



FYI

- On Tues, Dec 25th & Tues, Jan 1st, there will be no busing and all divisions will be dismissed at 3:30 p.m. **IMPORTANT: PLEASE NOTE THAT On Tues, Jan 1st, there will be no sessions in the girls' school due to a Staff Professional Development Day.**
- Mon, Jan 14th – All Schools will have Picture day. Boys should wear white shirts and dark pants. 8th grade boys should bring in or wear: Shabbos suit, White shirt, Tie & Shabbos shoes.
- After School Make-Up-Dates:
Boys' Division - Bricks for Kids - Jan 3
Girls' Division -
Mon - Edible Arts - Jan 14
Tues - Fun in the Kitchen - Jan 22
Wed - Gymnastics - Jan 2
Thurs-4:30- Sewing & Ad. Gym - Jan 10

- Save the Dates:
1) Motzai Shabbos, Dec 22 - The PTA "Around the Table" Program is back with Mrs. Brudny at 8:00 PM in the Preschool Building on the topic of "Fostering Confidence to Make Good Choices." This program is for women only. See attached flyer.
- 2) Sun, Jan 6, 2019 - Boys' School Brunch. If you would like to donate a prize for the raffle please contact Miriam Goldblatt at (732) 322-3211 or Tzippy Reider at (718) 541-4710. See attached flyer.
- 3) Sun, Feb 10th - Father/Son Learning Program for grades 6-8.

- Bnos this week is from 2:15 - 3:15pm at the Agudah. Save the date!! January 20th Make Your Own Pizza in Jerusalem- 10:15-11:30.
- Pirchei (Grades 1-5) and Pirchei Beis Medrash (Grades 6-8) this week will be from 3:05 to 4:00 at the Agudah. The minyan for Mincha before Pirchei will be at 2:45.
- The Boys' Night Seder program at the Agudah continues each night from Monday through Thursday after the 8:00 Maariv. Mon./Wed./Thur. from 8:15 to 8:45 and Tues. from 8:15 to 9:00 (Shiur at 8:45). Refreshments are served.
- *Achoseinu*, the girls' grades 4-8 Shmiras Halashon Group is starting this Friday night 15 minutes after candle lighting. This group is led by our alumnus, Golda Ayelet Glinn at her home 162 North 8th Ave.

Parsha Points

“ויקרא יעקב אל בניו ויאמר האספו ואגידה לכם את אשר יקרא אתכם באחרית הימים.”
“And Yaakov called his sons and said: Gather together,
that I may tell you what shall befall you in the end of days.”

The exile in Egypt, their first exile, evolved from the quarreling and discord between Yosef and his brothers. Later in history, the destruction of the *Bais Hamikdash* and the subsequent exile were brought about by *sin'as chinam*, unwarranted hatred between fellow Jews. Yaakov, in his prophetic vision, entreated his sons to “gather together,” to live together in harmony and not to be torn by conflict and dissension. Only thus will you diminish the danger of “what shall befall you in the end of days.”

Ahavas Yonasan taken from Torah Treasurers



Week in Review

How is Amram related to Yocheved? Why are Moshe Rabeinu and Korach cousins? Ask any of Rabbi Kramer's 4th grade *talmidim* and they will happily explain their relationship as well as the lineage of the entire *Shevet Levi*! After learning the פסוקים about *Shevet Levi's* dynasty, each 4th grade *talmid* created a unique and original family tree of *Shevet Levi*. These beautiful posters are on display in the 4th grade classroom “gallery.” Through this hands on project, each boy was able to visualize in a concrete way *Shevet Levi's* majestic family tree from its “roots.” Congratulations to our winners: Avraham Gershon Busel, Shmuel Chaim Gross, Binyamin Zev Lutzky, and Pinny Malitzky. We look forward to watching our boys continue to follow in the way of *Shevet Levi* as they “grow” and “flourish” into true תלמידי חכמים.

Mrs. Bernfeld's fifth graders spend part of every Monday afternoon in experiential learning - the process of learning through experience. Students chose from a long list of possible topics which were divided into three sessions. Highlights from the first session include Woodworking with Nelson and Baking Like a Chef with Mrs. Mendlowitz. The second session, which began after Chanukah, includes Cartooning, Building Structures, Origami, and Educational Software/The Oregon Trail. Some

Preschool Jottings

Our nursery children are ready to go to shul this Shabbos and say חזק, ונתחזק! חזק, חזק. They are eager to join with the *tzibbur*, because they too, have worked hard to learn and understand all the פרשיות of ספר בראשית. They will sing to you the names of the all the פרשיות and all the names of the שבטים.

The new *Aleph Beis* letter for this week was ttttterrific! The children learned the letter ט. The children went to the OT Kelim Mikvah to טובל some dishes. They played a game that adorned their little fingers with so many טבעות. They made themselves טלתיים to wear in the dress up center. And they danced and sang to words that help them remember that a ט is open on the tttttop!

This week we started our Word of the Week curriculum, which strengthens and teaches social skills on a preschool level. The lesson includes the importance of facial expression, proper voice usage and eye contact. The children learn how to identify their emotions through the word-of-the-week as well as how to express their wants and needs in an appropriate manner. We began with the simple words of “good morning” and we learned just how to say a morning greeting! It was a W.O.W. moment when each and every preschooler walked into the building and proudly announced “good morning” to all the *Moros*.



Parnes Hayom

A day of learning was sponsored on
Thursday, Dec 20, 2018 - י"ב טבת
in the 8th grade boys class

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A day of learning was sponsored on
Friday, Dec 21, 2018 - י"ג טבת
in the 7th grade boys class

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of the benefits of experiential learning are the ability to immediately apply knowledge, the promotion of teamwork and communication skills, and the fact that accomplishments are immediately obvious. There is nothing like learning by doing!

Mrs. Greene's 6th grade boys are becoming better readers by searching for six unique literary "sign-posts." For example, as they made their way through a variety of classic short stories, they were on the lookout for "Contrasts & Contradictions" - when a character behaves in a way that is the opposite of what one would expect. Upon locating a "C&C," students answer the anchor question, "Why might the character be doing this?" The answer often helps draw inferences or make predictions about character development, plot or conflicts. Langston Hughes's Thank You, Ma'am, Dorothy West's The Richer, The Poorer, and Cynthia Rylant's Stray, are a few of the reading selections the boys are enjoying. ***in the girls school...***

The eighth grade girls who participated in the "Lights On, Log Off" celebrated their accomplishment with a delicious supper at Capri. Mrs. Penina Rosenberg, who had introduced the tech-free program to the girls a mere two weeks earlier, met with them again to review the life lesson of facing challenges. Mrs. Rosenberg's anecdotes highlighting the impact of both good and bad choices was both amusing and thought-provoking. The eighth graders really enjoyed their evening out!

Mrs. Chait's fifth grade historians have just completed a fascinating unit on Native Americans. Students were amazed to learn about the different Native American regions that existed long ago, as well as the ways in which these groups of people lived off the land and made the most of their resources. For example, among the Native Americans living in the Plains, all parts of the buffalo were used for food, clothing, housing, and tools. The girls also applied their research and note-taking skills to uncover interesting information, including the fact that there were over 200 different Native American languages! Fifth graders analyzed different Native American symbols and created their own "buffalo hide" stories; take a look at the bulletin board outside our classroom to see if you can decipher them!

The sixth grade girls, under the direction of Mrs. A. Gross, have just completed their unit of study on short stories. After examining 8 short stories, the girls discovered a variety of literary elements. As a culmination to the unit, the girls crafted their very own original story. Complete with the elements of plot (exposition, rising action, climax, falling action and resolution), theme and setting, these original short stories are a must read! If you think that is all, wait until you see the creative realistic fiction book reports, which reinforced the many literary facets covered during the short story unit. What's next on the literary agenda? The girls began reading the historical fiction book Number the Stars, by Lois Lowry, and will be constructing a literary essay on the novel.

What's your genius? Well, the sixth grade girls have discovered their inner genius during "Genius Hour" every Friday. For one hour each week, the girls have diligently worked on their very own passion research projects. The end result captivated us with topics ranging from horses, Zika virus, the inner workings of Amazon and Segregation to the Russian Revolution. Stay tuned for our next installment of Genius Hour which will bring a variety of group projects depicting the Tenements, Triangle Shirtwaist Factory and immigration during the 1800's.

Catch 'em Being Good

Dear Mrs. Brudny:

We are constantly impressed with how much Baila is learning in pre-1A! Especially nice is how much creative thought and effort went into all the projects, from the menorah and adorable puppets, to the boy/girl dolls she made, to the fun "S" game.. Baila is truly having such fun along with amazing growth! Thank you Morah Mindy, Morah Sara, Morah Devorah, and Morah Yaffie.
- Mrs. R. Itzkowitz

Dear Morah Blumie:

You cannot imagine how amazed and impressed we were when after bentching, Elisheva (Backenroth) pointed out the words: "Boneh Yerushalayim" and said, "this means, to build Yerushalayim." Thank you for "building" her vocabulary and teaching her so much.
- Mrs. S. Backenroth

Dear Mrs. Brudny,

Shira was home sick and was not feeling well for a few days. I was so impressed when she got a call from her classmates Devorah & Racheli Sorotzkin, inquiring about how she's feeling and letting her know that she was missed in school. I'm delighted to see the girls care for each other at such a young age. Sincerely,
- Mrs. S. Scott

Bulletin Board

- **Sat night Dec. 22** - starting at **7:30 pm** lasting approximately 3 hrs. An **Adult/Child CPR with AED class** will be offered on The class will be held in the Ohr Torah social hall. American Heart Association certification will be provided. Cost is \$50. Class size is limited. Contact Marc Hanfling docdad@aol.com for registration and information.
- **Motzai Shabbos, Dec 22 - 8:30 PM** - **Tiferes DVD for women** at the Siegel house, 16 Edgemount Rd. Current teleconference: "It's all in your Head! Reality Thinking and Positivity". Speakers: Rabbi Jonathan Rietti and Mrs. Zehava Lefkowitz.
- **Motzai Shabbos, Dec. 29 - 8:00 PM** - **Ahavas Yisroel Annual Woman's Melave Malka**. Join us this year for Edison/Highland Park Woman's Got Talent 2.0. To register to perform or to make a reservation to come text or call Rivky Arnow at (732) 986-3153 or go to ayedison.org
- **Sun, Dec 30 - 9:30am** - **Highland Park Community Kollel Breakfast**. The Guests of Honor for this year's Breakfast will be Mr. & Mrs. Akiva & Sara Scott and the Guest Speaker will be Rabbi Hillel Feldman. The breakfast will take place at Cong Ohr Torah. For further information or to make an online donation, please visit www.HPKollel.com or contact Mr. Avi Milgraum at (908) 812.6924
- **Motzai Shabbos, Feb 23** - **Park Mikvah** presents a **Melave Malka for women**. Guest Speaker: Charlene Aminoff from @galicouturewigs. Details to follow.
- **Save the Date! Sun, March 17 - 9:30 AM** - **Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley Breakfast** to be held at the Pines Manor in Edison. **Guest Speaker will be Rabbi Shay Schachter**. More details to follow.

Notes from the Nurse

Give Kids a Smile Day is coming Friday, February 1, 2019. For free dental visits for your child(ren) ages 12 and younger, visit www.njda.org/gkrs. for more information, call a location below and set up an appointment.

Locations:

- East Brunswick Dental Studio, E.B. - 732-613-1931
- Edison Dental Arts, Edison - 732-494-7575
- Fiorentini Family Dentistry, Monrow Twp - 609-655-1023
- Jewish Renaissance Medical, Perth Amboy - 732-376-9333 x2103
- JFK Medical Center, Edison - 732-321-7608
- Kids Smile PC, Monmouth Jct - 732-297-5200
- Kidzdent, Old Bridge - 732-679-2323
- Lake Family Dentistry, Colonia - 732-288-2822
- Dr. Silman Smile Spa, Manalapan - 732-577-1515
- Freehold Orthodontics, Freehold - 732-462-0700

Mazal Tov

- Rabbi & Mrs. Yehoshua Lewis upon Tehilla's Bas Mitzvah
- Rabbi & Mrs. Mordechai Tropp on the birth of a granddaughter

Local News & Shiurim

- Parsha class by Mrs. Miri Cohen: Class on Tuesday, December 25 at 9:30 AM at the home of Leah Epshteyn, 253 Lawrence Avenue, Highland Park. Babysitting is now available at the shiur; call / text Leah at 917-763-1848 to reserve.
- Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: No class on Sun, Dec 23; Parsha class on Mon, Dec 24 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah.
- Shimiras Haloshon class by Mrs. Leah Drillman: Class on Mon, Dec 24 at 7:30 PM at the home of Ellen Smith, 407 North 8th Ave, Edison.
- Rabbi Weiss' shiur on Tehillim: for men and women on Wed. nights at **7:30 pm** at the Eiserman home, 154 N. 10th Ave., Highland Park.