IMPORTANT DATES!

1) Achievement Tests are coming up in the girls’ and boys’ divisions (April 23 - 27). 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.

2) Regular Friday dismissal begins, Friday, April 13th.

3) Save the Date: Sunday, May 6 2018 - YST Annual Dinner at the Woodbridge Renaissance Hotel, honoring Mrs. Rivka Adler, Mr. & Mrs. Avi & Yael Kamelhar and Rabbi & Mrs. Shloimy & Esty Schwimmer. Details to follow.

Attention Mothers! Pre-Pesach Day Camp in the Agudah on Wed, March 28 and Thurs, March 29 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm for ages nursery - 3rd grade. Advanced registration is appreciated, but not a must. Call 732-979-7269 for more info and to register.

Bnos Malka this Shabbos?

Pirchei and Pirchei Beis Medrash this week are from 3:15 to 4:15 at the Agudah. There will be a minyan for Mincha before Pirchei at 2:50. Please note that this will be the last week of Pirchei until after Pesach.

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).

Good news! You may remember the exciting learning opportunity that previous years’ YST Girls School LINKS game offered, as a prelude to Pesach family gatherings. We have re-issued the card game and are making it available through the Girls School - Feel free to call the office and reserve a set. The game sells for $8.00 per game or 2 for $15.00.

Parsha Points

The Posuk says (4:22-23): “When a ruler sins ….. he shall bring his offering” Rashi comments: Praiseworthy is the generation whose leader takes his sins seriously, and brings a korban as atonement.

In the world at large, the natural tendency is that the greater a person considers himself, the more difficult it is for him to admit his shortcomings or that he is wrong. The Torah is teaching us that the opposite is really true. The reason why Am Yisroel takes pride in their leaders is because they are not afraid to admit “I am wrong, please forgive me.” That is true greatness!

Week in Review

Rabbi Klugman’s’ ‘Chukat Am Yisroel’ is learning through excitement and pride! Our amazing first graders have already mastered so many of their high frequency words! Ask any of our boys and they will proudly show you their personalized set of flashcards. Each card includes the three letter שורשים on one side and its meaning which is beautifully depicted on the other side of the card with a colorful illustration. Each new שורש that is taught is prominently displayed in the “Shorashim Wall” and is added to the boys’ collection of flashcards.

Our first graders have mastered the “front door keys” – (the common prefixes that are found in Chumash) and they literally have them in their back pocket! They have already begun learning the “back door keys” - the common suffixes and can already identify of these suffixes in isolation and in context of the words in the Chumash. The boys are even able to cross reference these skills and apply them in pairs- as they notice so many of the prefixes, suffixes, and שורשים in לוחות and the like.

The different “PARTS” of fractions, We have learned ‘til now.

To use the “WHOLE” idea, We surely know how!

GCF & FACTORS, We always need to know.

When reducing fractions, A VENN-DIAGRAM we’ll show.

Equivalence, using cross-products, And reducing to simplest form, So much information, In 5th grade becomes the norm.

Switching from mixed numbers, To improper fraction, We’re getting to common denominators, For addition and subtraction.

There’s much more to learn, So much more to know – We’ll be pros at all of it, As our knowledge grows and grows!

in the girls school...

Morah Blumie’s Zman Chumash is tackling their Pesach preparations in a clear and thought-provoking way. They discuss the “big idea” of aprender וקמע תiameter חידות so that we shouldn’t lose sight of the main idea even with the myriad of details related to Pesach Yom Tov!

Preschool Jottings

Why are these days in the preschool different than all the other school days of the year?

On all the other days of the school year, the Moros and the children find some time to stop and take a breath! But on these pre-Pesach days, everyone is so busy coloring, cutting, painting and designing there is hardly time to stop and rest!

On all the other days of the school year, the children sing and dance. But on these pre-Pesach days, the hallways and classrooms are filled with the melodious Pesach songs, including באיש מחתרת, שאמר מה וירד שלושה蟑螂, and ציון.

On all the other days of the school year, the children play in the dress up center using many props. But on these Pre-Pesach days, the children play Pesach Seder in the dress up center. The boys dress like fathers and wear hats and jackets, hold Kiddush cups and the mothers pretend to serve special prepared Pesach foods.

On all the other days of the school year, the children make projects and are so proud of their work. But on these Pre-Pesach days, the children know that these projects are so superbly special. They work diligently to make everything so beautiful and they want everything to be special for this upcoming Pesach Yom Tov!
They have become experts at categorizing the different categories of וֹסֵת מִצְוֹת into the different categories of בְּרֵי קַלָוִי or בְּרֵי נוֹתֵנָה. The girls can clearly explain why the salt water and charoses are reminiscent of slavery, while the 4 cups of wine and “leaning” belong in the בְּרֵי נוֹתֵנָה category. The lists in each category keep growing as does Morah Blumie’s amazement at the girls’ mature and sophisticated thinking! Meanwhile, each girl is hard at work at creating her own Hagada to proudly share with her family members!

In Morah Halberg’s class, the girls are coming alive as the girls form the special בְּרֵי קַלָוִי with assorted arts and crafts supplies while learning the הָרָא שְׁבֵעָה בֶּן trousers in Tiger’s Eye. Ask them to identify the parts of the בְּרֵי קַלָוִי and you’ll be amazed at how much they know. They are also gaining a whole new appreciation for the הָרָא שְׁבֵעָה בֶּן while learning the הָרָא שְׁבֵעָה בֶּן trousers of רַמְשָׁל to their heart. As the girls prepare for their הָרָא שְׁבֵעָה בֶּן trousers, they are developing the understanding and sensitivity that will mold them into the true נוֹתֵנָה.

How exciting! Mrs. Anolik’s 4th graders, having worked long and hard, have finally achieved their goal and have finished their realistic fiction stories. This past Wednesday they read their completed works of art to the 3rd grade class. The 4th grade authors really enjoyed working on this big project. Apparently, the 3rd graders enjoyed the stories as well. Here are some reviews from our 3rd grade audience:

- “I thought the plot was very interesting.” - Leah Fuchs (3rd grade)
- “The character was cute. I was scared for her and cared about her.” - Penny Berger (3rd grade)
- “It was really interesting and good.” - Deenie Golubchik (3rd grade)

(This 4th grade article was written and submitted by 4th graders: Nehama Erlanger and Lea Backrenroth.)

In response to the funny and thought-provoking short story “Earth: A Gift Shop,” the 7th grade girls are writing their own science fiction stories in Mrs. Epstein’s Language Arts class. Along with characters, plot, and outer-space setting, each student is developing her own theme about the effects of technology and consumerism on our society. Meanwhile, the eighth graders are continuing to explore the concept of the legal “age of responsibility” for actions such as driving, drinking alcohol, voting, and serving in the military. They are busy developing their own arguments for whether the age requirements for certain rights should be lowered or raised.

**Catch ‘em Being Good!**

Dear Morahs:

Our mail lady, that we have known since we moved to Edison (3 1/2 years ago), retired last week. She knocked on our door to say goodbye and started crying because she said she will really miss the Scott children because they always greeted her with a smile and offered her cold water in the hot weather and a hot coffee when it was very cold.

We are so proud of them for being such a ת״ת ו׳ and in displaying such wonderful תִּדְבָּר. Hooray for the Scott kids!

- Mrs. Scott

P.S. Aviva was mevater on a nosh she got and gave it to her sister! Shira did a great job cleaning up after Purim!

*Scribble to the Editor*

**Local News & Shiurim**

- **Get your kids new Shabbos and Yom Tov Shoes at the ShoeShare** Get a new-to-you pair of shoes for the upcoming yomim tovim. A large collection of beautiful, barely-used kids Shabbos and everyday shoes, including American and European brands. Just $3 per pair, proceeds go to tzedaka. Call Elisheva Blumberg at (347) 416-3693. Check out facebook.com/shoeshare for pictures of all available shoes. (Currently accepting donations of gently used shoes).
- **Toy Library**: A free lending library of boards games, train sets, puzzles, building blocks, and electronic toys available to borrow for one month at a time. Contact Elisheva Blumberg at (347) 416-3693
- **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 – postponed due to weather; will be rescheduled after Pesach. Please submit questions to be answered by Rebbetzin Wasser at the review to parkmi.kvhevents@gmail.com.
- Rebbetzen Eichenstein’s classes for women, Mrs. Leah Drillman’s Shirimis Haloshon class and Mrs. Miri Cohen’s Parsha class will resume after Pesach.
- Rabbi Bassous will be holding his Women’s Class this Sunday at 10 AM on the Thirteen Principles of Faith at Congregation Etz Ahaiam.