



YESHIVA
SHAAREI TZION

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Join us Sunday, May 6th for the Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion
28th Anniversary Dinner
at the Woodbridge Renaissance Hotel
Honoring Mrs. Rivka Adler - Staff Appreciation Award,
Mr. & Mrs. Avi & Yael Kamelhar - Parents of the Year
Award, and Rabbi & Mrs. Shloimy & Esty Schwimmer -
Alumna of the Year Award.
Don't miss your chance to place dinner reservations and
to dedicate an ad in this year's journal. Please visit www.ystdinner.com for more details.



Parsha Points



“וצוה הכהן ולקח למטהר שתי צפרים”

“Then the priest shall order that for the person undergoing purification there should be taken two live birds...”

Rashi offers a rationale for the two birds. Since *tzoraas* comes in retribution for *lashon hara*, which is, in effect, babbling words, the Torah requires for the *metzora's* purification birds that babble and twitter continually. But why two birds? Wouldn't one have served the purpose? And why was one bird slaughtered and the other kept alive to be sent away “towards the fields?” The power of speech is a double-edged sword. When used properly it is a beneficial instrument for studying and teaching Torah, for singing the praises of Hashem. Used improperly, in the form of slander and lying, speech can be deadly. Our Sages explain that the *korbanos* are designed to make the donor mindful of the fact that the sacrificed animal is taking his place, that in reality he deserved to suffer the fate of the *korban*. Had there been only the slaughtered bird, the *metzora* would then have inferred that all forms of speech are evil and deadly. He would not have uttered another word for the rest of his life. The live bird that is sent away toward the fields shows him that the power of speech can be a source of life and strength. Indeed, the pair of birds epitomizes the saying that “Death and life are in the power of the tongue.” (*Mishlei* 18:21)

Apiryon by the Author of Kitzur Shulchan Aruch, taken from Torah Treasurers

Week in Review

This week in the fifth grade המדרש בית תלמידי חכמים budding which is continuously energized by the great התמדה, we are גמרא עומוד בט"ד finishing the 7th גמרא. They have “shteiged” so much, that after the concepts of the new portion of גמרא is taught; there are many students who will offer to read the new lines before they have actually been read inside as a class together. There is also enthusiastic architectural and analytical ideas being learned and discussed about the כלי המשכן.

We are looking forward to our big siyum and Chai Life Line pizza party for reaching our \$1,000 class goal.

When will your world become extinct? Some of the parents reading this article may look back at their childhood and remember nostalgically many items that can't be found anymore. A few examples might include an electric typewriter (with correcto-type), chalkboards (for all those teachers out there), cassette tapes or record albums (for the older crowd), a rotary (or even a cordless phone), answering machines, etc... The boys in the upper grades (6th -8th) have been giving some thought to items that they have grown accustomed to using but may not be able to enjoy for long.

At YST Boys, the Middle School is learning history through examining a range of fascinating artifacts, from newspapers from the 1800s to household objects whose purpose is a mystery to today's generation. Below are some of the ideas that were generated by looking and talking about these “living proofs” of history:

As we examine the trends that are occurring in a rapidly changing world that is becoming more and more technology based, we have come to realize that the world in 50 years will look dramatically different. Just sit back and imagine a life with no shopping lines (or even retail stores to shop in), no banks or paper money for that matter, no steering wheels (and hopefully no traffic or accidents as a result), no post offices and quite possibly no paper at all (with everything reduced to byte size pieces), and shopping plazas that are filled with experiential forms of entertainment (escape rooms, laser tag, gyms, etc...) replacing all of the clothing and retail stores that have closed their doors due to the deluge from the Amazon. Whether we welcome these changes or not, we must face the reality that the world is rapidly changing. Hopefully, we can hang tight to our Torah, middos, and tefillos and include a world that includes the arrival of Moshiach and all of the glory that accompanies such an existence!

FYI

• IMPORTANT DATES!

- April 23-27 - Achievement Tests are coming up in the girls' and boys' divisions. 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.

- Thurs, May 3rd - Lag Ba'Omer. Dismissal will be from the park at 2:00 p.m for boys. The girls' school is looking for a few volunteers to help with serving and grilling the food on the lag b'omer trip. Lunch runs from 11:45-12:45 at Roosevelt Park in Edison. Let us know if you can help!

- Tues, May 22nd - Isru Chag Shavuos. Delayed opening at 10:00 a.m.

Boys Division:

1) Due to a series of professional development workshops, please see the following changes in the boys school schedule:

Sun, April 22, 29, May 6, 13 - 11:15 a.m. dismissal. An extended learning program for 6-8th grade is being sponsored by The Posy Family.

2) Fri, May 11th - Pre 1A Boys' Siddur play.

3) Sun, May 27th - Boys Bike-a-thon. To register or sponsor a biker go to Ystnj.org. If you have any questions or are interested in sponsorship opportunities please email us at, ystpta@ystnj.org.

Girls Division:

1) Wed, May 9th 9:30 am. - 4th grade Birchas Yaakov presentation.

2) Sun, 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.

3) Wed, May 16 - 1st Grade Chumash Play

4) Thurs, May 31 - Pre-1a Siddur Play

• 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

• **Lost & Found:** Pink glasses with flower design on the arms were found. Please call the boys school to claim.

• **Achoseinu**, the girls' grades 4-8 Shmiras Halashon Group will continue on Friday nights, 15 minutes after light benching. This group is led by our alumna, Golda Ayelet Glinn at her home 162 North 8th Ave.

• **Bnos Malka** this Shabbos is from 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm.

• **Pirchei and Pirchei Beis Medrash** this week will be from 3:15 to 4:15 at the Agudah. There will be a minyan for Mincha before Pirchei at 2:50.

• **The Boys' Night Seder** program continues Mon through Thurs. Please note new times! Mon./ Wed./ Thur. from 8:10pm to 8:40 pm and Tues. 8:00 pm - 8:40 pm with a shiur at 8:20 pm. There will be a new minyan added for Maariv afterwards at 8:45. Refreshments are served. For more info, to sponsor, or to volunteer, please call or text Arya Eisner (732-547-4994).

Preschool Jottings

Last week, we thought the letter פ was the most popular letter in the *Aleph Beis*. But this week, surely it is the letter פ. The children's fffavorite activity was ffffeet painting! Morah Mimi's class painted spring fffflowers and Morah Rochel and Morah Faige's class did ffffree ffffeet painting! The children chose between a פ pizza treat or a פ falafel snack. Using פrench fries, they outlined the letters on their plates.

The Nursery children began their *Brochos* unit with *Hamotzie Lechem Min Ha'aretz*. They learned how to vote an independent choice and then, after tasting rye bread, challah, whole wheat bread, French bread, Italian roll and a bagel....and feeling so full, they each voted their favorite taste.

What fun it was as the children put on their thinking caps and had to figure out what was inside the big, medium and small containers that were displayed. The containers were completely covered with aluminum foil, but by looking carefully at the shape of the container and the exposed lids, our very smart preschoolers were able to identify them – mouthwash bottles, shampoo bottles, soap bottles, medicine bottles, jar of croutons, bottle of nail polish and more. And at the end of the week, we studied cups of all sizes – measuring cups, teacups, hot cups, wine glasses, כוס של אלירו, *bechers*, sippy cups and finally, the cup that we couldn't see....a hiccup!

in the girls school...

P-E-N-P-A-L - The pre1a girls learned this new "P" word in connection with their letterbook. Each girl chose a classmate's name randomly out of a basket and wrote that girl a special letter. It's a mystery since nobody knows who is receiving a letter from whom. They have also been spending time learning about numbers in the teens and know that each teen number is 1 group of tens and some extra ones. They really enjoyed the teen numbers chant that they sang. They will continue their unit on teen numbers - counting and writing them - over the next few weeks.

What an exciting week Mrs. Epstein's 4th graders had in math! The students are busy working hard with fractions, finding equivalent fractions with models, multiplication, and division. If you have a recipe with interesting measurements, ask the 4th graders for help to convert the fractions into equivalent fractions that you know. Stay tuned as we continue to expand our knowledge of fractions and all that we can do with them!!

The 6th graders are very busy studying the Earth, Moon, and Sun in their astronomy unit. Did you ever wonder why we see different shapes of the moon throughout the month? You can ask any 6th grade student to explain the true reason behind the phases of the moon. We have also discussed solar and lunar eclipses and now understand exactly how they can happen. Stay tuned for more exciting information as we continue in our astronomy unit and learn about our solar system!

Do you want to learn about the skeletal system? Just ask Mrs. Chait's 5th grade girls for information, and you might be surprised by how much they know! In this fascinating unit, students analyzed a model human skeleton, or as they called him, "Mr. Bones," and discovered the different types of bones and joints in the human body. The 5th graders also determined what makes bones so strong and created lifelike sculptures of the bones of the hand and foot. These students are now able to name about twenty of the bones in their bodies and are excited to begin their next scientific study of chemistry!

Huzzah for the 7th grade girls! On Tuesday, the class visited historic Philadelphia. Their teacher Mrs. Chani Gross put together an ambitious, content-rich program and the girls were fully up to it. From the bustling Museum of the American Revolution to the quiet chamber of the original Supreme Court, the girls were attentive and engaged. As they walked quickly from site to site—Betsy Ross's house, Ben Franklin's printing press, the Liberty Bell, Mikveh Israel, horse-drawn carriages and more—the girls kept up the pace and showed lots of hustle, counting off to make sure all were present, no complaining, no whining. Chaperones Mrs. Feiler and Mrs. Baruh were so proud of them all, and the trip was a pleasure from start to finish! Many thanks to Harvey for getting us there and back safely and on time.

Writer's Corner

5th grade girls gained a newfound appreciation of the words of ישרי תר, which they have just recently completed in their Chumash studies with their visit to the highly acclaimed National Geographic Ocean Odyssey. Having virtually experienced "תהמת יכסומו" - "the deep waters covered them," the miracles of קריעת ים סוף came to life! Thank you Mrs. Chait and Mrs. Lorber for joining Morah Rubinfeld for this awesome experience!

Dear Mrs. Brudny:

Thank you so much for planning this trip for us. You've done a lot for us to explore קריעת ים סוף. I also loved the part of where we watched the 3D video. It was so cool. You felt like you were there. The fish swam by you and it felt like you were under water really deep. It was so much fun at Ocean Odyssey Encounter.

- Thank you, Rikki Gruen

Dear Mrs. Brudny:

This was a very fun trip. Even the bus was fun. The real fun began when you stepped inside. I loved how you could play with "seals" at one point, but my favorite was the 3D because even though it was scary (there was a shark charging at you at the end) I was with my best friends and I had them to protect me!! When it was time to leave we were sad. Who would want to leave? But we went home with our new happy memories.

- Sincerely, Zeesy Benedek

Mazal Tov!

- Mr. and Mrs. Dovid Bak upon their son, Sruly's marriage to Mindy Wechsler
- Rabbi & Mrs. Avraham Yitzchok Sorotzkin upon the birth of a son
- Rabbi & Mrs. Shlomo Ziegler upon Akiva's engagement to Rochel Seitler from Monsey

המקום ינחם...

- Mr. Yossi Stern upon the loss of his sister, Mrs. Bina B;umenfrucht, ע"ה

Shiva will be observed until Thursday morning at 13 Abarbanel Street, Rechavia, Yerushalayim. Home: 732-806-3831 or Cell: 609-577-9970.

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 Cong. 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, will feature Rabbi Benzion Shafier and Mrs. Dina Schoonmaker on the topic of "Get a Grip: Anger Inside Out".
- **Sun, 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.
- **Sun, May 6 - the Friendship Circle** will be holding its **10th annual Walk4Friends** at the Vonage campus on Route 520. 12:00 registration, 1:00 walk. Great day for the whole family with food, rides, arts & crafts, etc. The Friendship Circle provides social & recreational friendship programs for individuals with special needs. For more information go to www.walk4friends.com/chazfam.

YST ON THE GO!

Dear Mrs. Brudny:

Thank you for inviting me to accompany the seventh grade girls on their trip to Philadelphia yesterday. Mrs. Gross put together an ambitious, content-rich program and the girls were fully up to it. I was so impressed by their attentive and obedient behavior—no complaining, no whining, lots of hustle when it was (frequently!) called for. Thanks to Mrs. Gross and Mrs. Feiler for welcoming me—a pleasure from start to finish (if a bit chilly in Philly!).

Many thanks! Mrs. Rahel Baruh

Dear Mrs. Brudny:

I just wanted to take a moment to say how much I enjoyed being a chaperone on the fifth grade girl's trip to The Ocean Odyssey Experience in NYC. One of the exhibits, the first one on the tour actually, was a really good tie in with Krias Yam Suf as the girls were able to walk on the sea floor with marine life swimming in the walls all around them. Wow!

Mrs. Chait and Morah Rubinfeld did a great job coordinating the trip despite major traffic delays getting into NYC. They both really deserve a pat on the back! Thank you for allowing me to participate.

Mrs. E. Lorber

Local News & Shiurim

- Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class on Sun, April 22 at 11:00 AM at the Agudah; Parsha class on Mon, April 23 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah.
- Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shmiras Halashon class: No class on Mon, April 23; class on Mon, April 30 at 7:30 PM at Ellen Smith's house, 407 North 8th Ave, Edison.
- Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class: Class on Tuesday, April 24 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.
- The women's Tehillim group is meeting on a regular basis 2 hours before Mincha at Etz Ha-haim, 230 Dennison St, Highland Park.
- **Showavim** presents the 26th annual community wide Taharas Mishpacha review: **For women:** Rebbetzin Aviva Wasser will be speaking on halachos and hashkafos of Taharas Mishpacha on Monday, April 30 at 8:15 PM in the young family room in Congregation Ohr Torah. Please submit questions to be answered by Rebbetzin Wasser at the review to parkmikvaevents@gmail.com.