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Parsha Points



“אשר נשיא יחטא ועשה אחת מכל מצות ה' ... והביא את קרבנו”

The *Pasuk* 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 Yisrael* 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 ‘א כתה is learning through *חומש בראשית* with excitement and pride! Our amazing first graders have already mastered so many of their high frequency *שורשים*! Ask any of our boys and they will proudly show you their personalized set of *שורשים* flashcards. Each card includes the three letter *שורש* 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 *קריאה* groups- as they notice so many of the prefixes, suffixes, and *שורשים* that appear throughout *תפילות* and the like.

The different “PARTS” of fractions,
We have learned ‘till 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 ‘א כתה is tackling their Pesach preparations in a clear and thought-provoking way. They discuss the “big idea” of *הוצאת מצרים* daily so that we shouldn’t lose sight of the main idea even with the myriad of details related to *חג הפסח*!

FYI

• 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 will be 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.



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 *מה נשתנה*, *אחד מי יודע*, *לשנה הבאה בירושלים*, and *דיינו*.

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 מצוות of פסח into the distinct categories of עבדים or בני חורין. 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 בני חורין 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 'ו' כחה, the בגדי כהונה are coming alive as the girls form the special בגדים with assorted arts and crafts supplies while learning the פסוקים in פרשת תצוה. Ask them to identify the parts of the בגדים and you'll be amazed at how much they know. 'ו' כחה is also gaining a whole new appreciation for the מצוה of צניעות while learning the מצוה of ישראל. As the girls prepare for their מצוה בנות, they are developing the בגדי ישראל and sensitivity that will mold them into the true בנות ישראל.

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: Nechama 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. Epshteyn'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 'ו' קדוש and in displaying such wonderful מידות. 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!

Bulletin Board

- **Sun, March 18** - The community is invited to a **Hachansos Sefer Torah** dedicated by the Mirlis family. Ksivas Osiyos will commence at 12:30pm at the Rieders', 6 Cliff St, Edison. Procession to Ateres Shlomo at 1:30pm.
- **Pesach Car Cleaning Service** - see attached flyer

Mazal Tov!

- **Rabbi & Mrs. Yisroel Hoffman upon the birth of a granddaughter**
 - **Mr. Alvin & Mrs. Lori Small upon the birth of a grandson**
 - **Rabbi & Mrs. Dovid Kamin upon the birth of a and grandson & granddaughter**
 - **Mr. & Mrs. Arya Eisner upon Tzvi's Bar Mitzvah**
 - **Dr. & Mrs. Ben Gruen upon Tzvi Aryeh's Bar Mitzvah**
 - **Rabbi & Mrs. Elyahu Akerman upon Aryeh's Bar Mitzvah**
 - **Rabbi & Mrs. Baruch Goodman upon Zalman's Bar Mitzvah**
 - **Rabbi & Mrs. Baruch Goodman upon the marriage of their daughter Rivky to Mendel Sarfati**
 - **Mr. & Mrs. Louis Glinn upon their son, Shalom's marriage to Zeldia Eisen**
 - **Mr. & Mrs. Avi Bodlander upon the marriage of their daughter Adina to Binyamin Brill**

Writer's Corner

While reading Elizabeth George Speare's *The Sign of the Beaver*, Mrs. Chait's fifth grade writers have been analyzing the different perspectives and reactions of the two main characters. Using a balance of both the characters' feelings and the events from the text, students created diary entries, written from the perspectives of twelve-year-old Matt and his Native American friend, Attean. Please enjoy Chana Leah Kraus' entry, written from the perspective of Attean after he has taken Matt fishing.

Dear Diary,

Today Matt and I went fishing. It was a bit hilarious to watch Matt lose his balance and fall in the water. Of course I didn't lose my balance because I'm such a better fisherman than Matt.

It was smart of me to make a fire so that Matt and I could cook the fish. I was pretty impressed by how good it was and I haven't tasted a better fish than that one. It was a good thing that I told the first fish I caught not to let the other fish know that Matt and I were fishing there.

I enjoyed teaching Matt how to make a hook; he really did need it. When I told him to make a new hook I told him to put two worms on the hook so it's double the bait.

I think I'm more skilled at fishing than any white man and his ways are foolish and boring, while mine are more exciting and adventurous.

Sincerely,
Attean

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 parkmikvaevents@gmail.com.
- Rebbetzen Eichenstein's classes for women, Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras 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 Ahaim.
- Rabbi Yisroel Weiss' shiur, "Living with Parsha", for men and women: Wed evenings at 8:30 PM Eiserman residence at 154 N. 10th Ave.