



YESHIVA
SHAAREI TZION

April 13, 2018

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YESHIVA SHAAREI TZION
28th ANNIVERSARY DINNER
Sunday Evening, May 6, 2018

Honoring: Mrs. Rivka Adler, Mr. & Mrs. Avi
Kamelhar & Rabbi & Mrs. Shloimy Schwimmer
For further information, please email
info@ystdinner.com or call 732-777-0029

• IMPORTANT DATES!

- 1) Achievement Tests are coming up in the girls' and boys' divisions (April 23 - 27). Please make every effort to avoid having your children miss any of the testing sessions. Make sure your child has had a good night's rest and comes equipped with plenty of sharpened pencils and some healthful snack.
- 2) Due to a series of professional development workshops, please see the following changes in the boys school schedule:
 - Sun, April 15 - no classes
 - Sun, April 22, 29, May 6, 13 - 11:15 a.m. dismissal.
- 3) Thursday, May 3rd - Lag Ba'Omer. Dismissal will be from the park at 2:00 p.m for boys. Stay tuned for details from both the boys and girls divisions!
- 4) Friday, May 11th - Pre 1A Boys' Siddur play.
- 5) Sunday May 13th 9:30 - 11:30am - Come and cheer on our 3rd and 4th grade Sole Sisters' classmates as they complete their 5K at the HP HS Track.
- 6) Tuesday, May 22nd - Isru chag Shavuot. Delayed opening at 10:00 a.m.
- 7) Sunday, May 27th - Boys Bike-a-thon. Details to follow.

• After-School Program make-up dates:

Boys: Kids in the Kitchen - Thurs. May 10

Girls: Tues: - Edible Arts - May 8

Wed: Gym & Art - May 16, 23 & 30

• Bnos, Pirchei and Pirchei Beis Medrash will resume next week.

• The Boys' Night Seder program continues Mon through Thurs with Maariv at 9:15 pm. *Please note new times!* Mon./Wed./Thur. from 8:40pm to 9:10 pm and Tues. 8:30 pm - 9:10 pm with a shiur at 8:50 pm. Refreshments are served. For more info, to sponsor, or to volunteer, please call or text Arya Eisner (732-547-4994).



Parsha Points



"...a male goat for a sin offering..." "...שעיר עזים לחטאת..."

The *Midrash* expounds that the goat was taken as an atonement for Yosef's brothers selling him into slavery, for on that occasion they slaughtered a goat and dipped Yosef's coat in its blood.

What is the purpose of the allusion to this sin at the time of the joyous dedication of the *Mishkan*? The *Mishkan* and the encampment surrounding it, and the *Beis Hamikdash* and the pilgrimages to Yerushalayim on the three *regalim*, were meant to mold Yisrael into one nation and to eliminate the last vestiges of divisiveness, acrimony and hatred. Without a doubt, animosity and brotherly hatred reached a historic climax in the selling of Yosef.

The moment of the dedication of the *Mishkan*, the symbol of unity, was the appropriate time to bring to mind the goat, to inspire Yisrael to repent for the selling of Yosef and for the divisiveness it represented.

Oznayim Latorah taken from Torah Treasures

Week in Review

Pesach may be long over, but Rabbi Kramer's fourth graders are still holding on tight to the Pesach spirit! As the boys plow through *Parshas Bo*, they are deeply immersed in the various *mitzvos* of Pesach. They are busily learning all about the *Korban Pesach* - including what type of animal may be used, how to prepare for the *Korban Pesach*, and the *halachos* of how to eat the *Korban*. They are also learning about the intricacies of the *halachos* of getting rid of *chametz* and of course eating *matza*. The fourth graders are fervently *davening* to experience Pesach next year in Yerushalayim, where they will be able to practice these *mitzvos* properly in the *Beis Hamikdash*! The boys have also been brushing up on their Hebrew *ksiva* and spelling skills. They have already mastered the spelling of the months of the year as well as the correct spelling of the *eser makkos*. They are also practicing many of the common words found in *Chumash* and *Mishnayot*. As the class continues to move along through *Maseches Succah* they are almost ready to begin their model *Succah* project. Stay tuned for the upcoming fourth grade *Succah* exhibit! Looking forward to sharing the *nachas* with you, as we watch our fourth grade architects construct their creative and original *succah* models.

The seventh grade boys at YST have just completed a unit on nutrition. In anticipation of Monday's test, and in order to internalize the important life-enhancing lessons taught, the entire week was dedicated to review. First, the class played a rousing question and answer game, with a high score earning the winning team a privilege. Then this exceptionally creative class broke up into groups to work on creative presentations of nutrition facts. Projects ranged from songs and poems to posters, board games, and more. Stop by and check out the impressive display of ideas and science facts on the Middle School bulletin board!

Preschool Jottings

All the Moros are so proud of the YST Preschoolers! From the *mitzvah* notes and letters that were sent into school after *Yom Tov*, it is clear that the children gave their parents, grandparents and families loads of *nachas*. *Mah Nishtana*...singing of the Pesach melodies...finding the *Afikoman*...using many words-of-the-week appropriately - YST Preschoolers did it all!!

Now that the weather is nicer, Morah Mimi's class is out and about. They took a spring walk to discover flowers popping up, buds on the trees and the sweet smell of the spring air. As they continue to discover, as Young Investigators do, they went to Home Depot to check out materials that they might need to build their new kitchen - sinks, faucets, appliances, drawers, cabinets and soap dispensers!

The letter פ pranced into Morah Rochel and Morah Faige's room dressed as a פיל!! The elephant pulled so much excitement out of its peanut bag! The children ran through the building on a scavenger hunt to find a prize!! Yes, it was a real prize... a surprise trip to the פיצצה shop! They painted pictures on special paper, with pink and purple paint using only their pinkies!! No wonder that פ is one of the most popular letters!

Morah Yaffa's class has learned all the shapes and the children can recognize and name all of them. Now, they are on to the next step! They have learned how to hold a crayon correctly and trace, draw and copy the shapes! The circles come out almost perfect and the squares are perfect boxes. But the most important lesson for the youngsters is ... if at first, you don't succeed, try, try again.

in the girls school...

This week Morah Mindy's Pre1a girls made a beautiful bulletin board. They colored **הַר טִינֵי** in full bloom and surrounded it with **חֲבִירוּת** to demonstrate what we learned from Aharon, the Kohain Gadol - **אֹהֶב שְׁלוֹם** וְרוֹדֵף שְׁלוֹם. They try to "run" to make friends with people and not to fight!

Third grade is knee deep in their non-fiction study, under Mrs. Schwartz's direction. They began by comparing fiction to non-fiction. Boy do they look different! Non-fiction books have so many features that fiction books don't have like charts, photographs, graphs, maps and more. As they practiced using these features, the girls ease of negotiating and comprehending the material is increasing. Reading non-fiction texts, the girls have found that their minds need to be "on in a different kind of way" to get the most out of their reading and they must begin by getting their minds ready to learn new information about whatever topic they are reading. Some of the interesting topics that 3rd grade has been reading include caring for pets, deserts, building houses, Mexican crafts and so much more. The girls are keeping notes of all their newly learned facts and questions that they are wondering about as they are reading!

Pesach has passed and everyone is back to work! The 7th graders have been reviewing fraction operations and mastering them until the last minute before the Pesach vacation. Here are some of the highlights that the girls have enjoyed throughout the term in Mrs. Hammer's math class:

Devorah Septimus & Tamar Shakarchi: drawing pictures geometrically.

Tehila Sirote & Michaela Feiler: the geometry projects

Rivky Nusbaum & Bas-sheva Brown: working in class with a partner

Jenna Zarny & Tzipora Scher: working on their Purim survey and making circle graphs

6th grade girls have just entered the world of negative integers and rational numbers. The girls accrued a long list of words that describe opposite situations that can be depicted visually with the aid of either horizontal or vertical number lines: positive/negative, right/left, above/beneath, up/down, credit/debit, deposit/withdrawal, increase/decrease, before/after and more! They also understand the difference between the sign of the number indicating direction versus the absolute value of the number, which defines either distance or magnitude. The girls are ready to dive into the world of co-ordinate planes, exploring positive and negative numbers in 2 dimensions. The exercise of finding their seats by identifying its matching ordered pair was great practice in becoming familiar with the difference between (2, 4), the 4th seat in the 2nd row, as compared to (4, 2), the 2nd seat in the 4th row!

Mazal Tov!

- Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Paul on Yitzi's Bar Mitzvah
- Rabbi & Mrs. David Blum upon Perel Sarah's Bas Mitzvah
- Rabbi & Mrs. Dov Silber upon Malky's Bas Mitzvah
- Rabbi & Mrs. Yisroel Hoffman upon the birth of a grandson

Bulletin Board

• **Fri, April 20 - 9:00 pm - Mesorah NJ** invites the community to join its young professionals for an **Oneg Shabbos** at Cong Ohr Torah, featuring Rabbi Lawrence Hajioff, noted author and lecturer who will speak on the topic, "Why Can't Jews Sit Still?"

• **Mon, April 23 - Bikur Cholim Volunteer Training:** Bikur Cholim is excited to announce a volunteer training program for all new and prospective hospital volunteers to be given by the Pastoral Care team of Robert Wood Johnson University hospital. The training will take place at Congregation Ohr Torah in the evening. A light dinner will be served. If you are interested, or if you have any questions, please call Nitza Adler (732) 819-9294 or Dawn Botnick (732) 220- 8552.

• **Motzai Shabbos, April 28** - Tiferes DVD for women at the home of Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Rd., Edison. More information to follow.

• **Sunday, April 29 at 5:30 PM - Cong. Ohr Torah Annual Dinner** honoring Deena & Gershon Klavan and Alisa & Srulee Hercman at the Chabad House. To RSVP and for more information, log on to www.ohrtorah.net/dinner.

Writer's Corner



Mrs. Gross' 8th grade girls are practicing the skill of analyzing and comparing primary source documents. They then wrote opinion pieces using the sources as evidence. Please enjoy Miriam Steinhart's opinion on the League of Nations.

America should not have joined the League of Nations because every leader of a country needs to have their own country in mind first. As Henry Cabot Lodge said, "I can never be anything else but an American, and I must think of the United States first."

If we would've joined, it would have been a sign that we are putting our country and all other ones equal, when really, we should be putting our own country before all the other ones.

Local News & Shiurim

- Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class on Sun, April 15 at 11:00 AM at the Agudah; Parsha class on Mon, April 16 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah.
- Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shmiras Halashon class: Mon, April 16 at 7:30 PM at Ellen Smith's house, 407 North 8th Ave, Edison.
- Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class: Class on Tuesday, April 17 at 9:15 AM at the home of Leah Epshtein, 253 Lawrence Avenue, Highland Park.
- Rabbi Bassous gives a Women's class every Sunday at 10 AM on the Thirteen Principles of Faith at Congregation Etz Ahaim.
- Rabbi Yisroel Weiss' shiur, "Living with Parsha", for men and women: Wed evenings at 8:30 PM Eiserman residence at 154 N. 10th Ave.
- **Shovavim** presents the 26th annual community wide Taharas Mishpacha review: For women: Rebbetzin Aviva Wasser will be speaking on halachos and hashkofos of Taharas Mishpacha – postponed due to weather; will be rescheduled after Pesach. Please submit questions to be answered by Rebbetzin Wasser at the review to parkmikvaevents@gmail.com.
- 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.