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FYI

• Avos Ubonim is back!! Starting this Motzai Shabbos, join us from 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. at the Agudah.

• Sun, Nov 12. Boys will be dismissed at 11:15 due to a teachers' in service day. Reminder - There will be NO Sunday Sports Day with Rabbi Akerman.

• Bnos Malka of Edison/HP this Shabbos. is at 2:15 in the Agudah for girls grades Pre-1a through 8.

• 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.

• The Boys' Night Seder program has started at the Agudah. The Night Seder program gives 7th & 8th Grade boys a chance to experience Beis Medrash learning with a Chavrusah. Join us each night Mon through Thurs after the 8:00 Maariv. Mon./Wed./Thur. from 8:15 to 8:45 and Tues. from 8:15 to 8:55 (Shiur at 8:30). Refreshments are served. For more info, to sponsor, or to volunteer, please call or text Arya Eisner (732-547-4994).

• Sun, Nov 12 - 9:30am - 12:30pm - Yad Leah Clothing Drive will be held at Cong Ahavas Achim, 212 S. 1st Ave. Highland Park (in the parking lot). Please donate clothing in good wearable condition only. Winter coats & sweaters are appreciated this time of year. Also accepting in good condition: Linens, towels, tablecloths, handbags, cosmetics & hair accessories, Shoes in "like new condition, Men's and Boy's black hats. Bring all in tied garbage bags. Yad Leah will distribute to the communities throughout Israel. A minimum \$18 donation is requested per donor (checks made out to American Friends of Yad Leah) to help defray the shipping & processing costs.



Parsha Points

"ויאמר אברהם אל עבדו"

"And Avraham said to his servant."

Perhaps one of the most noteworthy features of this narrative is its remarkable length. The Torah devotes sixty-six *pesukim* specifically to the chronology of finding a suitable mate for Yitzchak. This fact is in itself fascinating. One of the guidelines by which to understand Torah is the observation of the amount of space which is allotted to a given subject. The Creation of the universe occupies thirty-one *pesukim*. The Ten Commandments is apportioned fourteen *pesukim*, whereas the story of Yitzchak and Rivkah is related in sixty-six *pesukim*. We may deduce from this apparent excess of *pesukim* that the marriage of Yitzchak and Rivka is more important than either the Ten Commandments or the history of Creation! This overwhelming lesson is compounded by the knowledge that from this point Hashem's Torah follows the chronology only of Yitzchak and Rivkah and their progeny. This seems to indicate Hashem's view that the entire universe and its inhabitants are merely a backdrop before which the main Torah personalities act out their individual scenarios under his constant supervision. Although on a smaller scale than our revered ancestors, every marriage of faithful Jews has the same relative importance.

Taken from [Peninim on the Torah](#)



Week in Review

It was a week to remember in the 5th grade. Starting with the presentation of the גמרות on Sunday with parents, grandparents and friends who came to join in this amazing שמחה. We were זוכה to hear inspiring words from The ראש הישיבה רבאש Rabbi Yaakov Busel, שליט"א, who is also the grandfather of our Yehoshua Busel. He explained how we are celebrating a day, "a shared milestone", of the ultimate נחת for parents and grandparents as they begin to involve themselves in the main לימוד that they will be learning as they grow to be בני תורה. We learned that like train tracks that may start out looking like they are going the same way with just a slight continuous angle can end up a country apart. So it is with the effort put into the learning. If we aim just a little higher, each step might not look like much, but one day we will be able to look back and see how far we have come and how much we accomplished. The גמרא recalled the day he received his first גמרא and how it was also נציאה בבוא and assured the boys that they will remember this day forever with pride. He then handed each boy his own beautifully wrapped gift, their first גמרא. This gathering was a tremendous כבוד שמים that is sure to leave an indelible impression on the children's minds. On Monday we jumped right into the ים התלמוד with the learning of the first גמרא. By Tuesday the classroom was already like a mini *Beis HaMedrash* with the give-and-take and questions and answers of true budding חכמים תלמידי. There are no words to describe the עליה that the class has experienced this week.

If you ever find yourself stranded and alone,
Be quick to get a YST 5th grader on the phone.

For some great survival tips, they are sure to know. The lessons they have learned, will get you on the go. One important survival tool that you should maintain, is not to get stressed out, but remember to use your brain. Sit down, breathe deeply, and collect your thoughts.

Don't think you're wasting time, it won't be for naught.

Maintaining body heat is important too.

Starting a fire safely, is something you should do.

Stay calm, don't take risks, just remain in one place.

A good place to stay, is on high ground, or an open space.

If you follow these rules, you're sure to be found,

And before you know it, you'll be home, safe and sound!

Preschool Jottings

Our apple unit has been so delicious and delightful! Since the beginning of the school year, we have been reading apple stories, learning apple facts, baking and cooking with apples, and finally, this week we enjoyed shopping in our very own apple store. Many families entered the contest of "give a name to the store." The Scott Family won the store-naming contest and received a fresh apple pie l'kovod Shabbos. Our store sign is now hanging – The YST Orchard. All the contestants were awarded! In the store, the children shopped and found apple scented air freshener, apple baby food, apple scented hand soap, apple cinnamon granola bars, apple flavored instant oatmeal, packages of sliced apples, a souvenir from The Apple Bank and so much more. The store manager allowed the children to sample some of the apple products in his store and gave each of the children an apple souvenir!

The *Gimmel* ggggalloped into the kindergarten classrooms. He galloped with the children to the גלידה store. Morah Mimi's class took Mr. *Gimmel* home and came back to school reporting where the *Gimmel* went and what he did after school. The exciting adventures of the *Gimmel* are posted in the hallway!

In this week's *Parsha*, Yitzchok married Rivka. The kindergarten children in Morah Rochel and Morah Faige's class came dressed and prepared for a *chasuna* celebration...what an exciting occasion! The reception, the chuppah and the dancing all took place in the classroom, but the joy was heard and felt throughout the school.

Welcome back Morah Yaffa Friedman! This week the nursery children learned the color green and the featured book was [Over in the Meadow](#). They made a meadow in the classroom that was as green as green can be, filled with a variety of animals.

The Pre1a girls completed their unit on Fall/Autumn. They used the "K-W-L" chart. First they brainstormed all the things they know about the Fall. They made a list of what they want to know. Then they began to find the answers they were looking for. They learned that chlorophyll gives the leaves the green color and when the leaf no longer makes chlorophyll, the other colors came out, giving the leaves all the beautiful colors of Fall.

Science in 6th grade has been quite busy these past few weeks. The students have been learning all about viruses and bacteria and how they impact our lives. The students created their own experiments to test out the best handwashing techniques, to keep themselves free of disease. Each group used different methods of handwashing, then rubbed their hands on a petri dish and waited a day or two to see if they grew bacteria. If you want to know the best way to keep your hands clean and germ-free just ask the 6th grade!!

Seventh grade has been hard at work in science class these past few weeks. We concluded our unit on photosynthesis and respiration with an exciting experiment proving which factors affect the process of photosynthesis. The students observed how the plants which were given the necessary "ingredients" were able to do photosynthesis while the plants that did not, were unable to do anything. The students were able to get a clear understanding of how photosynthesis takes place and how it even affects OUR lives. Stay tuned for more exciting discoveries in Science!

The sixth grade parents were fortunate to have a fireside chat with Dr. Eli Shapiro on Wednesday night regarding how to help our children navigate the modern world of technology responsibly. Dr. Shapiro emphasized the importance of parental involvement and open discussion with our children, and that while modern technology may be unavoidable in today's day and age, we as parents are responsible for guiding our children in their use of technology and walking them out into the world to significantly lessen the negative repercussions involved. Far from enacting a list of rules and regulations, the main purpose of the evening was to open conversation among parents about the norms of digital use within the class community to counter the BEH ("But, everyone has . . .") effect. Agreeing, as a group, how much screen time is reasonable, when devices should be turned off at night, and what age and stage each step of engagement with technology is appropriate made for powerful parental discourse. Special thanks to Mrs. Rena Klein for organizing the event and to the Rottenstreich family for opening their home so graciously.



Writer's Corner

The 2nd grade girls have been exploring the country, outer space, the desert and camping grounds through the Scott Foresman reading program. Each girl took a "trip" to one of these places and shared with us her experience there. Please read and enjoy Ruchama Lax's story.

In the country it is quiet. All I hear is the wind blowing. When I look at the yard I see a pond and farmers planting. The cows are giving milk. There are a lot of flowers and barns. Trees are everywhere. There is a lot of grass. The trees are growing fruits. I love the country.

Come visit the 5th grade girls' bulletin board to read the students' first persuasive paragraphs! Mrs. Chait's writers were challenged with the task to convince their readers that 5th graders deserve an extra fifteen minutes of recess (a topic about which they are all very passionate!).

Please enjoy Chaya Landau's paragraph, entitled "More Time for Recess."

Fifth graders want extra time for recess for the following reasons. First, the students want more time because they finish an hour later this year and they have eight hours of school, which is a lot. Second, the girls need time to do what they need to do like go take a drink. Third, the young ladies want more time for these reasons: they want to play, schmooze, eat, and relax. These are the reasons why fifth graders should have more time for recess.

Local News & Shiurim

- Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class on Sun, Nov 12 at 11:00 AM at the Agudah; Parsha class on Mon, Nov. 13 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah.
- Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class: Mon, Nov 13 at 7:30 PM at 407 North 8th Ave, Edison.
- Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha: Tues, Nov 14th at 9:30 AM at the home of Leah Epshteyn, 253 Lawrence Ave, Highland Park.
- Tehillim group: There is a new Woman's Tehillim group every Shabbos afternoon at 3:45 PM at Cong Etz Ahaim, 230 Dennison St, Highland Park.
- Rabbi Yisroel Weiss' shiur, "Living with Parsha", for men and women: Wed evenings at 8:30 PM in the Khal Chassidim dining room, entrance through front door of house. For more info, please call Marsha at 732-777-1155.

Bulletin Board

• **Motzai Shabbos, Nov 11 - 8:15 PM - A new shiur series for women, given by Rabbi Hillel Feldman** on the topic of "The Deeper Self. Gain a love for Torah and Mitzvos Through Understanding the Neshama." This shiur will take place at the Waltuchs, 40 N. 7th Ave.

• **Sun, Nov 12 - 12:00 - 2:00 pm - Pre Chanukah fun with Central Jersey Yachad @Rutgers Chabad**, 170 College Ave. Join us for some Fresh Theater Arts fun and a menorah-making workshop with Chabad's Rabbi Mendy Pevzner. Please go to www.Yachad.org/Rutgersevent to register \$5 fee; open to kids ages 10 & up.

• **Sun, Nov 12 - 7:00 - 9:30 pm - Moms of kids with special needs- save the date for a fabulous Moms Night Out!** Come for support, networking and FUN with jewelry making and dinner on us. RSVP to avrahamb@ou.org

• **Sun, Nov 12 - 7:30 pm - Rabbi Moshe Tzvi Weinberg will speak at the ACTT Happiness Module 2 kickoff event.** Title: "Serve Hashem with Joy: Can we work on being happier?" Source book: Artscroll's "Living Simchah: Finding the joy in Everything" by Rabbi Hadar Margolin. Admission is free. Donations are welcome. More details to follow. For more info, e-mail info@actt613.org or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762.

• **Motzai Shabbos, Nov 18 - 9:00 PM - Tiferes DVD for women** Current teleconference: "Between You and Me - The Torah's Wisdom on Relationships". Speaker: Mrs. Rochel Goldbaum to be held at the home of Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Rd.

• **Sun, Dec 10 - 12:00 noon - RJJ Ladies Luncheon - Honoring Mrs. Shelly Presby**, will be held at Cong. Ohr Torah. More details to follow. For more info, please call JJ at 732-985-6533.

Mazal Tov

- Mr. & Mrs. Dov Gertler upon the birth of a daughter
- Mr. & Mrs. Psachya Septimus upon Devorah's Bas Mitzvah
- Dr. & Mrs. Charles Eisengart upon Yosef's Bar Mitzvah
- Mr. & Mrs. Avi Kamelhar upon Avigail's marriage to Meyer Rokowsky

Catch 'em Being Good

Dear Mrs. Schwartz

I must share with you the cutest thing that happened tonight! One of my kids was complaining about not being able to figure something out on their homework, and when Chanala overheard, she immediately piped up, "That's a fixed mindset".. And proceeded to give us all an education about what to say if you are in a "growth mindset" "...She said she learned it from you!! Wow.. that's really amazing for 3rd grade! We are really impressed!

- Mrs. E. Nusbaum