



YESHIVA
SHAAREI TZION

Sept 23, 2016

FYI

- Due to Selichos the boys school sessions this Sunday, Sept. 25th will be 10:00 - 12:30.
- The boys school has instituted mandatory hand washing for Hamotzi on Mondays and Thursdays. Your cooperation is appreciated.
- 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.
- Homework club in the boys division has begun for pre 1a through 3rd grade. If you still wish to sign up, the cost (per week) is \$20 for 2xs a week, \$25 for 3xs a week, and \$30 for 4xs a week. Please call Sharon Golubchik at (609) 418-0058 to make arrangements.
- Wednesday, Oct. 5 is Tzom Gedalia. In the Girls' Division, dismissal for grades 6-8 is 2:00 p.m. all other grades is 3:30 p.m. In the Boys' Division Dismissal is 2:00 p.m. for grades 7-8 and 3:30 for all other grades.
- Wed., Oct. 26 - delayed opening in all schools - 10:00 a.m. start.
- Fri., Oct 28 - Early Friday dismissal begins.
- 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.
- 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. -

Library Additions:

- The Yerushalmi
donated by Mrs. R. Adler in honor of
Yosef Gewurtz's Bar Mitzvah
- A Story with Rabbi Juravel #3
donated by Mrs. R. Adler in honor of
Boruch Shenkman's Bar Mitzvah.



Parsha Points

ולקחת מראשית כל פרי האדמה אשר תביא מארצך אשר ד' אלקיך נתן לך ושמת בטנא
ההלכת אל המקום אשר יבחר ה' אלקיך לשכן שמו שם

This week's Parshah contains the Mitzvah of bringing the first fruits (Bikkurim) to the Bais Hamikdash. The fruits are brought to the Kohen and their presentation is accompanied by a declaration (26:5-10) expressing one's gratitude to Hashem. At the beginning of the planting season, the farmer approaches his field with feelings of both anxiousness and fear. He works very hard but worries - will all his hard work pay off? Will this season's produce be of high quality or inferior quality? Will he have enough food to put on the table? However, when those first little fruits finally begin to appear it would be very easy for a him to declare a personal victory and fail to realize that he only has what he has because Hashem decided it should be that way. It is for this reason that the Torah prescribes that he bring those first little fruit to the dwelling place of Hashem, the Bais Hamikdash, where he is then required to verbalize the reason for his success - Hashem. In fact according to the Chiddushai Har"im, Jews are referred to as Yehudim from the word Hoda'ah - thanks, because as Jews it is essential that we look at all we have in the world with an attitude of gratitude.

Week in Review



the 6th grade boys have gotten off to a wonderful start. After reviewing the first פרק הכונס of עמוד שינוי, the first group of volunteers presented an impressive עמוד, each in his own style. The (בין אדם לחברו) אחדות displayed by this class is truly commendable.

The warm air was redolent with the aroma of ripe apples as the Pre 1A and First grade boys alit from the school bus on Thursday afternoon. Their destination was Giamarese Farms in East Brunswick for an afternoon of apple picking. A hayride around the farm was entertaining and informative as Farmer Jim steered the students through his fields of corn, pumpkins, melons and apple and pear trees. Equipped with sacks, the children enthusiastically scampered off to pick apples from the fruit-laden trees. They happily crunched on their Jonathan apples as they headed back to school. Thank you Harvey, Miss Komet for organizing a trip that was enjoyed by all and Mrs. Adler for arranging water bottles and snacks for an appreciative group of students

The 2nd grade boys are off to a wonderful start. We have already begun the Scott Foresman reading program and are learning many new skills. In math they began reviewing the basic facts and each boy has created his very own set of flash cards. The boys are enjoying the News on the Run Current Events program, where we have been discussing world happenings, and of course the upcoming presidential elections. We look forward to a wonderful year of knowledge and growth.

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Preschool Jottings

Back to School Night on Monday gave us the opportunity to share our goals for this preschool year, as well as make the parents aware of the curriculum and special programs that we have. Following that evening, we received this heart-warming and touching email :

Dear Mrs. Kamin,

Last night, at the Preschool Back to School night, you spoke about Torah learning for little children. Thinking along the lines of what you spoke about, I wanted to share my mother-in-law's amazing reaction to the kids' first day of school. My husband's family wasn't *shomer mitzvos* until after they moved to America when he was in middle school. His mother told me that she actually cried when she saw the pictures I sent of our kids holding signs that said "First Day of School, Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion," because sending her own kids to Jewish schools was an impossible dream when they were preschoolers in Russia. It certainly makes our tuition bill feel a little more like a privilege.

A very appreciative parent.

The kindergarten children, joined by the Pre-1a classes, enjoyed a very lovely and informative program – The *Shofar* Factory. The children were shown so many different horns of animals, but none were fit to be a *shofar* that can be blown on *Rosh Hashana*. And, the children were explained why. Finally, when the children were shown a horn of a ram, they were taught how it is prepared to be fitting for use of the *mitzvah* of *tekias shofar*. It had a beautiful crystal sound that pierced the preschool gym.

We began our "word of the week" social skills program this week with the words that seem so simple – "Good morning!" "hello" "Good-bye!" "Have a good day!" We discussed the proper eye contact we need to use when we say these words to our *Moros* and our friends. The children looked at several pictures very carefully. They decided, by studying the look on the faces and the details in the picture, if the person was saying a greeting or a farewell.



Did you know that the primary use of beeswax is in the production of cosmetics? Or that the queen bee lays up to 2000 eggs per day? The 5th - 8th grade girls were treated to a fascinating give and take with Mr. Grant Stiles, a local beekeeper who started his career at the age of 8 years old and is now the proprietor of Stiles Apiaries of Fords, NJ. The girls were amazed to hear that getting 25 bee stings a day is routine, while he goes about his business in caring for his bee colonies, collecting their precious honey and scraping down the beeswax. He gave the girls a solid understanding of the different roles that the queen bee, the worker bees and the drones play in building a successful colony, and shared his enthusiasm and expertise, honeyed with some funny anecdotes about his experiences. He also walked away with some information that he gleaned from our girls: His specialty honey products and bee pollen have just been certified kosher and he was intrigued by the wealth of knowledge that our girls have in that arena!

The 3rd grade girls are off to an unbelievable start. The girls are all settling into our routine and each day offers opportunities to learn something new. We are working hard at becoming better readers (ask us what metacognition is!), and choosing just the right books from our incredible library (thank you Mrs. Brudny!). In math, we are becoming experts at identifying place value and really understanding the value of digits in four digit numbers. With the help of our flash cards we have already mastered multiplying and dividing by 1 (3rd graders, keep talking to yourself, it is so cool!). And that's not all - all the 3rd graders excelled in their first fast fact challenge! Tons more learning coming our way in 3rd grade. We can't wait!



Mazal Tov

- Mr. & Dr. Bentzion Gelfand upon the birth of a daughter
 - Dr. & Mrs. Ken Anolik upon the birth of a grandson
- Rabbi & Mrs. Pinchus Werner upon the birth of a grandson
- Mr. & Mrs. Shmuel Blau on the on the birth of a daughter
- Rabbi & Mrs. Yehoshua Lewis upon Chana's Bas Mitzvah
- Rabbi & Mrs. Sharir Yablonsky on the engagement of their daughter, Milca Rana, to Shua Himes of Lakewood

Catch 'em Being Good:

L'chvod Rabbi Hershkowitz & Rabbi Nusbaum,

On behalf of The Kinder Fund in memory of Dina Eisner a"h, I would like to express my greatest appreciation for helping recruit a group of 8th grade boys who volunteered to help move the tablecloths that are stored in a warehouse from a second floor room to a first floor. The boys had to shlep, they had to carry, they had to load a car and push carts to get all the cloths, fabrics and boxes from one room to the next. They worked hard and did an excellent job of working as a team. They too deserve a huge thank you and Hashem should repay them for their work for the klal.
Sincerely, Minah Kamin

Bulletin Board

- **Motzei Shabbat - Sept 24th - 9:00 pm - Rosh Chodesh Group**
Don't let Rosh Hashana take you by surprise! Get ready by coming to the RC Group and listen to Rivka Jaffe as she helps us get into the proper mind-set. Complete sefer Tehillim and socialize by greeting new faces and smiling at familiar ones. Call Vicky with any questions, 732.991.1296 or to join mailing list.
- **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 - 7:00pm - 10:00pm - 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: Tefilla class on Sun, Sept. 25 **11:00 am** at the Agudah; Parsha class on Mon, Sept. 26 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah.; Parsha class on Mon, Sept 19 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah.
- Women's shiur: Pre-Yom Tov class on motherhood and Teshuva will take place Tuesday, September 27 at 9:30 AM at the home of Tzippy Rieder, 6 Cliff Street, Edison. (off of Brookhill Avenue, past Stone Street). Speaker: Mrs. Miri Cohen. For more info, please call 732-966-6503.
- 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)
- 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.
- 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

המקום ינחם...

- Atara Wohl, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Warren Fink, upon the loss of her husband, Nathan ז"ל. Shiva will be observed at the Fink home, 218 S. Adelaide Ave. until Monday morning.