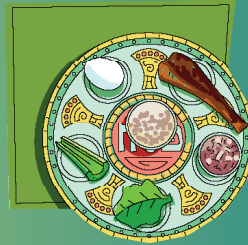




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## Parsha Points



“...וחגגתם אותו חג לה' לדורותיכם חקת עולם תחגגו” Hashem.

You shall celebrate it as an everlasting law for all your generations. . . .”

The words “a festival to Hashem” underscore the true meaning of Pesach. A person living in modern times who views **יציא מצרים**, the exodus from Egypt, merely as an ancient tribe’s attainment of freedom from physical bondage may justifiably wonder why it is important to celebrate an event from the distant past. On the other hand, if he understands that the exodus represents a spiritual transformation of an entire nation from a state of impurity to sanctity, from the mundane to the timeless, then he will truly rejoice, regardless of the times or circumstances under which he lives.

This is what the verse is telling us. If we celebrate it as a festival to Hashem, in its spiritual sense, then we will celebrate it as an everlasting law for all our generations.

*Meshech Chochmah Taken from Torah Treasures*

## 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) Due to a series of professional development workshops, please see the following changes in the boys school schedule:

Sun, April 15 - no classes

Sun, April 22, 29, May 6, 13 - 11:15 a.m. dismissal.

4) Thursday, May 3rd - Lag Ba’Omer. Dismissal will be from the park at 2:00 p.m for boys. Stay tuned for details from both the boys and girls divisions!

5) *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.

6) Friday, May 11th - Pre 1A Boys’ Siddur play. (Tentative)

7) Tuesday, May 22nd - Isru chag Shavuos. Delayed opening at 10:00 a.m.

8) Sunday, May 27th - Boys Bike-a-thon. Details to follow.

• Bnos will resume after Pesach.

• Pirchei and Pirchei Beis Medrash will resume after Pesach.

Good news!

Still available to order online!

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.

## Week in Review

What is the difference between the temperature of the water used while baking with yeast and the water that we use for baking מצה for Pesach? Ask Rabbi Cohen’s third grade “bakers” and they will happily explain to you why we use warm water for “חמץ” baking while the “מים שלנו”- water that is used for מצה baking is nice and cool. Rabbi Cohen and his third grade תלמידים explored “hands on” how quickly yeast that is mixed with warm water rises and turns into חמץ. Our in-house bakers poured, mixed, and kneaded their dough and were amazed to discover how quickly the yeast that was mixed with the warm water actually rose and turned into the חמץ dough! In preparation for ליל הסדר, our third graders have been busy creating their own personalized הגדות chock full of exciting and meaningful תורה דברי. They have also been learning about the הלכות הסיבה. The boys are now expert “leaners” -each boy practiced the act of הסיבה while donning a white קיטל and they are truly ready and excited for the beautiful night of ליל הסדר. The third graders have recently initiated the “Recess אחדות Initiative.” Twice a week the entire class באחדות, plays a collaborative recess game of football and the like. After earning 18 consecutive “אחדות recess points” the class earned their prize- a surprise trip. This past Tuesday, the third graders enjoyed an exciting class trip to the bowling alley!

As they read The Pushcart War, by author Jean Merrill, the 6th grade boys are asked to make various connections to the text and present them to a small group of classmates for discussion. The choices include Text to Self (connecting the story to one’s life experience,) Text to World (a connection between the text and events in the world) and Text to Text (connecting the book to another text.) The students have presented an extensive range of connections thus far, from the light hearted frustrations of being a younger sibling in a large family (text to self) and those of classic Marvel

## Preschool Jottings

**Who knows one? We know one!**

There’s only one beautiful YST Preschool where all this could happen!

**Who knows two? We know two!**

Two are the numbers of Moros in each classroom that create, design and help the children make all the wonderful Pesach projects!

**Who knows three? We know three!**

Three are the matzos that Morah Devorah Mueller taught us how to draw during art. She taught us how to layer the matzos and then give them some bumpy texture!

**Who knows four? We know four!**

Four is the age of the Kindergarten children in Morah Rochel and Morah Faige’s classroom who are bringing home the YST Preschool 8th year publication of Is it Pesach Yet?

**Who knows five? We know five!**

Five is the number of the days of the week when we come to school and work so hard to learn and prepare for Pesach!

**Who knows six? We know six!**

Six is the number of gallons of paint that Morah Yaffa and Morah Devora have used while painting and decorating their Pesach Hagaddah.

**Who knows seven? We know seven!**

Seven is the number of projects that are being worked on in Morah Mimi and Morah Irene’s classroom, including a Hagaddah, a kittel and a pillowcase – each specially designed by the children that will enhance your Yom Tov.

**Who knows eight? We know eight!**

Eight is number that reminds us of the delicious matzah that we made and “eight” last week!! The South Brunswick Chabad Matzah Factory came to the Preschool and demonstrated, step by step, exactly how matzah is made.

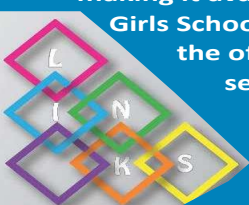
**Who knows nine? We know nine!**

Nine is the number of songs that we learned and know for Pesach. We have been humming, and singing and dancing to the tunes – including Dayeinu, Avadim Hayinu, Chasal Siddur Pesach.

**Who knows ten? We know ten!**

Ten is the number of YST Preschool Staff Members who make this all happen!

**Chag Kasher ו sameach!**



comic book heroes (text to text), to more serious subjects, including the Nazi rise to power in Europe (text to world) and the young Dovid HaMelech standing up to the powerful Golyas (text to text).

*in the girls school...*

The last day of school before Pesach vacation, culminating weeks' worth of cutting, pasting, singing and learning is a red-letter day in the girls' school. Hagaddos are packed and ready to go, the classroom is straightened up, and the girls make their way to the gym to assemble around a regally set Seder table. Each class shares one very special song that they have prepared for the Pesach assembly, and the mood shifts from serious to nostalgic to joyous as the presentations follow the "Seder" of the evening. Morah Leeba's 2nd graders open the assembly with a song that defines the role of each object on the קערה, followed by Morah Mindy's Pre1A that confidently go through the סימני הסדר. Then Morah Moller's 3rd graders invite all to join with their rendition of הא לחמא עניא and Morah Blumie's 1st graders wow the audience with נשתנה in Hebrew & Yiddish. With a keen understanding of the גליות that בני ישראל suffered through, 'ד will always be there to protect us, Morah Krauss' 'ד כחה offers up "והיא שעמדה לאבותינו ולנו" in a beautifully choreographed performance. Morah Rubinfeld's 5th graders hold a prominent position as in-house experts on the סכות, complete with motions and sound effects. Morah Halberg's 6th graders amaze the audience with their fluent Yiddish version of מי יודע, Morah Bakst's 8th graders are perfectly cast in their חד גדיא roles and Morah Frankl's 7th graders finish segueing into a full school dance & chorus of בירושלים. May it be so!

### Library Additions

The following books were donated by  
Dr. Andrew & Mrs. Marcia Freedman:

- *Gedolei Yisroel - Portraits of Majesty*  
in honor of Jonah Goldblatt's Bar Mitzvah
- *Gedolei Yisroel - Portraits of Greatness*  
in honor of Tzvi Aryeh Gruen's Bar Mitzvah
- *The Legacy of Maran Rav Aharon Kotler*  
in honor of Tzvi Eisner's Bar Mitzvah

### Mazal Tov!

- Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Wise on the engagement of their son Binyomin, to Shaindel Edelman of Baltimore
- Mr. & Mrs. Zalman Goldfarb upon the engagement of their son Abie to Golda Friedman from Lakewood.
- Rabbi & Mrs. Dov Mueller upon Tzippy and Rochel's Bnos Mitzvah

### 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 hashkofos 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.
- Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women, Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class and Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class will resume after Pesach.
- Rabbi Yisroel Weiss' shiur, "Living with Parsha", for men and women: Wed evenings at 8:30 PM Eiserman residence at 154 N. 10th Ave.

## Bulletin Board

• **Mon, April 23 - Bikur Cholim Volunteer Training:** Bikur Cholim is excited to announce a volunteer training program for all new and prospective hospital volunteers to be given by the Pastoral Care team of Robert Wood Johnson University hospital. The training will take place at Congregation Ohr Torah in the evening. A light dinner will be served. If you are interested, or if you have any questions, please call Nitza Adler (732) 819-9294 or Dawn Botnick (732)220-8552.

• **Sunday, April 29 at 5:30 PM - Cong. Ohr Torah Annual Dinner** honoring Deena & Gershon Klavan and Alisa & Srulee Hercman at the Chabad House. To RSVP and for more information, log on to [www.ohrtorah.net/dinner](http://www.ohrtorah.net/dinner).

### Writer's Corner

*First grade girls have almost completed their beautiful ABC dictionary. Here are some samples of their amazing writings. I hope you are as proud as we are!*

**C is for crown.** A king and queen wear a crown. A crown is made out of gold and silver. If you drop a crown it will make a loud sound. A crown is a treasure. A crown can have jewels on it.  
- Emmy Weiss

**F is for flower.** It smells good. You need sun and water. It grows in the ground. There are different types of flowers. They have stems. They have different colors.  
- Frieda Neimark

**M is for milkshake.** It can be different flavors. You drink it in the summer. You make it in a blender. It is made with ice cream, fruit and milk. It is not healthy.  
- Margaret Lee

**H is for Hashem.** Hashem loves us. We can't see Hashem. We all love Hashem. We are building a house for Hashem. Hashem is our G-d. Hashem created the world.  
- Chani Silber

**P is for paint.** You need a paint brush to paint with it. They come in different colors. It is like liquid. It makes messes. It comes in a jar. It comes with paint brushes. You can make a picture with it. You can paint walls with it.  
- Ahuva Schwartz

*The 6th grade girls have just completed writing their literary essays based on the novel, Number the Stars by Lois Lowry. Please enjoy Rivka Kamelhar's essay.*

#### The Best Friend

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry is about two best friends named Ellen Rosen and Annemarie Johansen. They work together to get through the difficult times during World War II. Ellen is a Jewish ten year old girl, and Annemarie is a Danish ten year old girl. Ellen is depending on her best friend to help her and save her from the Nazis. A best friend can help you get through many hard times.

Ellen Rosen is going through a very difficult time because the Nazis are trying to capture her and her family. The Johansen family is trying their hardest to protect them, but without Annemarie who took Ellen into her house like a sister, Ellen would have been captured. "Your names," the office barked. "Annemarie Johansen, and this is my sister..." (pg 46).

Friendship goes beyond the relationship between two friends. We see the benefits extend also to the families. Ellen's parents were also helped by the Johansen family through the strong friendship of the two friends. Annemarie said, "Where are Ellen's parents, we must help them?!" (pg 36)

Annemarie was the one providing the most help for Ellen. However, the benefit of a friendship goes both ways. Ellen was there to help Annemarie, even for the little things like a race. Annemarie wanted to practice and even though Ellen was tired, she pushed herself to help her friend. Ellen hesitated then nodded... "oh, all right, ready, go!" (pg. 1)

We learn from Annemarie and Ellen that friendship can help you become a better person and overcome your fears. Just like when Annemarie stood up to the Nazis on the way to the boat to help her friend and other people too. But even more than overcoming your fears, a best friend is always there to look out for you.