



YESHIVA
SHAAREI TZION

Sept 29, 2017

FYI

- Early Friday dismissal begins after Sukkos on Friday, Oct 20th. Girls grades 6-8 dismiss at 12:30 p.m. and Pre1a-5th grades dismiss at 1:30 p.m. All Boys classes dismiss at 1:30 p.m.
- Devora Mueller's Sunday art classes for girls' grades 1-8 are starting after Succos! For more information and to reserve a slot, please call or text 732-777-7848.
- 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.

YST Boys School Invites all its Talmidim & Alumni, Fathers, Grandfathers and Great Grandfathers to a Gala

אמת א'ת השואה

With Music and Dancing

Monday Night, Chol Hamoed
6:45 - 8:00 p.m. at the Agudah

Refreshments will be served in the Sukkah

Viewing area with refreshments for ladies will be available

גמר וחתימה טובה

"Teshuva"



Confession means to confess one's sin to oneself; this is one of the most essential facets of *teshuva*. The Maharal explains: To acknowledge one's sins is to completely slaughter the *yetzer ha-ra*. By acknowledging one's sins, one gives oneself to Hashem. This leads to the complete removal of the *yetzer ha-ra*, for where one is joined to Hashem there can be no sin. Failing this, one might well return to the sin; this is how human beings act: they are inconsistent.. but when one confesses, "I have sinned to Hashem," one gives oneself completely to Hashem, and thereby completely removes the *yetzer ha-ra* and attaches oneself to Him, Blessed be He.

At the time of the *Bais Hamikdash*, the *kohen gadol* used to make a confession on behalf of all *Yisroel*. This seems extraordinary; how does Maharal's reasoning apply when someone else is confessing for me? We can learn from this that when a *tzaddik* achieves an elevation in level, he raises everyone else with him. When the *kohen gadol* experiences his unworthiness before Hashem, each member of *Klal Yisroel* finds it easier to attain the same experience, and the individual *teshuva* of each finds acceptance. This throws light on the function of *Shaliach-tzibur*, who leads the prayers in the synagogue.

Taken from: *Strive For Truth* by Rabbi Eliyahu Dessler

Week in Review

This was a short but busy week at YST Boys. During *Limudei Kodesh*, the exalted atmosphere of the *Yomim Noraim* was cultivated by each Rebbe in his classroom, and enhanced with special assemblies throughout the week. The Middle School participated in two events. Rabbi Drucker shlit"a, addressed the older boys before *Rosh Hashanah*, and on Tuesday the Middle School joined in a country-wide *Yom Tefillah*." From 1:00-2:00 they coordinated with tens of thousands of yeshiva boys across the U.S. and Canada in *davening mincha* and saying *Tehillim*. On Thursday, the younger division had a chance to hear words of inspiration from Rabbi Cohen, the 3rd grade Rebbe.

During the afternoon, two additions enhanced the General Studies department. First, the beloved science lab schedule began! A very warm welcome to the new lab coordinator, Mrs. Neuwirth, a YST parent and teacher. Thanks to her dedicated preparation, experience, and professionalism, the boys had a chance to experiment and learn to take lab notes at their very first session!

Also newly added were three motivational programs. Middle School writers submitted thoughtful and well written pieces on the theme of "Dreaming of *Eretz Yisroel*". Those who are willing to put in a little more effort to polish their work may enter their writing into a contest. Students in grades 1-5 can "Dive into a Good Book" over the long *Succos* break and enter a reading contest. What great motivation to pick up a book and read! Details of the contest to follow next week. Middle School boys can earn checks and princely privileges by adhering to the higher behavior and academic standards that benefit *b'nei melochim*. Good luck to the participants of each of these contests!

A *g'mar chasima tova* to all of the YST staff and families!!

Preschool Jottings

Back to School Night on Monday gave the preschool staff the opportunity to share our goals for this preschool year, as well as make the parents aware of the curriculum and special programs that we have. Thank you for joining us.

The preschoolers are very familiar with the "do's" and "don'ts" of the Yom Kippur Day. The projects that they pull out of their backpacks will help the children talk and share about all that they have learned. Morah Mimi's class has a book to read to their families – What Would I Do If I Was Swallowed By A Whale. Each of the children expressed their feelings and illustrated a page. They also have a doll that can hit it's heart as it says "I am sorry." Morah Faige and Morah Rochel 's children have chickens for *kaparos* and gloves that remind them how much of their hands we are allowed to wash on Yom Kippur. The nursery children have special bookmarks befitting a precious Siddur or a Machzor. They are just beginning to understand that davening to Hashem is the special way we ask and beg Hashem for our needs.

Thursday was Apple Show 'n Tell Day. The preschoolers were our bunch of apples and they came dressed in apple colors – red, yellow or green! Each of the children brought in something that had to do with an apple – we smiled and laughed at some of the items. We admired applesauce, apple juice box drinks, wooden apples, real apples, apple cereal and a picture of an Apple IPAD! The children learned the phrase – you are the apple of my eye...their new way of expressing ...I like you!

In the girls's school...

Alongside the important lessons that Morah Frankl and Morah Bakst imparted to their girls during this week of *Aseres Y'mei T'shuva*, they also participated in two special events that highlighted the specialness of these days. On Tuesday, the girls joined with hundreds of other middle school girls to daven on behalf of children who are in need of a *refuah*. (See the attached Catch 'em Being Good) On Wednesday afternoon, Rabbi Shlomo Landau portrayed the essence of the familiar refrain of *אברהם אבינו* through three poignant stories that were truly moving and inspirational. May his message of well applied CPR (Charity, Prayer & Repentance) make this Yom Kippur especially meaningful for our girls.

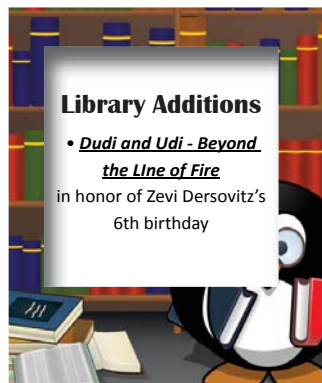
The Pre1a completed their first science unit, "What is Science?" Their goal is to become interested and excited about learning science. Through brainstorming, reading, discussion and activities, they began to see that science is learning about the natural world. Through various activities, the girls will be using thinking and reasoning skills which are an important part of our curriculum.

Mrs. Chait's 5th grade scientists are getting acquainted with the scientific method. After reviewing and analyzing all of the steps for doing experiments, the class conducted a study of different materials and the melting rate of ice. They are now well prepared to tackle the icy front steps in any upcoming snowstorms! Students also carried out an experiment involving a quarter, dime, nickel, penny, and dollar bill to determine which type of money had a magnetic reaction; ask them for the surprising result!

Mrs. Epstein's 6th and 7th graders have been off to a great start in science this year! This past week, The 6th grade was busy designing their very first controlled experiment: discovering the secret behind bread mold!! As part of our unit on living things, the students are testing various needs of living things on the mold, to discover if mold is indeed a living thing or not and what causes it to grow. Some girls chose to place the bread in water, some in airtight containers, and some with oil, just to name a few. Check out our observations next week to find out what happens to our bread!

In 7th grade, the students have been working hard to complete their 3-D models of the cell. The students chose to use all different materials, including boxes, gel, colorful stones, etc. to design their models and represent each of the organelles inside. Each group had a chance to present their model to the class and explain why they used the materials which they did for each organelle. With their hard work, the girls created all sorts of creative and original designs – come by our classroom to see what they've done!!

As the girls school continues to make progress towards its Blended Learning Initiative, the 6th, 7th & 8th grade teachers participated in a Think CERCA webinar this past Tuesday. Think CERCA (Claim, Evidence, Reasoning, Counterargument, Audience) offers CCSS-aligned lessons that promote close reading and argumentative writing for Language Arts, Social Studies and Science classes that includes highly scaffolded argumentative writing lessons and animated mini lessons that promote close reading and critical thinking across subjects. Mrs. Gross already introduced the concept of argumentative writing/thinking by asking the girls to journal whether they felt that Goldilocks was justified or not in entering the home of the 3 bears. Stay tuned to hearing more about Think CERCA!



Mazal Tov

- Rabbi & Mrs. Menachem Carelbach upon the birth of a son
- Rabbi & Mrs. Azriel Brown upon the birth of a granddaughter

Writer's Corner



After reading aloud, the book, *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, the 1st grade girls authored their very first book with illustrations.

If you bring a mouse to school - he will ask for a backpack. Seeing the backpack, he will ask for a folder. When you give him the folder, he will want homework. When you give him homework, he will want a pen. When you give him pens, he'll want an eraser. When you give him an eraser, he'll want a lunch box. When you give him a lunch box, he will want a snack. When you give him a snack, he'll get excited. Then he'll be all ready and go on the bus...

by Ahuva Barnett

If you bring a mouse to school - he will want a backpack. If he has a backpack, he'll want a lunchbox. If you give a mouse a lunch box, he'll want a lunch. If he has a lunch, he'll want a snack. If he has a snack, he'll want a drink. If you give a mouse a drink, he'll want a folder. If you give him a folder, he'll want homework. If he has homework, he'll want a pencil. If he has a pencil, he's going to ask to go home. The next day, he'll do the same thing!

by Tehilla Perel Shenkman

Catch 'em Being Good!!

Boruch Hashem there are always so many reasons to be proud of the *talmidim* at YST, and this week was no exception. This week Avigdor Neuwirth, grade 8, showed exceptional levels of the *middos of hakoros hatov and tzedakah* when he presented Rabbi Herskowitz with a donation to the yeshiva. Having recently celebrated his bar mitzvah, Avigdor decided to use the *ma'aser* from his gifts to be *mechazek* the learning at YST Boys. May his parents and Rebbeim continue to have much *nachas* from him!

Dear Mrs. Brudny,

I hope all is going well. Just some nachas - The Shaarei Tzion 7th and 8th grader girls came to Lakewood to the live hook-up and I was there with my 8th grade class from another school. They made a real kiddush Hashem. They were behaving so beautifully and following instructions throughout. I was proud to call Edison my hometown.

- Miriam Merling (Neuberger)

Local News & Shiurim

- Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: TNo classes on Sunday, October 1 and Monday, October 2.
- 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 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.

המקום ינחם...

- Mr. Jeff Wilks upon the loss of his father, ז"ל.

Jeff is sitting shiva in Israel until Thurs evening, returning from Israel to Highland Park Erev Yom Kippur.