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## FYI

• On Dec 25 & Jan 1, There will be no busing and all schools will be dismissed at 3:30 p.m.

• School pictures will be taken on the following dates:

Preschool - Mon, Jan 15th

Girls' school - Mon, Jan 15th

Boys' school - Tues, Jan 16th

Please see attached flyer for details on the dress code for each school.

• After school make up dates for girls:

Tues: Edible Arts - Jan 16

Wed: Sewing Basics - Jan 17

Thurs: Drawing - Jan 18

• After school make up dates for boys:

Mon: Bricks for Kids: Jan 8

Thurs: Team Extreme: Jan 18

• **SAVE THE DATES!**

1) Father/Son Learning Event for grades 6-8 will be on Monday, Jan. 1, 2018. Details to follow.

2) Motzai Shabbos, Jan 13, 2018 - The PTA's ATT program is presenting Rabbi Sarel Malitzky who will be speaking about "Creating a positive home environment with structure." Details to follow.

3) Motzai Shabbos, Jan 20, 2018 - Mother - Daughter Melave Malka to be held at 8:00 p.m. at the boys school 71 Ethel Rd. West, Piscataway. See attached flyer for details.

• 2nd -4th grade boys Kabbalas Shabbos Kriah Program - only 3 weeks left! Stay tuned for for great prizes & raffles for all participants!

• Bnos Malka this Shabbos is from 2:15 to 3:15. Don't forget to bring your cards!

• Pirchei and Pirchei Beis Medrash this week will be from 3:05 to 4:05 at the Agudah. There will be a minyan for Mincha before Pirchei at 2:45.

• Avos Ubonim is this Motzai Shabbos, from 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. at the Agudah.

• The Boys' Night Seder program continues Mon through Thurs after the 8:00 Maariv. Mon./Wed./Thur. from 8:15 to 8:45 and Tues. from 8:15 to 8:55 (Shiur at 8:30). Refreshments are served. For more info, to sponsor, or to volunteer, please call or text Arya Eisner (732-547-4994).

## Parsha Points

“ויאמר יוסף אל אחיו אני יוסף... ולא יכלו אחיו לענות אתו”

“And Yosef said to his brothers, ‘I am Yosef’ ... But his brothers could not answer him.”

The episode of Yosef and his brothers finally reached its conclusion when Yosef revealed his identity with the words, “I am Yosef.” Everything that had occurred during the past twenty-two years - the ambiguities and paradoxes, the strange, unexplained, unreasonable happenings - suddenly all had rationale and meaning. It had all come together. Yosef was truly a *Navi*, prophet, whose dreams were spiritual visions foreshadowing the future, not mere images of grandeur.

There is an important lesson to be derived from this twenty-two year incident. Nothing stands in the path of the Divine. Hashem has a plan, and it will reach fruition at its designated time. It was Hashem's will that Yosef become the viceroy of Egypt and that his father and brothers come down to Egypt and bow down to him. It happened - regardless of the brothers' machinations to thwart the plan. Not only did it materialize, but the brothers themselves provided the medium by which it became a reality.

Throughout the millenia, more than one wicked enemy has arisen to wipe us off the face of the earth. We are here today because it is part of Hashem's plan. It is a principle of our faith that this Divine protection will endure until the advent of Moshiach Tzidkeinu.

*Taken from Peninim on the Torah*

## Week in Review

The unbelievable ruach and spirit at the boys school over Chanukah was something that will be remembered. Each day of Chanukah began with a school-wide assembly, where the iconic menorah was lit. On the first day, grades Pre 1A-5 were treated to a remarkable play, performed by the 8th grade, filled with much suspense, action, and humor. Simultaneously, there was an intense basketball game played by the 6th and 7th graders. Thursday, there was an amazing carnival planned and run by the 8th grade. The carnival included booths for all skill levels and tastes: Squirt the flame, a spicy hot pepper race, sweet and sticky chocolate-chip-in-the-marshmallow hunt, a Rubik's cube race, and many more. The boys returned from vacation to an uplifting mesiba. Rabbi Binyomin Pruzansky inspired the talmidim with his stories, followed by energetic dancing for the entire yeshiva. Finally, the Menorah Exhibit and Contest kept the Chanukah ruach going strong until the very last day. It was so exciting to see the effort, creativity, and artistry that went into each unique project. The boys who submitted entries certainly earned their light-up prizes and raffle tickets! In addition to school-wide happenings, many classes had in-class activities connected to Chanukah, from special science labs to parties, dreidel origami, Chanukah read-aloud and more. A photo collage of Chanukah events and actions is in the works.

Chanukah is a celebration of an extraordinary **נס**. Rabbi Siegel's science class celebrated the ordinary **נסים** that are commonly called 'nature'. Do you know how many steps there are between someone speaking to you and you hearing them? The 7th grade boys know! They are close to completing a Biology unit on the ear. In the course of their studies they have learned about the ten steps involved in hearing, as well as other amazing facts about the ear and the science of sound.

Rabbi Cohen's 3rd grade boys have been busy learning and *shteiging* as they celebrated their *siyum* on *Parshas Vayishlach*. Of course the preparations for the *siyum* were of essence - as they modeled the theme of their *siyum* after Yaakov Avinu's preparation that he made before he went to meet his brother Eisav. Likewise, the boys prepared in three ways: With *Tefillah*, *Doron*, and *Milchama*. 1) *Tefillah*: Rebbe gave each boy a laminated bookmark for their *Chumash* (con't on page 2)

## Preschool Jottings

The YST Preschool children light up our town day in and day out, but this Chanukah, the sparkling lights of YST Preschool lit up the whole room, as parents, grandparents and relatives joined for our Chanukah Breakfast. The children sang, acted and thereby, put smiles on the faces of every person in the room. The lights were out, but the room was bright with nachas and joy. We are the shining lights! Thank you for joining our memorable Chanukah celebration.

The words-of-the-week that the children have learned are on the tips of their tongues. “Good morning!” “Have a good day!” “Please stop doing that, it bothers me.” “Thank you, I really appreciate it.” “Thank you for thinking of me.” This week we learned how to compliment our mother when she makes us delicious food – “Thank you so much, Mommy. Supper was delicious!”

*Dear Moros,*

*The Brown family was so amazed and surprised over Chanukah. Each time Eliezer got something nice from his parents, grandparents or Siblings, he would say, “Thank you so much. I really appreciate it.” Well... we really appreciate what you are teaching Eliezer and all the other preschoolers. The words that he has learned to express himself and his feelings are very empowering.*

*We look forward to a new phrase or word every week. With greatest appreciation,  
The Brown Family - Carteret, NJ*

The kindergarten children learned the letter *Tes* this week and were off to Ohr Torah to perform the act of *Tevilas Kelim*. Every child brought in an item or were given an item to *toivel* and for many of the children this was their very first experience of doing this *mitzvah*.

with the *possuk "Shivisi Hashem Lenegdi Samid"* inscribed on it. 2) *Doron*: Each boy "presented" a wrapped \$1 gift on the day of the siyum which was put into the class "grab bag." 3) *Milchama*: The boys engaged in a true "*Milchamta Shel Torah*" as they divided into two teams and played a matching game which reviewed the *Lashon Hapassuk* with its translation. The two teams- latkes and dreidel each excelled and "fought" like true *bnei Torah*! In honor of Chanukah, Rebbe brought in plain donuts and each boy was able to frost, glaze, and decorate their donut in their own way! Stay tuned for many new exciting learning initiatives in the 3rd grade boys *beis medrash*!

In the girls' school, *Morah Krauss'* *ד כתה* is deep into their *ינקב ברכות* program. Not only are the girls learning about the *ברכות* that Yaakov Avinu gave to the *שבטי* before his death, but they are memorizing them as well. You are invited to come to our trailer and hear us sing!!

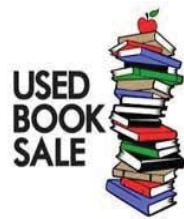
Chanuka *תשע"ח* has come and gone, but, hopefully the warm memories and inspiration will leave a lifelong impressions. Grades Pre1A through 8th grade all enjoyed the special Chinese Auction privileges that were dispersed over the week. From the "Paint & Sip" activity, to "Bring your Skates to School Day!" to Donut Decorating to breakfast in school, each class enjoyed the unusual "perk" of spending a yomtov with their teachers and classmates. This year's Chagiga, in particular, was a masterpiece evening, highlighting the talents of every participant and the blossoming organizational skills of the 8th grade heads. The week ended with a delightful Chanukah assembly, where both the Pre1A and 3rd grade presentations brought out real life-lessons for each and every student.

On the day before Chanukah, the 8th graders were presented with a "Lights On, Log Off" challenge of limiting their use of technology and increasing their commitment to a Torah lifestyle during these important days. Guest lecturer, Mrs. P'nina Rosenberg introduced the challenge, urging the girls to be selective in their use of digital devices and offering several insightful anecdotes to bolster their eagerness to enroll in the challenge. The girls' reflections on this exercise in self-restraint are due in today - Stay tuned!

What a fun Chanukah week in first grade YST. The girls played dreidel math games, had menorah candle lighting problem solving, dreidel spinning fun - *ג* - for *גוש*, *ג* - gift, *ה* - a game of *Hangman*, and *ש* - a *short* extra recess! Chanukah may be over, but 1st grade is always buzzing with fun. We look forward to meeting Rachelle Burke, an author of children's books, who is going to meet with our class and talk about the joys of writing. Thank you Mrs. Goldfinger, who won the "Guest Story Teller" raffle at PTA night.

5th Grade math has never been so stimulating and fun to learn as is it with Eureka math! From the moment Mrs. Hammer stepped into the fifth- grade classroom, it has been a pleasure to work with such eager and motivated students. They started with multiplying numbers that end with zeros (which we know are multiples of 10) and then rounded large numbers to a multiple of 10 to help make multiplying them quick and easy. Fifth grade girls stood right up to the challenging word problems they faced and are practicing how to reach their goal of finding an appropriate strategy to help find solutions. Kudos to Chana Leah Kraus, Rivkah Krauss, Rikki Gruen, Sara Sirote and Bashi Arnow for volunteering to share their thinking in the class notebook. They especially enjoyed reviewing finding products on Chanukah with a bingo game that had the whole class as winners- because perfect practice makes perfect!

Got Gelt? Buy Books!! Mrs. Anolik's 4th graders astounded the entire population of YST girls by their awesome ability to organize and host a fantastic event on the last day of Chanukah. The gym was transformed into a browsing library, with polite and poised "salespersons" who helped each customer find suitable and age-appropriate books for their reading pleasure. To the girls credit, they earned close to \$600 for Lev L'Achim and learned the real life skill to teamwork and careful planning. Thank you, Mrs. Anolik, for overseeing this event!



## Todah Rabah!

Dear Rabbi Herskowitz,

Thank you so much for allowing us to have Dovi (Yosef Dov's) *upsherin* at school last Sunday. Rabbi Herskowitz, Rabbi Blumenkrantz and Rabbi Klugman made this special occasion a moment that Dovi and his family will always cherish. Rabbi Klugman made Dovi feel so special with his warm demeanor. Our entire family could not believe how beautifully Rabbi Klugman's *talmidim* read Bereishis from their chumashim. Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion is very fortunate to have such a wonderful *Rebbe* for *kita aleph*.

With much *Hakoras Hatov*!!

Mr. & Mrs. Y. Gross

## Bulletin Board

• **Motzei Shabbos, Dec 23 - 8pm - Cong. Ahavas Yisroel 10th Annual Women's Melave Malka to be held** at the new Torah Links building 261 Dunham's Corner Rd., East Brunswick. This year's entertainment is a Kosher Chopped competition run by Naomi Nachman, the Aussie Gourmet! Higher sponsorship levels will receive a signed copy of Mrs. Nachman's new cookbook, and a special edition Kosher Chopped apron. Register at [www.ayedison.org](http://www.ayedison.org). Email [Sisterhood@AYedison.org](mailto:Sisterhood@AYedison.org) with any questions, and for information on how to become a Kosher Chopped contestant!

• **Sun, Dec 24 - 8:00 pm "Come Discover Why We Cover"**. All Married women and women of marriageable age are invited to attend the event being held in the Agudah basement. Join us for a presentation given by esteemed kallah teacher and personal life coach from Monsey, Mrs. Reena Resnick, about the spiritual reasons as to why married women cover their hair. There will be demonstrations, light refreshments and Israeli rectangular scarves and shapers available for purchase. 10 percent proceeds go to YST. Sponsorships are available. If interested please text Avivah Eisengart at 609- 462-3979.

• **Mon, Dec 25 - 8:00am - 11:00 am- Cong. Agudath Israel will be hosting a special shiur for men.** Shacharis will be at 8:00am followed by breakfast and then a learning seder and shiur given by Rabbi Hillel Feldman. The topic will be Halachos of Kiddush.

• **Mon, Dec 25 - 10:30 am - Cong. Etz Ahaim presents Marcelo Schor** speak about the most amazing story of his brush with death and affirmation of life. Very few people with brain and bone cancer survive after a bone marrow transplant and lots of chemotherapy. Marcelo Schor is one of the lucky few, even the most skeptical doctors are at a loss to explain his survival in any other terms but a miracle.

• **Mon, Jan 1, 2018 - Cong. Ahavas Yisroel 10th Annual Yom Iyun presents Rabbi Daniel Dombroff**, Dayan Bais HaVaad speaking on "*Marriage and Money, the Financial Obligations of a Husband to a Wife.*" 8:15 am Shacharis, followed by breakfast and the shiur at 9:15 am. at Cong A.Y. 1587 Route 27 in Edison. This Yom Iyun is graciously sponsored by the Gerszberg family in honor of the life of Rav Aharon Leib Steinman zt"l.

• **Motzai Shabbos, Jan 6 - 8:30 PM - Tiferes DVD for women** at the home of Aviva Siegel 16 Edgemount Rd. Topic: "Conversations with Yourself - Reality from the inside out". Speakers: Mrs. Chana Werdyger and Mrs. Simi Yellen.

• **Sun, Jan 14 - 9:30am. - Highland Park Community Kollel Breakfast**, which will be held at Cong. Ohr Torah, is pleased to announce that the Guests of Honor at this year's Breakfast will be Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Elbaz.

• **Motzai Shabbos, Feb 10 - Mikvah Melave Malka** at Congregation Ohr Torah. Speaker: the Honorable Judge Ruchie Freier. For women only. More details to follow. For more information and to help sponsor the event, please email [hpmikvah@gmail.com](mailto:hpmikvah@gmail.com) or call 516-526-0941.

## Mazal Tov!

- Mr. & Mrs. Yossi Stern upon the birth of a grandson
- Rabbi. & Mrs. Shlomo Ziegler upon the birth of a grandson
- Rabbi & Mr. Shmuel Klugman upon the birth of a son
- Dr. Andrew & Mrs. Marcia Freedman upon the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson

## Local News & Shiurim

- Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class on Sun, Dec 24 at 11:00 AM at the Agudah; Parsha class on Mon, Dec 25 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah.
- Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class: Monday, Dec. 25 at 7:30 PM at Ellen Smith's house, 407 North 8th Ave, Edison.
- Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class: Tues, Dec 26 at 9:30 am at the home of Leah Epshtein, 253 Lawrence Ave, Highland Park.
- Tehillim group: There is a new Woman's Tehillim group every Shabbos afternoon at **2:30 PM** at Cong Etz Ahaim, 230 Dennison St, Highland Park.
- Rabbi Yisroel Weiss' shiur, "Living with Parsha", for men and women: Change in location! Wed evenings at 8:30 PM Eiserman residence at 154 N. 10th Ave. For more info, please call Marsha at 732-777-1155.