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FYI

- Please take note: Back to School Night for the preschool is Mon, Sept 19th at 7:30 pm.
- Back to School Night in the Boys' Division is on Tues., Sept 20. at 7:30 pm. Schedule to follow.
- The Girls' school summer reading program sheets are due no later than Thurs., Sept. 22. Remind your girls to bring them in !
- Homework Club in the Girls' Division has begun. If you still wish to sign up, the cost (per week) is \$20 for 2x a week, \$25 for 3x a week and \$30 for 4x a week. Please call the school office to make arrangements.
- To receive messages via text from boys school - text @ystb to 732-349-8822. Likewise, if you want to receive messages via text from the girls school, text @ystg to 757-349-8822.
- Are you celebrating an upcoming Bar or Bas Mitzvah? In order to ensure that there will be no overlapping of simcha dates, kindly call the school office and register the date of your affair.
- Box Tops for Education: With school back in swing, our collection of Box Tops resumes. Hopefully you have bagsful of them waiting at home from your summer collection - please clip them and send them in to school.
- Smile.Amazon.com - Another way to help raise money for our school is by designating YST through Amazon. We receive a percentage of all purchases. Just type in smile.amazon.com and sign us up!
- My Coke Rewards - Please collect and send in your Coke Rewards bottle caps. We have redeemed them in the past and received quality gym equipment.



Parsha Points

“Remember what Amalek did to you...” “...לך עמלק.”

Rashi explains that attacks such as that launched by Amalek come as the result of using dishonest weights and measures. In *Parshas Beshalach* where the story of Amalek's treacherous assault is also related, Rashi explains that the war with Amalek was in retribution for Yisrael's lack of faith when they said, “Is Hashem with us or not?” The two differing causes of the same event in reality are one and the same. When after all the miracles of the Exodus, Yisrael asked, “Is Hashem with us or not?” they, in fact, denied His existence, even though they had visible proof of His greatness and power. They were punished therefore with Amalek, a nation that, similarly, having witnessed Hashem's might, denied His existence. In the same vein, it may be said that a person who cheats with weights and measures also exhibits a lack of belief in Hashem. For he must have faith that Hashem will provide his sustenance, and will let him earn it by legal means. Yet, by using dishonest weights he wrongfully takes what is not his. Had he trusted in Hashem he would not have robbed his fellowman. Therefore, he duly deserves to be assaulted by an enemy like Amalek who also denies Hashem.

Rabbi Moshe Feinstein in *Darash Moshe* Taken from *Torah Treasures*

Week in Review

There was a beautiful *רוח* and feeling of excitement in Rabbi Akerman's second grade class, as they began the new school year. The boys acclimated themselves very quickly to the learning and davening as second graders. “*ישרי כתר ב*” choir have begun to raise their voices in song, and will surely enhance their *שבת* and *י"ט* tables. We are looking forward to a wonderful year seeing much *נחת* from them.

What a great start to what is certain to be an amazing school year! The Pre-1er's are quickly becoming acclimated to their new school and routines. They are learning how to walk quietly in the hallway, and that ready position means sitting with their hands folded and eyes on the *Morah*. The boys have already enjoyed many books from our extensive library collection. We read *First Day Jitters* by Julie Danneberg and chatted about our emotions on the first day of school. They made text-to-self connections as we discussed how many of us were nervous just like Alice in the story. We were comforted by the fact that even *Morah Becca* was a bit worried for the first week! The special “*Jitter Juice*” that we drank helped settled our stomachs, and by the end of the week we were all super excited having a full week!

The Girls School Back to School night set the tone for a productive year for both new and returning students. Parents enjoyed the teachers' presentations and were appreciative of the multiple new initiatives that are underway, including the hot-off-the-press *Torah Umesorah Ivrit* curriculum in grades 2 - 7 that features

Preschool Jottings

The new school year is upon us! Every morning, as the happy, excited and smiling children walk into the building, they look forward to yet another day of learning, enjoying and progressing. It took just a day or two and the classrooms were filled with *Rosh Hashana* tunes, songs, pictures, projects and sounds. The “specials” that enhance our preschool curriculum began this week and the preschoolers enjoyed Art with *Morah Devorah Mueller*, Music with *Morah Zehava Feuer* and Dance & Movement with *Morah Rikki Samel*.

As *Rosh Hashana* approaches, each classroom began learning about a different pertinent topic. *Morah Mimi's* class is busy studying apples - the trees they grow on, how they get to the store and just how sweet each variety tastes. After using some brown paint, some giggles and chuckles, the children footprinted the bottom of their feet and poof, they looked like the trunk of apple trees! *Morah Rochel* and *Morah Faige* have the children learning all about a *Shofar*. The goal is for each child to be able to answer all the “WH” questions about the *Shofar*. *Morah Yaffa* and *Morah Devora* have the children tasting many varieties of apples and learning the names of the most common - macintosh, red delicious, golden delicious and granny smith.

The children were introduced to the YST Preschool Language Cards. Our first topic is “A New Year,” and we began by identifying things we need and use to start the school year. The first cards that were put on the ring show pictures of a lunchbox, a backpack, a school bus and crayons. The children enjoyed their HANDS ON activity of painting their own school bus. We used shaving cream mixed with paint and our fingers as the paintbrushes. Come check out the whole array of buses that are parked in our hallway! As we continue through the unit, we will also discuss *Rosh Hashana* - our NEW YEAR.

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interactive language games to build vocabulary and fluency and the YST partnership in bringing the Hidden Sparks Internal Coach program so that there is a resident expert on diverse learning styles in each building. There was also an excited buzz about the PTA's "Around the Table" selection of parenting conversations to service every segment of the YST population. In just a week and a half, the girls are settling into routine and the positive vibrations of academic engagement is pulsing through the building.

First grade girls got to tour a shofar factory and no! you did not miss the permission slip for a field trip. We actually toured the factory 2016 style right from the comfort of our own classroom rug with the help of our smartboard. We saw how a *shofar* is cleaned prepped and polished. The girls were intrigued by the different shaped *shofarot* used for the *Mitzvah* in various Jewish communities across the globe. The long and twirly *shofar* used in Yemenite Shuls definitely earned the most oohs and aaahs. Our next virtual field trip should be taking us to a bee farm where we can explore the fascinating *niflaos haborei* in the honey making process.

The 8th grade girls are using many primary sources in their study of American history. After learning about Nat Turner's slave revolt, Mrs. Gross' 8th graders read multiple perspectives on this historical character, some of which depicted him as a hero and others as a villain. The girls discussed the accuracy of these sources and then formed their own opinions on Nat Turner based on the combined sources.

Mazal Tov

- Mr. & Mrs. Ilya & Leah Epshteyn on the birth of a daughter
- Mr. & Mrs. Moshe Eisner upon Dina's Bas Mitzvah
- Dr. & Mrs. Mordy Neustadt upon Shaindy's engagement to Shmuel Gleiberman from Brooklyn

Bulletin Board

• **Sun, Sept 18 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Emunah** is joining Highland Park for their annual township wide garage sale. It will be held at the home of Adrienne Orani, 292 North 5th Ave, Highland Park. Please look through your home and feel free to donate anything and everything to make this event a success. We are looking for all sorts of items including furniture, bicycles, glassware, dishes, picture frames, Judaica, etc. For drop off information, which will begin after Sept 14th, please call Sue Redlich at 732-558-4917.

• **Sun, Sept 18 - 9:30 A.M. at RPRY - 3rd Annual Attached at the Heart:** All women are invited to an engaging event addressing parenting matters. This is a wonderful opportunity to get those tough questions answered and connect with the great women and resources this community has to offer. Light refreshments and complimentary babysitting will be provided. For additional info, please contact Ilana Waltuch at 732- 985-5054 or e-mail MyTurnToAsk@gmail.com.

• **Sun, Sept 25 - 12:00 pm - Agudas Israel of Edison & Highland Park Hachnasas Sefer Torah** will begin at the home of Yisrael Dov & Ruchie Kraus 1721 Central Ave, Highland Park and will then escort the Torah to the shul at 1131 Raritan Ave. Refreshments and a short program at the shul will follow.

• **Mon, Sept 26 - 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm - PRE-YOM TOV BOUTIQUE** Sponsored by Ohr Torah Sisterhood and Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion will be held at 20 Celler Rd., Edison. The boutique will feature Anita's Tablecloths, Debbie Sabo - Make-up Artist & Shaitel's wash & Set, Hedy's Hat Rack, Incredible Creations, It's A Girl Thing & Ladies Sterling Jewelry by Esti

• **Wed, Sept 28 - 7:30-9:30 pm** - RPRY announces their first bake sale to be held at the home of Chani Wiesel, 16 Harrison St., Edison. Delicious homemade challahs, cakes, cookies, and more will be sold. Admission \$15/ \$10 for RPRY PLUS members (of which \$10 goes towards your purchase). All proceeds to benefit RPRY PLUS. For questions, email RPRYPLUS@rpry.org

Local News & Shiurim

- Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: No class on Sun, Sept. 18; Parsha class on Mon, Sept 19 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah.
- 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.
- The Edison/Highland Park gown Gemach, L'iluy Nishmas R' Yitzchok Ben Binyomin, is open for business! The Gemach houses a wide selection of gowns for children, pre-teen, teens and adults. Please note the Gemach is still looking for donation of gowns in very good condition. Tax deduction is given and pick up of the gowns can also be arranged. For more information and/or to schedule an appointment please call Sara Scott at 516-526-0941
- RPRY is selling KidStuff coupon books. Cost is \$25 each and you get hundreds of coupons. To view which coupons, visit this link: <http://tinyurl.com/RPRYKidstuff>. To Order: Please email RPRYPLUS@rpry.org