickens, washing two lots of dishes, emptying the dishwasher, hanging up wet laundry, preparing the Shabbos candles, setting the table, and finished off with an offer to paint my nails for Shabbos! And she has continued in the same vein each Friday since!

Many thanks again for the thoughtful touches!

- A Grateful Parent

Local News & Shiurim

- Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley has just opened a new Hospitality Room at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital! It is located on the main floor. Go through the main entrance and bear left towards the gift shop. Turn right through the double doors. Follow hall and turn right. The room is located opposite the surgical intensive care unit. You will find it fully stocked with food and any items that you might need. There is a microwave, urn, sink, table & chairs. For inquiries, please call the helpline at 732-572-7181.
- Children's ShoeShare: Get a new-to-you pair of shoes for the upcoming yomim tovim. A large collection of beautiful, barely-used kids Shabbos and everyday shoes, including American and European brands. Just \$3 per pair, proceeds go to tzedaka. (Currently accepting donations of gently used shoes). Contact Elisheva Blumberg at 347 416-3693.
- Toy Library: A free lending library of boards 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.
- Please join the Tehillim hotline by calling 401-694-1602 at 8:45 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. Follow the prompts and enter access 4625 followed by the pound key. The Tehillim is said as z'chus for refuah shleima for community members, who are ill. Following the Tehillim, we will be learning from the sefer Growing Each Day. If you would like to volunteer to lead a night of Tele - Tehillim, please contact Adina Pruzansky 732-339-0780.