



Jan 19, 2018

FYI

- After school make up dates for girls:
Thurs: Drawing - Jan 25
- After school make up dates for boys:
Thurs: Team Extreme: Jan 25
- The 6 Flags Read to Succeed Reading Program has begun. Attached is the reading log which must be submitted by Feb 20th.
Sorry, no exceptions are allowed.

- **IMPORTANT DATES!**
- 1) Motzai Shabbos, Jan 20, 2018 - Girls School-Melave Malka to be held at 8:00 p.m. at the boys school 71 Ethel Rd. West, Piscataway.
- 2) The In-Service which was planned at the boys school for Sunday, February 4, is postponed. Classes will be held on a regular schedule.
- 3) 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.
- Unmarked Lost & Found coats, jackets, gloves etc. at the boys school will be given away if not claimed by the end of the coming week.
- *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 to 3:15.
- 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.
- Avos Ubonim on Motzai Shabbos is 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 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).



Parsha Points

"This month ..." "החודש הזה ..."

The month in which Yisrael's redemption occurred is called ניסן, *Nissan*, which is a derivation of the word נס, miracle, a reminder of the many miracles that took place during this month. A closer investigation of the word נס yields a wealth of concepts that far transcends its English equivalent of miracle. The word נס is composed of the letters נ, *nun*, and ס, *samach*. The letter *nun* is especially significant. It is well known that for the initial letters of the verses of *Ashrei*, David Hamelech followed the order of the *aleph bais*. Yet, there is no verse beginning with the letter *nun*. Our Sages tell us that this is because the letter נ contains an allusion to Yisrael's period of נפילה, downfall. Nevertheless, knowing that the downfall would take place, David Hamelech comforts Yisrael by saying in the verse beginning with the letter ס, *samach*: "סומך ה' לכל הנופלים", "*Hashem supports all the fallen ones.*" Thus we note the *nun* symbolizes downfall and *samach* symbolizes support or aid. The word נס, incorporating both these letters, inspires within us the hope for miraculous deliverance that will follow on the heels of the darkest night of oppression and adversity.

Bnei Yisachar Taken From Torah Treasures

Week in Review

In honor of the פרק הכונס of סיום, the 6th grade boys went on a trip to Lakewood on Monday. They visited Rabbi Adlin and saw how much נחת he had seeing them as well as discussing some of the גמרא learned recently. They then visited some of the BMG buildings and saw thousands of people learning תורה. The boys had the זכות of visiting Rav R. Forsheimer שליט"א, פוסק, in his study asking him a couple of שאלות and observing his phone without a caller ID, to respect people's privacy. After that they visited a car mechanic shop followed by a visit to the beautiful Bikur Cholim house and the large equipment *gemach*. They were amazed by its commercial size large kitchen which supplies the food for approximately 20 hospitals in the tri-state area, including RWJ. The exciting day concluded with a visit to the pizza store and ice cream. The boys' behavior was stellar, as usual, and a great day was had by all. It will surely be a day to remember.

How is Amram related to Yocheved? How are Moshe Rabeinu and Korach cousins? Ask any of our 4th grade *talmidim* and they will happily explain their relationship as well as the lineage of the entire לוי שבט! After learning the פסוקים about לוי שבט's dynasty, each 4th grade *talmid* created a most unique and original family tree of the שבט. These beautiful posters are on display in the 4th grade classroom "gallery." Through this hands-on project, each boy was able to visualize in a most concrete way לוי שבט's majestic family tree from its "roots." Congratulations to our winners: Moshe Sauer, Mendel Goodman, and Moshe Komet. We look forward to watching our boys continue to follow in the way of Shevet Levi as they grow and flourish into true תלמידי חכמים.

This past Tuesday we had the honor and privilege of hosting Rav Abba Brudny שליט"א in our Yeshiva. Rav Abba spent the morning enveloped in the beautiful התורה קול as he learned with our boys and *farhered* each class. Not only were our boys able to answer all questions that were asked by Rav Abba, but our boys responded with precision, clarity, and a *geshmak*. Many boys took advantage of this special opportunity and asked Rav Abba their own questions in learning. Rav Abba's visit was most uplifting and inspiring for our beloved Rebbeim and *talmidim*. We look forward to watching our boys continue to *shteig* as we *shep nachas* from our *talmidim* of Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion.

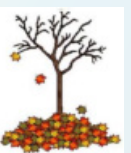
Preschool Jottings

Community helpers have joined Morah Mimi and Morah Irene's kindergarten class. The helpers don't actually come to school everyday, rather, the children go to visit them! This week, the fireman was the guest! The Edison Fire Station opened their doors for the preschoolers and gave them a tour of the building and of the fire trucks. One of the greatest feelings a young child can experience is sitting behind the wheel of a fire truck.... thank you to Edison Fire Team for making a child's dream come true!

The kindergarten classes are up to 7 in the *Aleph Beis*. Morah Rochel and Morah Faige's class painted the longest 7 you have ever seen and arranged for the letter to take a trip to Lakewood! It arrived at its destination! It was greeted by a class of kindergarten children and their Morah. They are taking good care of the 7 and will recount his adventures for us after midwinter vacation.

Truckloads of rectangles came driving in to the nursery classroom. Even the trucks themselves were rectangular shaped! Besides for playing with the rectangular trucks, the children painted fire trucks and designed pickup trucks, busses and trains. It wasn't a surprise, when show 'n tell time featured many, many trucks.

Levy was a leaf that was afraid to take the jump and fall off the apple tree. He watched all his friends do it, but he was just afraid. His friends encouraged him, cheered for him and even helped him. Finally, Levy said the new word-of-the-week: "I CAN!" and took the leap! His friends with great excitement called him Levy the Bravey from that day on!



Ask our 8th graders about their "plans" for the upcoming winter break! Our most amazing and innovative 8th grade boys have spearheaded a new learning program. All on their own initiative, the boys decided to create a Mid-winter learning program for our own 4th- 8th grade talmidim. The boys will dedicate the learning to our beloved talmid Chaim Kraus ז"ל. They will be introducing this special program on Mon, כ"ב שבט 'ר - Chaim's second *yartzeit*. Boys who learn a פרק or more of משניות will be included in a grand *siyum* that will take place after mid-winter break. We are looking forward to sharing in this most meaningful program.

Looking for your Keys? Ask any of our first grade boys and they will happily share their new set of "front door keys" with you! The boys have been learning many *Dikduk* skills in conjunction with their daily *Chumash* lesson and have already mastered many of the basic prefixes that are found in *Chumash Bereishis*! Each time the boys learn a new prefix - a "front door key" is added to their own personalized key chain. Each key has the Hebrew prefix printed on one side with its translation on the other. Stay tuned! "Back door keys" will be coming soon as the boys will begin to learn common suffixes as well! We look forward to watching our boys add more and more keys to their growing collection as they "unlock" the treasures in the Torah!

The reading unit this week has brought a lot of excitement to the boys' 2nd grade classroom. Dear Juno, a story of a young boy's correspondence with his grandmother, sparked the unit on the United States Postal Service. After reading so much about mailing letters, the boys had a chance to write their own. Each boy chose a family member and wrote his letter. Then, they learned how to address an envelope properly. We also discussed how the postal system operates and how the mail makes it in to our mailboxes. Finally, we all got to watch as Mrs. Adler fed our envelopes through the stamping machine. Now that our letters are in the mail, we eagerly await their arrival!

We may be a few weeks into Sefer Sh'mos, but the girls in grades 6 - 8 were not quite ready to say goodbye to *Sefer B'raishis*, just yet. Last Friday, they gathered in the lunchroom for a challenging game of *Parsha* Racko! Each girl received a set of 70 cards that were broken into 7 categories. Each card provided a clue and the answers had to be arranged in either numerical, chronological or alphabetical order, depending on the topic. Congratulations to Miriam Twersky (8th grade) and Rivky Nusbaum (7th grade) who earned perfect score of 700, and to Chava Milgraum, (6th grade) and Yitty Landau (8th grade) who scored 680 and 690 respectively. Each of the participants enjoyed both the review process and the activity - the hum of the wheels of their brains turning as the girls worked their way through each round of cards was loud and clear!

Neither rain, snow, sleet or hail stops the . . . 8th grade Shabbaton! When frigid weather delayed the Shabbaton by a week, Morah Bakst pulled out all stops to make sure that the girls' initial disappointment was short-lived. When the SURPRISE! was announced over the loudspeaker at 4:27 Thursday afternoon, their delight was LOUD and clear. The girls had worked hard for this event and were excited to pull it all together. The Shabbos was full of inspirational workshops, exciting games, class bonding time and plenty of food. The girls organized the Shabbos around the theme of **עַתְּ בְּכָל יוֹם** and learned throughout this experience how to apply these concepts to their day-to-day lives. To top off their spectacular Shabbos, the girls enjoyed Kangoo dancing and pizza at the home of their former 5th grade teacher, Morah Govhari. The memories of this fantastic even will surely last with the girls until the end of TIME!

Practice makes perfect . . . and the girls have certainly done their fair share of it in anticipation of the Girls School Melava Malka. The tables are set, the backdrop is hung, the sound system is wired and costumes distributed, and the girls are READY! All that is left is for everyone to join for what promises to be a memorable event!

Mazal Tov!

- Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Slepoy upon Sruly's Bar Mitzvah

Local News & Shiurim

- Monday Night, January 22 - 8:20 p.m. - Rabbi Hillel Feldman will be giving the second in his series of Shovavim shiurim for men at the Agudah. The third and final shiur will be on Monday, February 5.
- For women: Rebbetzin Aviva Wasser will be 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.
- Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class on Sunday, January 21 at 11:00 AM at the Agudah; Parsha class on Mon, Jan. 22 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah.
- Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class: Mon, Jan. 22 at 7:30 PM at Gloria Deutsch's home- 56 Lawrence Avenue, Highland Park.
- Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class: No class on Tuesday, Jan. 23.
- Tehillim group: Woman's Tehillim group, that meets on Shabbos afternoons at Congregation Etz Ahaim, will resume in the beginning of March.
- 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 ינחם...

- Mr. Chaim Yadlovker upon the loss of his father, Bernard Yadlovker ז"ל

Bulletin Board

• Sun, Jan 21 - 8:00 p.m. - N'shei Agudath Israel of Edison/ Highland Park - A Roundtable Discussion for Women in honor of Tu B'Shvat will be held at the Agudah in the upstairs lobby and will be led by Mrs. Faige Sauber on the topic of "Sowing Self Esteem and Cultivating Self-Confidence". There will also be a presentation by Mira's Marvelous Fruit Carving.

• Motzai Shabbos, Feb 3 - 8:30 pm - Tiferes DVD for women will be held at the home of Aviva Siegel 16 Edgemount Rd.

• 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 hp-mikvah@gmail.com or call 516-526-0941.

• 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 & Yardena Cohen. For more information and to RSVP, please go to the Bikur Cholim website: bikurcholimrv.org

Writer's Corner

The 4th grade girls are just finishing a unit on reading written directions. For the final project each girl wrote her own set of directions for her classmates to follow. Below are two sets of directions written by the two Elisheva's in the 4th grade. If you are going to try to follow them, you might want to first read these helpful tips on following directions that the 4th grade came up with:

- 1) Read all the directions first.
- 2) Read the directions a 2nd time. This time follow each direction, one at a time, as you read it.
- 3) When you're done, read the directions a 3rd time, and check that each direction was followed correctly.

Good Luck!

First draw an upside-down triangle. Then make a little triangle on the top of the triangle. The triangle should be taller than it is wide. Inside the triangle, write one of these letters:

נ, ג, ה, ש

Elisheva Eisengart

Draw a picture of a person with your eyes closed. Then draw the same person next to it with your eyes open. Write your first name at the bottom in block letters. Draw polka dots in each letter except the last. In the last letter, draw triangles.

Elisheva Milstein