

## FYI

- The 6 Flags Read to Succeed Reading Program has begun. Don't forget, the reading log must be submitted by Feb 20th. *Sorry, no exceptions are allowed.*
- After School Program schedules for both the boys and girls divisions are now posted on the website and attached to the newsletter.  
*Remember, registration is due by Wednesday, February 14th!*
- Purim is almost here! This is a great time to show Hakaras Hatov to the staff of YST. Attached is the flyer for more details.
- Lost & Found: A pair of lady's gloves with "fur" cuffs was found in the boys' school after Mother-Daughter program.

### IMPORTANT DATES!

- 1) Parent Teacher conferences in the girls school will take place on Tues, February 13. Appointments have been scheduled. Please see the attached spreadsheet of schedules. Feel free to call the office with any requests for changes.
- 2) Sunday, Feb 11 at 8:15 pm - The PTA's ATT program is presenting Ari Sorotzkin, LCSW, who will be speaking about "Sensitive Topics - Talking to Our Children." This program will take place at the YST Preschool building.
- 3) Wednesday, Feb. 28 - Ta'anis Esther. Bus dismissal in the girls school is 1:30 pm for grades 6-8 and all other students is 3:30 pm. Dismissal in the Boys school is 1:30 pm for grades 7-8 and 3:30pm for all other students.
- 4) Friday, March 2, Shushan Purim - 10:00 am delayed opening with regular Friday dismissal.

- *Achoseinu* the girls' grades 4-8 Shmiras Halashon Group will continue on Friday nights, 15 minutes after licht benching. This group is led by our alumnus, Golda Ayelet Glinn at her home 162 North 8th Ave.
- Bnos Malka this Shabbos is at 2:15pm.
- 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 2:50pm.
- 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 9:00 (Shiur at 8:40). Refreshments are served. For more info, to sponsor, or to volunteer, please call or text Arya Eisner (732-547-4994).

## Parnes Hayom

A day of learning was sponsored on Friday, Feb 2, שבת 2' in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Yosef Ainsztein Yosef ben Feivl, ז"ל by the Urow Family

## Parsha Points



"ויהי משה בהר ארבעים יום וארבעים לילה"



"And Moshe was on the mountain forty days and forty nights."

It is obviously beyond the ability of even the greatest contemporary man to memorize all of the details of the Torah in forty days, simultaneously comprehending all of its great depth. Moshe did all of this while he also learned how to observe the *mitzvos*, including the specifics of the construction of the *Mishkan* and its accessories, which are not written in the Torah. Consequently, we may deduce that the process of study which transpired on the mountain was nothing less than a miraculous event. The question thus arises: Why were the forty days an integral part of this learning process? This great wisdom could have been miraculously imparted to Moshe in a single moment. We may derive from here that Moshe's effort was required. Forty days of extreme mental intensity were mandated. Only after this unique endeavor, however, was he rewarded with miraculous success. The ordeal of total mental concentration for forty days and nights, complimented by divine assistance resulted in Moshe's ability to comprehend the complete Torah. This procedure was specifically intended to serve as a paradigm for the process of future successful Torah study. Effort is always required, no matter how unique the talents of the individual. Hashem rewards one's effort with success.

*Horav Avigdor Miller V"g taken from Peninim on the Torah*

## אסוין כתו

For many years YST Boys Division has, s"xc, been privileged by having Rabbi Dovid Adlin ת"א leading the yeshiva as Principal and being a special role model for all to emulate. As we all know, presently Rabbi Adlin has an illness that severely restricts his muscle movement and even affects his speaking abilities.

This past week, while Rabbi Herskowitz was visiting, Rabbi Adlin conveyed to him a message of עזרה, via computer. Rabbi Herskowitz went into the middle school classrooms and read the letter to the 6th, 7th and 8th graders. It's worthwhile for all of us to read this letter and gain strength from it as well.

"The other day I was thinking that things are, vkkkj u xj, difficult. My voice is very weak so that I type instead of talking, a good part of the time. Walking is done in a wheelchair, my arms are limited and eating is a problem. Certainly these are reasons to feel depressed, vkkkj u xj. But then I thought that, s"xc, I am one of the most fortunate people on earth. I learn Gemara and Chumash and Chovos Halevovos, etc. The words of kedusha from these penetrate my heart, not to mention the exhilaration felt through tefilah. What else could one want. Certainly I would like to have the other things, but they pale in comparison."

As we see, Rabbi Adlin's influence on YST continues even after his retirement. Our continued success is on his mind and included in his , ukkj, . May he be vfiuz together with all ktrah ukkj to have a vrbvnc vnkka vtupr.

## Week in Review

This past week the 7th grade boys began, with great anticipation and excitement, learning the הלכות תפילין in class with their own beautiful ספר written in simple-to-understand English. As quite a number of boys already began putting on

## Preschool Jottings

As we approach Purim and happy spirits fill the air, Morah Yaffa and Morah Devora began teaching the unit of Emotions. How does your face look when you are happy, excited, disappointed or sad? Holding a mirror in their hand, the children are learning that their face reflects their feelings. With Adar in the air....the lips are all turned up and the bright, wide opened eyes reflect excitement and joy!

Morah Mimi and Morah Irene's class are discovering many community helpers, learning what their responsibilities are and how they do their jobs. This week, they hopped aboard the YST bus several times. They went to Bell Drugs and met with Ruth, the pharmacist, they went to Dr. Dena Lieblich's office and to the Highland Park Library and met with Librarian Fran. Next week, the children will be going to the Fire Station.

When learning *Brochos*, Morah Rochel and Morah Fagie took the opportunity to make the children very aware of the many different foods that fall into the category. This week, while learning the *Bracha* of *Ha'etz*, the *Moros* displayed many fruits in front of the children. On the table, there were also several colors of paint. The children became the artists and now we have masterpieces on display of apples, oranges, grapes, peaches, mangos, lemons and more. You might be tempted to make the *Brocha* of *Ha'etz* on the painting and take a bite of the picture!

תפילין and the rest of the class soon to follow, בט"ד, the הלכות that they learn will remain with them for all their lives. A few boys, realizing the importance of this special מצוה, have accepted upon themselves the beautiful מנהג of not to talk unnecessary words while wearing their תפילין. May the enthusiasm that exists as the 7th graders start this great מצוה of תפילין be long lasting, and be with them and may they all merit to put on תפילין every single day.

In honor of the upcoming *Rosh Chodesh Adar*, we are preparing to "unroll" our *Megillas Esther kriah* program! Our 1st through 4th grade boys will be charged with the challenge of completing *Megillas Esther* in its entirety. Each *talmid* who participates in the program will receive a special prize. In addition, all students who complete the program will be entered into the class raffle with many exciting prizes! We are looking forward to sharing in this most exciting and meaningful program!

Come cuddle up and read with the 4th grade! Congratulations to the winners of the January Read-@-Home, who had the privilege of enjoying the class bean bag during silent reading. Many boys accumulated a lot of Read-@-Home minutes over the month. Congratulations to Eliezer Shakarchi who accrued 5,650 minutes over the month! Stay tuned for other exciting ways in which the boys will earn the privilege of using the bean bag! In math, the 4th graders have been getting really proficient at double-digit multiplication. They've enjoyed doing many different activities as they master the skill. Hats off to the 4th graders for performing excellence on the math tests! Now they're off to long division.

*In the girls school...*

It's that time of the year again in 'ג כתה. Morah Moller's girls are learning about Yaakov's reward of spotted and speckled sheep! 'ג כתה is so knowledgeable about these ideas - they can surely explain it all and even show you the sticks they peeled to look like those of Yaakov Avinu!

"חזק, חזק!" There is always lots of excitement in the air when a class announces in tones that ring through the girls school halls. The 7th graders bound out of their classroom, offering neon yellow stickers as badges of honor for the lucky class. This week it was the 6th grade who finished פרשת במדבר and then enjoyed the exciting experience of the 7th graders who sang מזל טוב to them. Thank you 7th graders for sharing your enthusiasm and love of learning תורה with all the girls of YST!

Last Thursday, the 5th grade girls were privileged to enjoy a mystery trip! Students had no idea where Harvey's bus was taking them until they arrived at... The Clay Pot! The 5th graders thoroughly enjoyed an afternoon of painting ceramics, and it was wonderful to see each student's unique design and creativity. After completing their bowls, plates, and vases, the students were treated to a pottery wheel presentation, and were able to see how their pieces were created. After seeing this presentation, some 5th graders wondered how Native Americans were able to produce pottery in the Southwest region without a modern wheel. A wonderful time was had by all, and most importantly, the students exhibited exemplary middos while on their trip!

What an exciting week Mrs. Epstein's 6th graders had as they began their new unit.... Astronomy! The students shared their ideas and knowledge about the sun, moon, eclipses, stars, etc. with each other and recorded what they know so far. They can't wait until we learn more and really understand all of these parts of our universe properly! Do you know how we have different time zones? Night and day? Leap years? Just ask the 6th grade!

The 7th grade scientists have been hard at work exploring and experimenting the mass, volume, and density of various objects. As an opening to their new unit on Chemistry, they are learning all about matter and how it is measured. The students were also surprised to find out that humans are composed of the same basic particles as gas, pencils, water, etc. - ATOMS!!! Stay tuned for many more exciting experiments as they continue to explore matter, atoms, and the elements with a lot more detail!

## Catch 'em Being Good!

Dear Mrs. Brudny,

I must tell you how incredibly helpful Aviva and Shira Scott were last week. We were making sheva brachos in their house, and these two fabulous girls offered to help in any way that they could. They brought 32 plates of salad to the table on their own and made sure that each one was perfectly positioned on the table so everything would look so nice. They kept asking me what they could do to help me. Such beautiful middos and manners. Shep nachas!!! Have a good shabbos.

- Mrs. J. Krumholtz

## Bulletin Board

- **Motzai Shabbos, Feb 10 - 8:30 pm - Mikvah Melave Malka** at Congregation Ohr Torah. Speaker: the Honorable Judge Ruchie Freier. For women only. Dairy will be served. Chairs: Rivky Arnow, Mar-ni Broder, Sari Klerer and Elle Lieblich. For more info and to help sponsor the event leiluy nishmas or in honor of a loved one, please email [parkmikvaevents@gmail.com](mailto:parkmikvaevents@gmail.com) or visit [www.parkmikvah.org](http://www.parkmikvah.org) and click on the "donate" button.

- **Sun, Feb 11 - 9:30am. - Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley Annual Event - celebrating the opening of the new Guest Residence** will be held at the Pines Manor, 2085 Lincoln Highway (rt. 27) in Edison. Guest speaker: Rabbi Ephraim Eliyahu Shapiro. Guests of Honor, Moshe & Debbie Schneider, Gomlei Chesed Awardees, Shalom & Yarden Cohen. For more information, please go to the Bikur Cholim website: [bikurcholimrv.org](http://bikurcholimrv.org). WALK-INS ARE WELCOME!

- **Sun, Feb 11 - 10:00am - 12:00 pm - Join Yachad & the AA Youth Dept. for a pre Purim Drum Circle and carnival!** Costumes optional. Program is being held at Ahavas Achim 216 South 1st Ave. Pizza will be served. Sign up at [www.yachad.org/drumcircle2018](http://www.yachad.org/drumcircle2018) \$10 per person/\$25 family maximum. For more info please contact Bracha Avraham 718.440.0099 [avrahamb@ou.org](mailto:avrahamb@ou.org). Siblings ages 8-14 of individuals with special needs are invited to enjoy a special SIBSHOP program for peer support, education, and other fun activities led by a certified SIBSHOPS facilitator. RSVP to [www.yachad.org/sibshops](http://www.yachad.org/sibshops).

- **Motzai Shabbos, March 10 - 9:00 PM - Tiferes: DVD for women** at the Siegel house, 16 Edgemount Rd. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are available to Tiferes members. Current teleconference: "All Different, All Mine". Speaker: Mrs. Mindy Blumenfeld.

## Mazal Tov!

- Mr. & Mrs. Chaim Shenkman upon the birth of a son
- Rabbi Shlomo & Morah Shaindy Landau upon the birth of a son
- Rabbi Reuven & Morah Bakst upon the birth of a daughter
- Rabbi Meir and Mrs. Meira Brotsky upon the birth of a daughter
- Ms. Sara Soshay (O.T.) upon her engagement to Yechezkel Yanofsky from Lakewood
- Rabbi & Mrs. Bernfeld upon their son, Azriel Yehuda's Bar Mitzvah

## Local News & Shiurim

- Shovavim shiurim for For women will be given by Rebbetzin Aviva Wasser, speaking on halachos and hashkafos of Taharas Mishpacha on Sundays 2/18 and 2/25 at Cong. Ohr Torah at 8:00 p.m. Please submit questions to be answered by Rebbetzin Wasser at the review to [parkmikvaevents@gmail.com](mailto:parkmikvaevents@gmail.com).
- Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: No class on Sunday, Feb. 11; Parsha class on Monday, Feb. 12 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah.
- Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class: Monday, Feb. 12 at 7:30 PM at Ellen Smith's house, 407 North 8th Ave, Edison.
- Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class: No class Tuesday, Feb. 13.
- Rabbi Bassous will be holding his Women's Class this 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: Change in location! Wed evenings at 8:30 PM Eiserman residence at 154 N. 10th Ave.

המקום ירחם...

- Mrs. Miri Cohen upon the loss of her father, Rabbi Zvi Dov Slanger, ז"ל

Mrs. Cohen will be sitting shiva at her home 115 S. 8th Ave on Sun between 4:00 - 8:30 pm. She can be reached at is 732-966-6503