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## FYI

- Wednesday, Oct. 5 is Tzom Gedalia. Girls' Division: Dismissal for grades 6-8 is 2:00 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. for all other grades. 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.
- 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. 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.
- 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 2x per week, \$25 for 3x per week, and \$30 for 4x per week. Please call Sharon Golubchik at (609) 418-0058 to make arrangements.



## Parsha Points

The מגיד explains through a משל how much children have to strengthen themselves in תפילה, and pour out their hearts before Hashem during the ימים נוראים.

There was once a man traveling with his young son. Whenever they would come upon a difficult place to travel, such as a river, mountain, or valley, the father would bend down, lift up his son and place him upon his shoulders, and carry him safely through. Late one evening, they arrived at a fortified city with towering walls. The only entrance to the city had been securely latched for the night. The father was frightened; listening to the howling winds, he reminded himself of reports of bandits that prowled around outside the city walls. There were wild merciless bands who would rob their victims and show no mercy. Looking up, the father noticed a small window; not large enough for an average man, but a small child might be able to slip through if he tried. The father turned to his son and said, "My child, until now I've cared for you and protected and carried you; at this point I need your help. The only way to gain entrance into the city is through that small window. If you climb up and squeeze through the window and climb down the inside of the wall and unlatch the city gates, we can still be saved."

Generally, all of a child's needs are provided by his parents. However, Rosh Hashana - a time when we all come before Hashem with תפילה parents could have their children fill their needs. As the גמרא says, without the בית המקדש, it is difficult for a person's תפילות to reach up to Hashem. But the תפילות of young children are very, very powerful, as they are considered to be without חטא. If you, children strengthen yourselves in תפילה and daven from the depths of your hearts, Hashem will accept your תפילות to open up the gates of חסד for all of us and בננוטש us with a good, sweet year.



## Week in Review

The weather could not have been more perfect. The sky was clear with a slight breeze. Relatives and friends of the Kraus family came from afar as well as so many local community members, all gathered on Central Avenue in anticipation of what was sure to be a momentous occasion. What an elevated experience it truly was. As the last few letters of this special Sefer Torah were being completed inside the Kraus home - a beautifully decorated music truck turned up the volume. The excitement kept increasing as onlookers waited impatiently for the Sefer Torah to emerge. A mix of emotions finally swept over us as it came into view. The appropriately sized small Sefer Torah made its way under the Chupah. Men and boys erupted in spontaneous dancing and singing as the procession led this Sefer Torah to its new home.

What a way we will remember Chaim Yitzchok A"H Ben R' Yisroel Dov Halevi. May the Kraus family find some nechomo through this and may we be able to share simchos together.

Of course, everyone is eager to pay up their obligations before Rosh Hashana - so Thursday afternoon was an ideal time to stage the raffle drawing that was overdue for this past summer's Reading Program. Dozens of mini book reviews and hundreds of raffle tickets were testimony to the thousands of

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## Preschool Jottings

The *Rosh Hashana* projects that the children made will surely enhance your *Yom Tov*. You might have the urge to blow the *shofar* that is atop the hats that the children in Morah Mimi and Morah Irene's class made. Morah Rochel and Morah Faige's class designed a honey dish that is as "sweet" as the honey inside it. The nursery children in Morah Yaffa and Morah Devora's class will show you just how to play with the *tashlich* fishing game they made.

The highlight of the week was boarding the bus that Harvey drives and traveling all the way to East Brunswick's Giamerese Farm. We arrived at our destination and walked toward the apple orchard. Each of the children picked their own apples and have reported to us about the apple pies, apple sauce and apple crisp that were already made and eaten! Some of the children insisted that they are saving their apples for the *Rosh Hashana* table.

Does the picture belong with the things we need for the beginning of our school year or the beginning of the Jewish calendar year - *Rosh Hashana*? We took pictures of school supplies, backpacks, lunchboxes, crayons, a *shofar*, an apple, a jar of honey and placed them right where they belong. We discovered that some of the school supplies are not ones that we use in preschool, but we will use them when we get older. The children brought in a calendar from home and we were able to find *Rosh Hashana* on each one. The calendars are now hanging in the hallway - some big, some small, some with pictures, some without, but they all tell us what day is today, which month we are in, what year it is and when it will be Shabbos and *Yom Tov*.



pages that our girls wormed their way through during the summer break. Congratulations to grade winners: Chana Rochel Eidelman, Yakira Lockspeiser, Chana Bracha Field, Tehilla Lewis and Tamar Shakarchi. Special Congratulations to Tamar, who won the school-wide raffle as well, which entitles her to the privilege of a night out with Mrs. Brudny, shopping for a selection of 10 new books for the 6th grade classroom library!

Mrs. Loew's 7th Grade Science is "Egg"-cellent! The 7th grade scientists have been conducting an ongoing experiment using raw eggs to model cells. They watched in amazement as they used vinegar to dissolve the shells and were left with just the raw egg enclosed in a thin membrane. They then observed, recorded data, and made hypotheses about the changes that occurred when the egg was placed in different liquids such as water, corn syrup, salt water, oil etc. As they begin their studies of cell processes, in particular the cell membrane and how it controls what enters or exits the cell, they will be drawing conclusions about what happened to their eggs and gain a better understanding the important role the cell membrane plays.

The 2016-17 yearbook is underway! The 8th grade girls celebrated with a festive lunch at school and enthusiastic cheers for the theme they chose unanimously as a class: The Guinness Book of World Records. They look forward to putting record-breaking effort into the project and to producing the best yearbook ever. Many thanks to Mrs. Ukraincik for organizing this special event for our girls.

The excitement of the day was not yet over! The next item on the 8th grade's to-do list was the launch of the Better Together program. YST's 8th graders participate in a wonderful intergenerational program, underwritten by the Legacy Heritage Fund, that pairs teens with seniors to create a mutually enriching experience. A lot of legwork and careful planning went into preparing the girls for their first visit: Morah Mindy fielded their concerns during a Kesser Malka session, Mrs. Greene practiced some interviewing skills and, special guest speaker, Rebbetzin Sheila Feinstein, spoke to the heart of engaging in the *mitzvah* of וְהִדַּרְתָּ פְּנֵי זֶקֶן, offering the girls valuable insights and tips to make their first visit successful. They returned to school from their visit to the JCC aglow, looking forward to the next BT event!

## Mazel Tov

- Rabbi & Mrs. Aba Brudny upon the birth of a grandson
- Rabbi Michoel & Morah Mindy Abboudi upon the birth of a granddaughter

## Local News & Shiurim

- Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class will resume on Sun, Oct 30th at 11:00 am at the Agudah, Parsha class will resume on Mon, Oct 31st at 8:00 pm at Cong. Ohr Torah.
- Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will resume after the chaggim.
- All teens are invited to an NCSY Shabbat Oneg at the Greene residence, 38 South Fourth Ave, Shabbat Parashat Haazinu, September 30, at 9PM. The Oneg will finish by 10:45. Refreshments, friends, words of Torah and fun!
- 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.

## Catch 'em Being Good:

Dear Rabbi Herskowitz and Rabbi Nieman,

I just had to tell you how impressed we were with your seventh graders. We had the pleasure of having Chezky Benedek and Elchonon Fried sleep over this past Shabbos. The boys, together with Sruli, sang zemiros and each shared Divrei Torah from Rebbe's booklet. Four more boys joined in the afternoon. Their behavior and display of friendship were exemplary!

Thank you to the Hanhala and Rabbeim at YST for being such wonderful role models for our boys.

A Gutten Shabbos!

## Bulletin Board

- **Wed, Oct 5 - 2:30 - 7:30 pm - Tzom Gedaliah Kaporos** - One day only! Location: RJJ Yeshiva 2060 Woodbridge Ave.- in the parking lot behind the building. For more information call 347-622-3686

## Library Additions:

- *Shuki's Upside Down Dream* in honor of Sarah Solomon's 8th birthday
- *The Burksfield Bike Club #5* donated by Mrs. R. Adler in honor of Shea Brown's Bar Mitzvah
- *Wonders of the Baal Shem Tov & His Students* donated by Mrs. R. Adler in honor of Motty Septimus' Bar Mitzvah