



YESHIVA
SHAAREI TZION

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FYI

- Boys school schedule for this Sunday, Sept. 17th, first day of Selichos, is 10:00 - 12:30 pm.
- Homework Club in the Boys' & Girls' Division has begun. The cost (per week) is \$20 for 2x a week, \$25 for 3x a week and \$30 for 4x a week. If you wish to sign up your child, please call the respective school offices.
- Are you celebrating an upcoming Bar or Bas Mitzvah? In order to ensure that there will be no overlapping of simcha dates, kindly call the school office and register the date of your affair.
- 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.

Welcome back to a new school year
from the PTA!

We have so many exciting ideas and events planned for the upcoming months. Be sure to look in your child's backpack for the new school calendar and fridge magnet. Support the businesses that support our school! Tell the advertisers you saw them in the YST calendar! A big thank you for the beautiful calendar and fridge magnet goes to Alena Bloom, Dubbie Busel, Chava Gross and Regal printing. The hours of work they put in are most appreciated!

If you'd like to help out, have questions to ask, or good ideas to share, drop us a line at ystpta@ystnj.org.

We are always happy to hear from you!

YST PTA



כתיבה וחתימה טובה

The מגיד explains through a משל how much children have to strengthen themselves in תפילה and pour out their hearts before Hashem during the ימים נוראים.

There was once a man traveling with his young son. Whenever they would come upon a difficult place to travel, such as a river, mountain, or valley, the father would bend down, lift up his son and place him upon his shoulders, and carry him safely through. Late one evening, they arrived at a fortified city with towering walls. The only entrance to the city had been securely latched for the night. The father was frightened; listening to the howling winds, he reminded himself of reports of bandits that prowled around outside the city walls. There were wild merciless bands who would rob their victims and show no mercy. Looking up, the father noticed a small window; not large enough for an average man, but a small child might be able to slip through if he tried. The father turned to his son and said, "My child, until now I've cared for you and protected and carried you; at this point I need your help. The only way to gain entrance into the city is through that small window. If you climb up and squeeze through the window and climb down the inside of the wall and unlatch the city gates, we can still be saved."

Generally, all of a child's needs are provided by his parents. However, Rosh Hashana - a time when we all come before Hashem with תפילה parents could have their children fill their needs. As the גמרא says, without the בית המקדש it is difficult for a person's תפילות to reach up to Hashem. But the תפילות of young children are very, very powerful, as they are considered to be without חטא. If you, children strengthen yourselves in תפילה and Daven from the depths of your hearts, Hashem will accept your תפילות to open up the gates of חסד for all of us and בענטש us with a good, sweet year.

Week in Review



On Thursday afternoon, the boys of grades 6 - 8 had the unique opportunity of participating in the dedication of their Beis Medrash, newly named בית מדרש חזון נחום R' iluy nishmas R' Nochim Zeldes, z"l. The boys gathered, as usual for mincha, and were joined by Mr. Stern, members of the Va'ad Hachinuch, and members of the greater Zeldes and Brudny families, to participate in this meaningful event. Rabbi Herskowitz spoke of the special qualities of a *makom tefila*, and introduced Rabbi Tzvi Rotberg, editor of the *Mishnas R' Aharon*, who told the boys that he was gratified to participate because he had promised Rabbi Zeldes, z"l, to share a poignant story of *mesirus nefesh* for Torah that he had first-hand evidence of. One day, Rabbi Zeldes came to the publication offices of *Mishnas R' Aharon*, where Rabbi Rotberg was working on something that appeared to be target practice. Upon closer inspection, the sheets of target practice were filled in with *Divrei Torah*. Rabbi Rotberg told the boys that he had received the manuscript from the son of the author, who spent the war years in Siberia. There was a severe shortage of paper and the only way that the *mechaber* was able to compose his Torah thoughts was to walk 15 km in the freezing cold of Siberia to an army training camp, where he would scavenge through the garbage bins for used target practice sheets of paper. R' Nochim, z"l, was so moved by this display of *mesirus nefesh*, that he asked Rabbi Rotberg to share it with others. Sure enough, Rabbi Rotberg brought photocopies of the original writings as tangible evidence of this incredible devotion and distributed the copies to each of the participants. Rabbi Brudny ended the program by appealing to the boys, who enjoy the beauty of the *Beis Medrash Chazon Nochim* on a daily basis, to enter its wall with the joyous knowledge of the privilege of *t'fila*.

Pre1a is certainly a great place to learn and play. Although we only had one week of school, the boys are already ex-

Preschool Jottings

Now that the first full week of preschool is behind us, surely you heard about some of the daily specials. On any given day of the week, you can remind your child - it's _____ day and you're going to enjoy...

On Monday the children sing along with Morah Zehava Feuer in a lively music session.

Tuesday features our Lots of Language Program. We have started our first unit of the year - All About Apples.

Wednesday is the day the children enjoy Movement & Fitness with Morah Rikki Samel.

On Thursday, Morah Devorah Mueller teaches the preschoolers Beginner's Art. You will be amazed at the skills and instructions that the children follow and learn.

Erev Shabbos Kodesh always brings a Shabbos Party!

The upcoming Yomim Tovim are a wonderful opportunity for the children to show off their projects that they work so hard to make. They are always eager to explain what the "creations" are and to listen to comments of parents, siblings, relatives and friends as they "kvel"! Ksiva V'Chasima Tovah to the entire YST Family and may we all be zoche to a year of health, happiness and much, much nachas.

parts at following directions, playing with each other and have learned so much about **ב-א**, *Parsha* and *Rosh Hashana*. The *Kriah* resource staff headed by Mrs. Silber is taking a proactive approach this year in really “raising the bar” in *Kriah* fluency, accuracy and phonological awareness. We are excited and hopeful that the many activities, centers and projects that we have planned, along with consistent and continuous assessments of the boys’ *Kriah* levels will help them become confident and successful readers. Fortunately, we have a wonderful and eager group of boys in Pre -1a who have gotten off to a super start!

After a most successful summer *Kriah* program, our *talmidim* enjoyed the “last licks” of summer vacation! An ice cream popsicle was given out to each boy who completed the summer *Kriah* homework. In addition, all boys who handed in their *Kriah* homework were entered into their class raffle. Congratulations to our grand prize winners! Aryeh Freund- 2nd grade, Eliyahu Alyesh- 3rd grade, Moshe Kommet - 4th grade, and Moshe Mordechai Lax- 5th grade. Stay tuned to our upcoming school-wide *Kriah* programs! We initiated our first program - “*Tefillos Limei Ratzon*” this week. We are looking forward to sharing together in the growth and success of our *talmidim* through this exciting and meaningful endeavor!

The inclement weather this past Wednesday was not a deterrent for Pre 1A and 1st grade boys. They headed out to Giamarese Farms in East Brunswick for an afternoon of apple picking. A hayride around the farm was entertaining and informative as Farmer Jim steered the students through his apple and peach orchards, as well as his fields of corn, asparagus, pumpkins, strawberries and tomatoes. Then, equipped with plastic bags, the boys scampered off enthusiastically in the rain through the groves to carefully select the finest Gala apples off the fruit laden trees. Our heartfelt thanks go out to Mrs. Gruenebaum for coordinating this outing and to Harvey for the safe transportation to the farm and back to school.

The Pre1a girls are off to a great busy start. Our review of **ב-א** is **ה"ב** going well. We had so much fun when we learned **אונות ד**. We each held a fake **דבורה** - bee, and sang an adorable song asking the **דבורה** not to sting us! Then we baked **דבש דבש** - honey cookies to enjoy for **השנה** the **ראש השנה**!

We are off to a great start in the 3rd grade girls class. As we practice our 3rd grade procedures and get familiar with our supplies, we are all feeling more comfortable in our new surroundings. We have already begun digging into our class library and finding books that are the perfect fit. Our class has been building our reading stamina, while reading with their minds on, and making sure to check for understanding. Look, Say charts and Rainbow Writes are two activities that we have learned to help improve our spelling skills. In math we are reviewing place value! More to come for a fantastic year!

In Mrs. Perr’s 5th grade math class, we are beginning the year with place value and understanding how the numbers are related to each other on the place value chart. The 6th grade, the girls learned about ratios and now are working on solving challenging word problems involving ratios. We are also sharpening our thinking skills.

Mazal Tov

- Rabbi & Mrs. Dovid Bak upon Pinny’s engagement to Hadassah Hirsch from Lakewood
- Rabbi Baruch & Morah Sarah Goodman upon Esther’s engagement to Levi Edelman from France
- Mr. & Mrs. Chaim Strenger upon the birth of a daughter



Bulletin Board

- **Shabbos, Sept 16 - 5:30 P.M.** All women are invited to a special **Pre-Rosh Hashana shiur** given by Rabbi Malitzky. The shiur will take place at the home of Devora and Effy Zinkin, 487 Harrison.
- **Motzai Shabbos, Sept, 16 - 8:45pm.** - **Highland Park/Edison Connects** invites the women of our community to our Annual September “Kick-Off the (school) Year” **Potluck Melava Malka**. This year’s kick-off Melave Malka will be taking place at 22 Celler Rd, Edison. Whether you have recently moved in and are looking to meet people or whether you have been here a while and want to reconnect with old friends (and make new ones while welcoming everyone who has recently moved into our town!) we encourage you to come and bring a dish! For questions or to RSVP please email Rachelle_Stern@yahoo.com. More information to follow! Thank you! Elle Lieblich, Faygie Lobel, Rikki Samel, Rachelle Stern.
- **Sun, Sept 17 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.** **Emunah** is joining Highland Park for their annual township wide garage sale. It will be held at Redlich home, 437 Harrison Ave, Highland Park. Please look through your home and feel free to donate anything and everything to make this event a success. We are looking for all sorts of items including furniture, bicycles, glassware, dishes, picture frames, Judaica, etc... Now is the time to clean out your home of all those unwanted gifts and used items. For drop off information, which will begin after September 13, please call Sue Redlich at 732-558-4917. We welcome volunteers throughout the day. Please call Sue to be assigned a 2 hour time slot. Chessed hours can also be provided to students.
- **Mon Sept 18 - 7:30-9pm** - **2nd Annual RPRY Bake Sale** will be held at 77 Lexington Avenue, Edison. Challah, Babka and all of your yom tov desserts! Come early, leave happy! If you pre-ordered, please pick up at this time and location.
- **Sun, Sept 17 - 7:15 p.m.** - **Annual I. David and Miriam Goldstein Teshuva Lecture** to be held at Cong. Ohr Torah 48 Edgemount Rd. Rabbi YY Rubenstein is the featured speaker who will speak on “Forgiving the Unforgivable”. Rabbi Rubenstein is a Scottish born international speaker and author and is a frequent presenter at Gateways events.

Catch ‘em Being Good!!

Dear Mrs. Brudny,

I had the lucky fortune of arriving at YST, 5 minutes before the 1st grade was ready to celebrate Elisheva’s birthday. The beautiful sound of their tefillah, culminating in a resounding ‘Ani maamin’ stayed with me all day. And the ‘party’ itself was just as heartwarming- Elisheva glowed as she collected compliments and brachos from all her friends.

May I reciprocate by thanking you and her special Morahs for making YST such a special place, and by wishing you all a ksiva v’chasima tova and much nachas from all your talmidos!

- Mrs. S. Backenroth

Local News & Shiurim

- Rebbitzin Eichenstein’s classes for women: Tefillah class on Sun, Sept. 17 at 11:00 AM at the Agudah; Parsha class on Mon, Sept. 18 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah.
- Get your kids new Shabbos and Yom Tov Shoes at the ShoeShare! Check out the selection of beautiful new and lightly-used kids shoes (up to big kids size 5). European and American brands. Just \$3 per pair. Call Elisheva Blumberg at (347) 416-3693. Check out [facebook.com/shoeshare](https://www.facebook.com/shoeshare) for pictures of all available shoes.
- 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.

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• **Mrs. Julia Jaman upon the loss of her father, זצ"ל**

Shiva is being held in her house, 5 Duley Avenue, until Sunday morning. Shiva times are 9AM - 5PM and 7PM - 9PM