



Parsha Points



“לא תעשו עול במשפט...” “Do not pervert justice...”

Everyone is apt to commit something wrong at some time during his life. “For there is no righteous man on earth who does good and does not sin.” (*Koheles* 7:20) But there is hope, for wrong can be remedied by remorse, repentance and good deeds. All hope is lost, however, when people deny ever having committed an injustice, find ingenious excuses to justify their nefarious acts and try to prove to themselves and to the world that what they did was fair and equitable. That is the intent of the above-mentioned verse: “Do not pervert justice.” The Hebrew word *bamishpat*, justice, may also be translated as, “with justice”. One may not drape one’s evil acts with a cloak of justice.

Rabbi Eiger from *Iturei Torah*,
 taken from *Torah Treasurers*

Week in Review

Spring may be in the air but our amazing sixth graders are going strong in their learning and are *בע"ה* thriving in all areas. Their *דרך ארץ* and *מדות טובות* are beautifully displayed throughout the day. We are on target to complete our learning goals for the year. Our budding *talmidei chachamim* are halfway through *פרק המניח* - their second *פרק* in *גמרא*! In addition, we have just completed *אמור פרשת* and are on our way to be *מסיים פרשת ויקרא*. The boys are also beginning the 17th *פרק* of *משניות שבת*. We Look forward to our *סיום* on *שבת* and to a wonderful final semester chock full of exciting and meaningful learning and shteiging!

The boys in pre-1a returned from the long Pesach break refreshed and excited for all of the new opportunities to learn and grow. They are becoming quite the little readers. We have been spending a plethora of time buddy reading, reading independently and reading in small groups. The boys love finding sight words and cvc words both in books and in environmental print. Last week during our letter study V, they put on their scientific caps, as we researched facts about volcanoes. We built model volcanoes using plastic cups and model magic. The highlight was watching our lava (a combination of baking soda and vinegar) ooze out of our volcanoes!

During math we have been focusing on number bonds. Number bonds, or number families, are simply numbers that make up a whole. We built number bonds for four through ten. The boys have been using various manipulatives as concrete representations. This week we made paper chains to build number bonds for 10. We used green and blue construction paper to create the two distinct parts that make the whole number.

Of course, the Pre-1aers have also been enjoying some outside play as the weather has been slowly improving!

FYI

• IMPORTANT DATES!

- Thurs, May 3rd - Lag Ba'Omer. Dismissal for the boys will be from the park at 1:30 p.m. with an option of supervised late stay and pick up by parents at the park at 2:30. Dismissal for the girls will be 3:00 p.m. directly from the park. Please see attached lunch order forms.
- 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 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

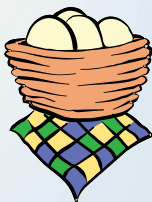
- *Achoseinu*, the girls' grades 4-8 Shmiras Halashon Group will continue on Friday nights at 7:15 p.m. This group is led by our alumna, Golda Ayelet Glinn at her home 162 North 8th Ave.
- Bnos Malka this Shabbos is from 2:15- 3:15 pm.
- Pirchei and Pirchei Beis Medrash this week will be from 3:15 to 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 8:40pm to 9:10 pm and Tues. 8:40 pm - 9:10 pm with a shiur a 8:50 pm. There will be a new minyan added for Maariv afterwards at 9:15. Refreshments are served.

Preschool Jottings

The letter *צ* is a bit hard for our preschoolers to pronounce, but easy for them to remember! They just have to think about the two special visitors that visited the kindergarten classrooms this week and what they taught and the *tttsss* sound comes right to mind. Special thank you to Rabbi Blumenkrantz for showing and teaching the children different pairs of *ציצית* and explaining the *mitzvah* to them. Mrs. Jaman came to school with her family's dog, Chewy, and explained to the children the *mitzvah* of *בעלי חיים*. The children, on their own, identified the *mitzvos* of *צדקה* and *צניעות*. There are many birds (*צפורים*) tweeting and singing all around our building!

The nursery class invited the kindergarten classes to come and make the *mezonos brocha*. They offered them their home baked *mezonos* goods – white rice krispy brownies and chocolate brownies. The children made the *brocha* so loud and so proud that other people came to see just what was going on! Of course, they were offered the freshly baked *mezonos* goods as well.

It was very egg-citing to learn about big, medium and small eggs this week. There was a collection of many eggs on the table – tiny quail eggs, medium, large, extra – large and jumbo chicken eggs and huge duck eggs. We ate some of them hard boiled, we ate some of them scrambled and we just left some of them raw. What an egg-traordinary egg-perience for preschoolers!



in the girls school...

So much has been happening in Mrs. Anolik's 4th grade. First of all, they finished writing and illustrating their Fancy Nancy books and read them to the 1st and 2nd graders. Of course, they were spectacular (that is fancy for really great!). Then, in between achievement tests, they worked on our animal unit. They did some research and then played the game, "Two Truths and a Lie". Can you tell which statement in each of the following is NOT true? Here are some samples:

- (answers are at the bottom)
Temima Billowitz
1. Naomi Waitovich -
 - a) Cats are the most popular pet in the world.
 - b) All cats have fur.
 - c) A mother cat has around 4 or 5 kittens at a time.
 2. Nechama Erlanger -
 - a) Porcupines live in forests.
 - b) Porcupines eat tree bark and branches.
 - c) Porcupines walk fast, but climb trees slowly.
 3. a) Flamingoes get their pink color from the food they eat.
 - b) Sometimes thousands of flamingoes gather in one place and get their food together.
 - c) Flamingoes live in cold places.
 4. a) Polar bears can live in Canada.
 - b) Polar bears live in the South Pole.
 - c) Polar bears have black skin.

Wait! We're not done. The girls also planted peas last week and almost all of them have already sprouted! And lastly, to celebrate completing our rocks and minerals unit, they went to the Rutgers Geology Museum this Friday. So I guess you can say that they've been busy!

(answers: 1) b 2) c 3) c 4) b)

Mrs. Brotsky's Eighth grade girls have been learning about the respiratory system using soda bottle models and other hands-on experiments, which make it easier to grasp this concept. They are also excited to start working on the **שתמארנה** **עצמותי** **כל** **עצמותי** Fair, where they will feature different human body systems and share what they have learned with other grades in the school. The eighth graders are looking forward to their (final) fair where they will showcase their creative projects and have fun

Post-Pesach is traditionally **ידיעות** **כלליות** season in the girls school and the booklets were greeted with excited anticipation, especially after Mrs. Mueller's delightful bulletin board brought smiles to the girls' faces. Working off the theme of "**שש אנכי על אמרתך**", the girls are delighted with the bracelet incentive that serves as a marker to their progress as they accrue the required point value and gather their emoji snap charms. Fun and games aside, it is truly amazing to witness the eagerness of the participants as they work their way to mastery of a wide array of basic Jewish knowledge. Best of all, the girls develop a self-awareness of how vital a tool **חזרה** really is in storing information in long-term memory. On Monday, the day that the booklets were distributed, 6th grader, Atara Berger asked Mrs. Brudny to test her on the 2nd half of **ברכות יעקב**, which she had memorized in 4th grade. With poise and confidence, Atara flawlessly recited the *p'sukim* - to the spontaneous applause of her listening classmates! The opportunity to revisit and review old knowledge is powerful indeed!

Catch 'em Being Good

Dear Mrs. Brudny:

On behalf of the children and families of Chai Lifeline, thank you for participating in Chai Lifeline's Kids4Chai. Your students' hard work and dedication during Parshathon helped Yeshiva Shaarei Zion (Girls) raise \$1,049.23 this year. We are touched by their sensitivity as they showed they TRULY CARE for Chai Lifeline's kids!

We hope your students gained from this special opportunity for *chesed* and *tzedaka* as much as our campers gained from your dedication. We hope this partnership continues on their behalf for many years to come.

Sincerely,
Rabbi Yoel Kar

Bulletin Board

• **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.

Parnes Hayom

A day of learning is being sponsored
on Sun, April 29, **י"ד אייר**
L'ilui nishmat
Eliezer Luzia Fainman, ז"ל
אליעזר לוזיא בן ישעיהו
by **Drs. Yeshaiahu & Chaya Fainman**

Mazal Tov!

- Rabbi & Mrs. Hayim Leiter upon their son, Yehuda's engagement to Rochie Max of Bucks County, Pa.
- Rabbi & Mrs. Dovid Rauch upon the birth of a son
- Rabbi & Mrs. Binyamin Segall upon the birth of a granddaughter

Local News & Shiurim

- Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class on Sun, April 29 at 11:00 AM at the Agudah; Parsha class on Mon, April 30 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah.
- Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shmiras Halashon class: 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, May 1 at 9:30 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 Pirkei Avos at Congregation Etz Ahaim.
- Rabbi Yisroel Weiss' shiur, "Living with Tehillim", 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 at 5:00 PM at Etz Ahaim, 230 Dennison St, Highland Park.
- **Shovavim** 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.
- There is a daily tehillim group consisting of women praying for each other for personal reasons (marriage, children, health, livelihoods, etc.). If you would like to join, please contact tehillmanswer@gmail.com.