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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. 11:00AM
- A fascinating article on the effects of Smart-phones on our ability to concentrate was published in the Wall Street Journal during Sukkos. See the attached printout.
- Come check out the "profession" as Bnos Malka of Edison/HP begins this Shabbos. at 2:15 in the Agudah for girls grades Pre-1a through 8th. Remembr to bring your badges next week.
- Pirchei and Pirchei Beis Medrash are starting up this week and will be from 3:15 to 4:15 at the Agudah. There will be a minyan for Mincha before Pirchei at 2:50.
- A new Boys' Night Seder program is starting this week at the Agudah. The Night Seder program at the Agudah gives 7th & 8th Grade boys a chance to experience Beis Medrash learning with a Chavrusah. Join us each night from 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).
- Stay tuned for the new Kriah initiative in the boys school that will be starting next week, בס"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!



## Parsha Points

In this week's Parsha we find that when בני ישראל were told they will multiply, they were compared to the stars in the sky. We find elsewhere that בני ישראל were compared to the sand of the earth. What is the significance of these two comparisons?

Sometimes people think to themselves "I'm not ready to keep working so hard - I've grown a lot - I'm good". This attitude is not a healthy one. It is brought in ספרים that no Jew may ever become complacent and comfortable with his successes and accomplishments in spiritual growth. That's because concerning spirituality one never stays in the same place - he is either growing and moving upward toward the stars or declining and going downward. One must always strive for and continue growing. He must make sure to be heading upwards because otherwise he will be in decline.

That is the lesson we can learn from being compared to the stars in the sky and the sand of the earth - because it's either one or the other.



## Week in Review

ג' כתי boys are very motivated to שטייג and are learning and davening with great enthusiasm. They are enjoying learning רש"י inside. When learning פרשת השבוע about Noach's תיבה, they measured the Yeshiva hallway and gym - it only measured 200 אמות which is 2/3 of the length of the תיבה! The boys were amazed to realize that the תיבה was longer than our whole Yeshiva!

The third grade boys at YST are off to a great start! The boys are getting into routine and have begun learning. They are reviewing addition and subtraction math facts, and will be going on to three and four digit addition and subtraction shortly. They are also well into the first unit in reading and are learning many skills, as well as the value of money and the worth of saving money! (Though we do need to spend some...) We are looking forward to a great year of learning and growth in 3rd grade!

The 5th and 6th grade classes in both the boys and girls school are in for a fantastic treat this year. Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion is proud to be hosting the engaging חמדת הארץ long-distance learning program that focuses on the special מצוות associated with the privilege of living in Eretz Yisroel. Through engaging videos and interactive lessons skyped in real-time, the students will gain both a deeper understanding of many unfamiliar halachos and an appreciation of everyday life in our holy land. Appropriately, the program began this week of Parshas Lech-Lecha, taking their own first steps towards creating a loving

## Preschool Jottings

Monday morning was just the perfect weather to go apple picking. We were off to Eastmont Orchards, where the children were able to walk through the orchard and notice so many, many varieties of apples. They each twisted and pulled and picked five apples of their favorite variety. Before we left, the children watched the workers weigh our huge bundle of apples. It was a very heavy, very sweet and a very delicious bushel!

The learning of the *Aleph Beis* is very thrilling for our kindergarten children. Morah Mimi and Morah Irene's class had a *Beis Show* 'n Tell Day. They went to do the *mitzvah* of *Bikur Cholim*, learned about בשמים and *Savta Middos* taught the children to be careful with בל תשחית. Morah Rochel and Morah Faige gave the children an opportunity to bring a special visitor with them to school on Thursday - but it had to be in the form of a בובה! What fun it was to have American Girl Dolls visiting the classroom, along with some animals, some pets and some little babies.

What is the job of a shepherd? Morah Devora taught the children about Avram Avinu's job as a shepherd and how he was so careful that his sheep did not eat the grass that did not belong to him. When the nursery children pull out the little sheep from their backpack and cover it's mouth with a muzzle, you will know exactly what they learned about this week's *parsha*!

Now that we have the greeting of "good morning" down pat, we can move on in our word-of-the-week program and learn how to say "good bye" or "have a good day" or "I'll see you later!" The word of the week stickers that the children earn have made these words very valuable in YST Preschool.

bond to the land of our forefathers.

Potato kugel on a Wednesday afternoon? Morah Frankl 's 7th graders dressed, dined and delighted with the opening session of their **ל"ט מלאכות** curriculum. The girls were treated to the very special privilege of having Rabbi Zev Trenk, *Menahel* of Yeshiva Darchei Torah, speak to them. His dramatic and thought-provoking stories of the centrality of Shabbos to our existence was a most memorable experience!

The 6th grade girls have shown that they can become experts on any topic using the "Post-It" note-taking technique after Mrs. A. Gross, modeled note-taking by using the book, *If You Lived During the Time of Martin Luther King*. Each student used a non-fiction children's book of their choice and took notes on post-its. The girls found that after taking the notes, they were able to give over what they learned to a partner. In addition to the note-taking, the girls placed items listed on the board into two categories of their choice. They then examined different examples of turning a text into an outline. Each girl used their sticky notes to create an outline for a brief presentation. It was amazing to see each girl present without even having to glance at their notes or outline.

## Catch 'em Being Good

Dear Mrs. Brudny:

I must tell you about something special that I noticed in my classroom. At the end of the day, the classroom is often kind of messy and disorganized because we are so busy learning all day long. Well, I turned around the other day before I left and saw that the crates, chairs, stools and pencils were all being put away. Nope - it wasn't the janitor working hard, nor was it magic. Actually it was Penny Berger putting everything just where it belongs. Do you know what kind of help that is - that our classroom is neat and ready for the next day of learning? Thank you Penny! You are so helpful!

Love, Mrs. Schwartz

## Writer's Corner

*The first grade girls discussed and wrote about different people involved in animal care and the responsibilities they have.*



- \* A pet owner feeds the animals and walks the animals and brings the animals to the vet. - Avigail Josefovitz
- \* A vet can help animals. An owner can feed dogs. Trainers can train dogs. - Yehudis Nusbaum
- \* Vets help animals when they're sick. Vets give shots. Vets give medicine to sick animals. - Batsheva Goldfinger
- \* A vet helps sick animals. If they are acting different, then take them to the vet. - Rina Feldman

## Bulletin Board

• **Motzai Shabbos, October 28 at 8:15 PM** - The Women's Learning Initiative presents **the Annual Rochel Imeinu Yartzeit video**. The video will be shown at the Orani home, 292 North 5th Ave, Highland Park. This year's video features Rabbi Jonathan Rietti, Rabbi Paysach Krohn, and Rebbitzin Tehilla Jaeger. Suggested donation: \$10 to Aniyei Eretz Yisroel.

• **Motzai Shabbat, Nov 4 - 8:00 pm** - **The Highland Park/Edison Connects** is proud to present **Cocoa and Crafts**, our next event open to all women in the community! Join us at Cong. Ahavas Yisrael (1587 Route 27, Edison). You can take home what you make or donate it to hospitals in the area! The cost is only \$10 and advanced registration is required; space is limited so reserve yours today! RSVP can be made to Leah Epshteyn at pollack.leah@gmail.com. Any questions feel free to reach out to Hannah Farkas, Faygie Lobel, or Leah Epshteyn.

• **Motzai Shabbos, Nov 4 - 8:30 pm** - **Tiferes DVD** Titled: "Attitude of Gratitude – the secret to a life of happiness". Speakers: Rabbi Avigdor Miller z"l, Rabbi Ephraim Eliyahu Shapiro, Rabbi Meir Wikler, and Mrs. Bas-sheva Alpert. The DVD will be shown at the home of Aviva Siegel 16 Edgemount Rd.

• **Sun, Nov 12 - 7:30 p.m.** - 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.

## Mazal Tov

- Rabbi & Mrs. Avi Bodlander upon Eta's Bas Mitzvah
- Mr. & Mrs. Yisroel Blumberg upon Shoshana's marriage to Judah Schwartz

## Local News & Shiurim

- Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: No class on Sunday, October 29; Parsha class on Monday, October 30 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah.
- Mrs. Miri Cohen 's Parsha: Tues, Oct 31 at 9:30 AM at the home of Leah Epshtein, 253 Lawrence Avenue, Highland Park.
- Tehillim group: There is a new Woman's Tehillim group every Shabbos afternoon at 3:45 PM at Congregation Etz Ahaim, 230 Dennison St, Highland Park. Please join us.
- 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. 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.

המקום ינחם...

- **Morah Raizy Krauss upon the loss of his father, Rabbi Yaakov Hirsh, ז"ל.**  
Morah Krauss will be sitting shiva at 1258-46th St. until Wed morning.