

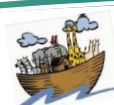


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FYI

- The weather is getting cooler with a nice autumn chill in the mornings. Why not warm up with a YST hoodie for \$20 each. Just call the girls' school office to place your order.
- Save the dates:
Oct. 29th - 1st grade boys chumash play at 11:15 am.
Nov 5th - 5th grade boys haschalas gemara. Time to be announced.
- Pirchei and Bnos Malka will IY"H begin next Shabbos, Parshas Lech Lecha. Fathers willing to join the rotation for Pirchei Beis Medrash should please contact Arya Eisner at 732-547-4994 or at pircheiedisonhp@gmail.com.
- A new Boys' Night Seder program is starting this coming week at the Agudah. Please see the accompanying flier for more details. Any fathers willing to volunteer to be there on a regular basis should please contact Arya Eisner at 732-547-4994.
- Stay tuned for the new Kriah initiative in the boys school that will be starting next week, ב"ס"ד. Details will be forthcoming.
- Sun, Oct 29th - One day Only Fall Photo Event - offering 15 minute "mini sessions" by Malki Svei. For more info, see attached flyer. 10% of the proceeds benefit YST.
- Box Tops for Education: With school back in swing, our collection of Box Tops resumes. Hopefully you have bagsful of them waiting at home from your summer collection - please clip them and send them in to school.
- Smile.Amazon.com - Another way to help raise money for our school is by designating YST through Amazon. We receive a percentage of all purchases. Just type in smile.amazon.com and sign us up!
- Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards is a great way to donate money to YST. It's easy. Just register your Stop N Shop card to the school ID 07594
- My Coke Rewards - Please collect and send in your Coke Rewards bottle caps. Bottle caps are redeemed for cash and go towards the Principal's Discretionary Fund.



Parsha Points

"...Noach walked with Hashem." "את האלקים התהלך נח..."

The commentary *Netzach Yisrael* expounds the three words **התהלך** **נח** **האלקים**, stating, "If you form a word using the last letters of these three words in their reverse order the result is **חכם**, sage." This indicates that Noach was a wise man. The fact that only the reverse arrangement of the letters produces the word **חכם** demonstrates that Noach was not an ordinary wise man. He was a great Sage, who contemplated each proposition from both its positive and negative aspects, as thesis and antithesis. He studied each question forward and backward, and he did this because he did not trust his intuition to arrive at the truth. Concerning Noach, the Torah states "A whole-hearted man was he in his generation." Rashi defines the meaning of **תמים**, whole-hearted, as the quality of humility and meekness. Thus, it may be said that Noach was a humble man, and it was this quality of humility that prompted him to analyze each problem so thoroughly, considering all aspects and viewing it from all angles. In his sincere modesty, he did not believe he had the ability to arrive at the truth in a flash of intuitive genius. He searched for truth through the long and arduous process of reasoning, in the manner of a true Sage, and thus he arrived at the Truth of Torah.

Chida Taken from Torah Treasurers

Week in Review

There is a beautiful **רוח** and feeling of excitement in Rabbi Akerman's second grade. They got right back into the swing of things and are learning **חזנוש** like true second graders. The boys are already able to identify the common **שורשים** and are mastering the **פסוקים** like real pros. **שירי** 'כתה ב' choir have begun to raise their voices in song, and will surely enhance their **שבת** tables. In addition, Mrs. Gruenebaum reports that the boys are have begun their Scott Foresman reading program and are learning new skills in math, while simultaneously reviewing basic math facts. The boys are enjoying the News On The Run Current Events Program, which lead to rich discussions of world happenings. We look forward to a year full of knowledge and growth.

Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan gave the girls a chance to celebrate with the opening G.O. Assembly. After a beautiful t'fila together, the girls in grades 4 - 8 gathered to admire the "CELEBRATE in One-Eight" breakout performance by G.O. heads Basheva Brown, Rivky Nusbaum, Malka Paul, and Chasi Zeilberger. Against a backdrop of colorful balloons and party hats, the girls learned the new G.O. theme song and decorated cupcakes. Special thanks to Morah Frankl for coordinating this exciting opening event.

Meanwhile, grades Pre1 - 4 crafted timely rainbows in honor of Rosh Chodesh/erev Shabbos Parshas Noach. All in all, the girls school ended their first post-Sukkos, back-to-school week with great school spirit!

Preschool Jottings

With big smiles and great enthusiasm, the children pranced back into school following *Yom Tov*. They had so many things to share and to tell their *Moros* and their friends. We heard about *Simchas Torah* dancing, we heard about *Chol Hamoed* trips, we heard about delicious menus and we heard many children singing **שערי**!

The children enjoyed a trip to Johnson Park to see just some of the many animals that boarded Noach's *Taivah*. Many of the preschoolers fed the animals carrots and celery. We tried hard to figure out whether the animal was kosher or non-kosher and just how many of each were on the *Taivah*.

The most exciting day for our kindergarten children was Tuesday! They celebrated an *Aleph-Beis* party as they began their year-long journey to "*Aleph-Beis Land!*" How sweet are the letters of the *Aleph Beis* that are found in the *Torah*! By learning the sounds of each letter, we will be on the way to learning how to read words from a *Siddur* and *Torah*.

Our first word-of-the-week lesson happened this week! We learned how to say "good morning" and "hello" to our teachers and friends. We learned the importance of eye contact and the right tone of our voice. Saying the word correctly and politely, makes another person happy and keeps them smiling the whole day!

In the girls's school...

Mrs. Anolik's girls just finished reading the book The Elevator Family in the 4th grade. The book was very silly, but they were still able to find over 24 lessons, or messages that they could take from the book. Each girl made a beautiful sign with one of the lessons in it to hang up in their cozy trailer classroom. Here are a few uplifting signs decorating their room to remind all to...

- Always have a smile on your face. - תמיד יש להאיר
- Enjoy your family. - Make people happy.
- Be happy with what you have. - Be nice.
- Be busy, not bored. - Be brave.
- You can always make new friends. - Respect others.
- Be a good sport.

Mrs. Epshteyn's 7th grade Language Arts class has been discussing bold actions: They've read and written about numerous sailing trips gone awry, debated how far a parent should go in supporting a kid's dream of climbing Mount Everest, and learned what it means to "fly too close to the sun." Meanwhile, the 8th graders have examined various aspects of the immigrant experience in essays, a research study, and a memoir. They are noticing how writers use figurative language and imagery to connect ideas and evoke strong emotions.

Mrs. Brotsky's 8th grade Science class is investigating wave energy using slinkies. They will be using their knowledge about waves and the engineering design process to solve an engineering challenge and to design a soundproof container. They will be testing their design using a decibel meter and will then have time to modify and improve their designs.

The Power of YET

Developing a growth mindset is high priority for the teachers of the girls school. The simple addition of the powerful word "YET" goes a long way to infuse optimism and resilience into every situation. Keep your ears open for inspiring anecdotes and we are happy to share episodes of The Power of YET that come our way!

Devorah Fisch came home from school thoughtful - her class was playing trench in gym, and after waiting for a while, she finally caught the ball and was elated! She was about to throw it when she was asked to pass the ball to a stronger player. She asked herself why didn't she get a chance, but immediately remembered what Mrs. Brudny had said at the opening assembly. "I'm must not be a good trench player . . . YET!" The thought kept on reverberating through her mind, and helped Devorah to see the positive side of a very challenging situation.

Mazal Tov

- Rabbi Meir & Mrs. Meira Brotsky upon the birth of a grandson
- Rabbi & Mrs. Hayim Leiter upon Yehoshua's Bar Mitzvah
- Mr. & Mrs. Binyamin Roscher upon Moshe's Bar Mitzvah
- Mr. & Mrs. Moshe Stern upon Elana's Bas Mitzvah

Bulletin Board

• **Thurs, Oct 26 - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Middlesex County Great BIG CHALLAH BAKE at the Rutgers Hillel, 70 College Ave., New Brunswick.** - Join Hundreds of women and children from Middlesex County take part in the Shabbos experience of making challah together to promote unity. This project is sponsored by "The Shabbos Project" and supported by the Jewish Federation & CyberKnights. Register at Eventbrite.com. All Kashrus is supervised by Rabbi Unterman of the Young Israel of East Brunswick. Proceeds to benefit Chai Lifeline. See flyer for more details.

• **Sun, Nov 12 - 7:30 p.m.** - Rabbi Moshe Tzvi Weinberg will speak at the **ACTT Happiness Module 2 kickoff event.** 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.

Writer's Corner



The girls in Kittah Aleph are great at cross learning. Many of them were so excited to put their very new Hebrew vocabulary to use to construct simple sentences connecting to Parshas Noach. Enjoy a sampling of the great thinking and writing they've been doing. (We only wish we could have included the illustrations.)

התבה תחת המים. המשפחה בתבה. החלון בהתבה. <i>Racheli Sorotzkin</i>	התבה במים. היונה ליד התבה. היונה על העץ. <i>Emmy Weiss</i>	משפחה בתבה. נח ליד תבה. נעמה ליד התבה. <i>Miriam Birnbaum</i>
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It is a tradition in Morah Frankl's 7th grade to share a "class diary" for the girls to record the events of the school year. The journal passes from girl to girl each evening and the entries flow from the mundane to the monumental - in Ivrit, of course! Enjoy Tamar Shakarchi's colorful description below:

אני לא יכולה לחכות לסתו
יש מזג אויר נעים, אבל מתחיל להיות קריר.
כשהעלים משתנים צבע וגופלים,
אני אוהבת לאסוף העלים ולקפוץ בערמה.
אחר, אני שותה שוקולד חם.

Local News & Shiurim

- Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class on Sun, Oct 22 at 11:00 AM at the Agudah; Parsha class on Mon, Oct 23 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah.
- Mrs. Miri Cohen 's Parsha: Tues, Oct 24 at 9:30 AM at the home of Leah Epshtein, 253 Lawrence Avenue, Highland Park.
- Rabbi Yisroel Weiss' shiur, "Living with Parsha", for men and women: CHANGE IN LOCATION: Wed evenings at 8:30 PM in the Khal Chassidim dining room, entrance through front door of house. There will not be a shiur Wed, October 25th. For more info, please call Marsha at 732-777-1155.
- The Edison/Highland Park gown Gemach, L'iluy Nishmas R' Yitzchok Ben Binyomin, is open for business! The Gemach houses a wide selection of gowns for children, pre-teen, teens and adults. Please note the Gemach is still looking for donation of gowns in very good condition. Tax deduction is given and pick up of the gowns can also be arranged. For more information and/or to schedule an appointment please call Sara Scott at 516-526-0941.