



YESHIVA
SHAAREI TZION

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FYI

- **SAVE THE DATE** - Mother-Daughter Event Motzei Shabbos, January 20th, 2018
- On Fri, Nov 24th there will be a Professional Development program for teachers in both the Girls and Preschool divisions. Therefore, there will be no sessions in both schools.
- Friday, Nov 24 the boys school will not have any busing. There will be minyan at 7:30 for 7th & 8th grade (no minyan bus) as well as a regular start time for Pre1A - 6th grade. Dismissal will be at 12:15. Please arrange carpools.
- Parent Teacher conferences in the boys school will be on Wed, November 29th. You may call the office starting Sunday, to schedule your appointments. If you have middle school sons, appointments will be available early.
- **Attn Parents:** Take some time to peruse the Display My Art brochure sent home this week with your child's artwork. Instructions for ordering can be found on the back. Any personalized items you order by Monday, November 20th will be shipped to your home at no charge. Orders placed at any time will help support the school. It's a great idea for Chanukah gifts!
- All men are invited to an Oneg Shabbos Kumsitz this Friday night at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Rabbi Hillel Feldman, 20 Brookfall Road. Warm up this Shabbos with beautiful niggunim, inspirational Divrei Torah, and great food! Bring a friend and get to know newcomers to the community!
- There will be no Bnos or Pirchei for grades 1-5 this week. There will be Mincha at 2:45 pm and Pirchei Beis Medrash at 3:05 pm.
- Avos Ubonim is this Motzai Shabbos, from 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. at the Agudah.
- The Boys' Night Seder program 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).
- Chai Lifeline will be starting its Chanukah Toy Drive. Gifts for all ages, tots to teenagers, are being collected in all buildings. Please do not wrap the items.



Parsha Points

“ויצא הראשון אדמני כולו כאדרת שער ויקראו שמו עשו”

“And the first one came out ruddy all over like a hairy mantle, and they called his name Eisav.”

Rashi explains that the name Eisav is derived from the root word עשה (made). Consequently, the name Eisav was given to him because of his appearance. He was completely formed and matured. We may suggest that the Torah is not merely concerned with describing Eisav's extraordinary physical appearance, but rather in teaching a fundamental spiritual message, as well. Eisav exemplified a unique type of evil, evil disguised as good. The Midrash compares him to a large vessel, externally bejeweled with diamonds, while internally consisting of earthenware. He cared only for the superficial, viewing himself as complete as long as he appeared perfect externally. He was not concerned with his inner self-development. He had no desire for change, for he felt he wasn't lacking anything. In describing Eisav, this *pasuk* alludes to the following thought. In order to be able to accept lessons and admonishment from others, one must always feel that he can engage in spiritual advancement. It is only through an awareness of our shortcomings that we can work towards achieving perfection.

Horav Yitzchak Aizik Sher, z"l taken from *Peninim on the Torah*

Week in Review

The sixth grade boys are well underway in their goals for a very successful year בט"ד. The **מדות טובות** and **אחדות** in the class is truly remarkable. The boys are working on mastery of **גמרא בפנים**. Beginning this Friday, the boys will have an opportunity to say **שעור חזרה** in front of the class. They are also looking forward to going on a trip to Lakewood after **חנוכה** which will בט"ד, include a visit to Rabbi Adlin, שליט"א.

The first and second grade boys are learning in their art class how to draw, using a grid as a guide for proportions. They drew beautiful scarecrows and water colored theme with a bit of crayon resist technique. Hopefully, you won't be scared away when you walk in to the building seeing them displayed on the front bulletin board. The 5th graders made paper sculptures in preparations for some real wood hammer and gluing projects coming soon.

ו', **בנות מצוה** in preparation of becoming **בת ישראל** will soon begin learning the **sefer** **הליכות**. The **ספר** discusses the special **מצוות** and **הלכות** pertaining to the Jewish woman. To kick off this program, ו' **כתה** enjoyed a trip to Morah Halberg's house in Lakewood. They were privileged to hear inspiring words from Mrs. Penina Rosenberg who encouraged them to set a goal which they could reach in time for their Bas Mitzvah. The girls then used their creativity to make a beautiful craft to go along with the message of the day. ו' **כתה** looks forward to gaining and growing from this program.

If you walk into the girls' **כתה ז'**, you would be blown away by the **רוח** and spark that the girls have for learning! **דקדוק** is one of their favorite subjects. What makes it especially fun and exciting is Morah Frankl's many different pairs of (con't on pg 2)

Preschool Jottings

One of the highlights in our kindergarten classes is a weekly visit from *Savta Middos*, who teaches a *mitzvah/midda* connected to the *Aleph Beis* letter that they are learning. It was a magical moment in the classroom when *Savta Middos* walked in and the children displayed utmost *Derech Eretz* for her and stood up! While learning to recognize the letter *Daled* and its sound, they also learned many different acts that display *Derech Eretz*. The children all agreed that *Derech Eretz* is so important when interacting with our friends, relatives and family members.

The children in the nursery class learned to recognize the color blue this week and were fascinated by bodies of water that are blue. They looked carefully at pictures of lakes, oceans, rivers, waterfalls and streams and identified similarities and differences.

Our apple unit is behind us. We are on to our new Lots of Language unit that we titled "SIZE ME UP!" We are learning about a variety of things that come in three sizes – big, medium and small. We started with bears – a Papa Bear, a Mama Bear and a Baby Bear. All the items that belonged to the bears, well, they were big, medium and small as well.

We were flooded with mitzvah notes and were so proud of the children who offered help to their friends, siblings and parents, by saying the Word-of-the-Week: "How can I help you?" This week, our new words will help children express themselves when someone is bothering them: "Can you please stop doing that? It really bothers me!"

sunglasses that she wears to illustrate how to see דקדוק in a “different perspective.” ל”ט מלאכות is also a favorite in כתה ז’. תלמידות are filled with interest when studying about the הלכות of שבת. Whether it is אב מלאכה or תולדה, they are always excited to learn something new! That is quickly becoming כתה ז’ motto - “Always thrilled to learn something new!”

Morah Devorah’s Pre1a girls completed their unit on Fall/ Autumn, using a “K-W-L” chart to guide their learning.. 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 emerge, giving the leaves all the beautiful colors of Fall.

Mrs. Anolik’s 4th grade girls just finished their Restaurant Project. First they came up with an idea for a restaurant. For example, Adina Lieblich created a school-style restaurant called “Yeshiva Shaarei Eat.” The guests set out dishes, get their orders taken by a teacher and listen to the ‘school’ choir perform while awaiting their meals. Then the girls created cleverly designed and descriptively written menus. If you like books, you might be interested in Yakira Lockspeiser’s book-themed cafe. I would recommend her, “Once Upon a Salad” which comes with our indescribable toppings: Grimm Brothers pickles, Fancy Nancy tomatoes and Harry Potter corn.

Part of the project also involved writing a review of their restaurant. Faigy Blau’s Little Red’s Smoked and BBQ received high acclaim. “As I took a bite, I exploded!!” “I screamed!!” “I loved the place!” “The food was out of this world!” “I will never go to a different restaurant again!” “If you want delicious food, run over to Little Red’s Smoked and BBQ. Oh, and one more thing - the chef is a nine-year old!” When the project was completed, the girls celebrated in their own classroom-turned-restaurant. The service was phenomenal!

Science in 6th grade has been quite busy these past few weeks. Mrs. Epstein’s students have been learning all about viruses and bacteria and how they impact their 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 it grew bacteria. If you want to know the best way to keep your hands clean and germ-free just ask the 6th grade!!

Meanwhile, the budding 7th grade scientists concluded their unit on photosynthesis and respiration with an exciting experiment proving which factors directly affect these processes. 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 their daily lives. Stay tuned for more exciting discoveries in Science!

The 8th grade girls are starting to work on their Toshiba Exploravision project, under Mrs. Brotsky’s direction. This yearly project is a highlight of the 8th grade science class, challenging the girls to will use science and engineering skills to research, envision and design an original invention that may be used in the future. Applying the technologies that they are already familiar with to “think outside the box” brings out fantastic thinking - We are looking forward to seeing their original and creative projects!

Local News & Shiurim

- A new Sofer Class will begin this Sunday, Nov 19th at Cong. Etz Ahaim with Rabbi Bassous at 4:45 p.m. (right after Mincha). The goal is to write your own Megillah. For more information, please contact Rabbi David Bassous at 732-247-3839.
- Rebbitzin Eichenstein’s classes for women: No class on Sun, Nov 18 or Mon, Nov 19.
- Mrs. Leah Drillman’s Shimiras Haloshon class: Mon, Nov 21 at 7:30 PM at 407 North 8th Ave, Edison.
- Mrs. Miri Cohen’s Parsha: Tues, Nov 21st 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 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**, to be held at Cong. Ohr Torah. More details to follow. For more info, please call JJ at 732-985-6533.

Mazal Tov!

- Rabbi & Mrs. Ephraim Gershon Cohen upon the birth of a daughter
 - Rabbi Yosef & Mrs. Miriam Cohen upon the birth of a daughter
 - Rabbi & Mrs. Elchanan Freund upon the birth of a son
- Rabbi & Mrs. Shmuel Backenroth upon Ricki’s upcoming Bas Mitzvah
 - Mr. & Mrs. Gil Dersovitz upon Eliana’s upcoming Bas Mitzvah
 - Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Lasar upon Yehuda’s upcoming Bar Mitzvah
- Rabbi Shmuel & Morah Rochel Klang upon their son, Yaakov Yosef’s engagement to Nomi Zyskind from Brooklyn
- Rabbi & Mrs. Dovid Bak upon Pinny’s marriage to Hadassa Hirsch
 - Mr. Michael & Morah Mindy Abboudi upon Chaya’s marriage to Yossi Elijahu

Library Additions

The following books were donated by Mrs. Rivka Adler:

- Love of Torah
in honor of Yehuda Lasar’s Bar Mitzvah
- The Wonderful Story of Mottel
in honor of Yosef Eisengart’s Bar Mitzvah