

## FYI

• 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: There is NO Sunday Sports this Sun due to the Boys Brunch. Make up date will be Feb 3rd.

### Girls' Division -

Mon - Edible Arts - Jan 14  
Tues - Fun in the Kitchen - Jan 22  
Thurs- 3:30 gym - Jan 10  
4:30- Sewing - Jan 10  
4:30 Ad. Gym - Jan 10, 17

### Important Dates:

1) 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.  
2) Sun, Feb 10th - Father/Son Learning Program for grades 6-8.  
3) Sun, March 10th - the girls division presents the play, "Hope from the Shadows" at the Forum Theater. Details to follow.

• Bnos this week is from 2:15 - 3:15pm at the Agudah. Save the date!! January 20th Make Your Own Pizza at Jerusalem Pizza - 10:15-11:30 am. Advanced reservations are required. See attached flyer.

• Pirchei (Grades 1-5) and Pirchei Beis Medrash (Grades 6-8) this week will be from 3:15 to 4:15 at the Agudah. The minyan for Mincha before Pirchei will be at 2:50. NOTE UPDATED TIMES. Pirchei membership fees go toward the purchase of refreshments and prizes every Shabbos. Please consider membership (\$50 per child / max \$100 per family) to help defray the costs associated with running Pirchei. For more information please contact Arya Eisner at pircheiedisonhp@gmail.com.

• 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 meets Friday nights 15 minutes after candle lighting. This group is led by our alumnus, Golda Ayelet Glinn at her home 162 North 8th Ave.



## Parsha Points



Rashi points out that when the Torah talks about Moshe and Aharon, in some places Moshe is mentioned first and in other places Aharon is mentioned first. Rashi explains that the Torah is teaching us that Moshe and Aharon were שְׁקוּלִים - equally great. Rav Moshe Feinstein זצ"ל asks: "How can we say that Aharon was equal to Moshe when we know that Moshe was the greatest נביא that ever lived?"

Rav Moshe answers that although Moshe was greater in נבואה, prophesy, still, Aharon used every day of his life to serve ה' with all his capabilities. The only difference between Moshe and Aharon was that Moshe was given greater capabilities than Aharon. Since they both used their full potential to serve ה', they were considered equal in the eyes of ה'.

We learn from this a very important lesson: A person's greatness is not judged by what he accomplishes but rather according to how much he uses his capabilities.

## Week in Review

Rabbi Berger's 6th graders are making great strides in learning גמרא. Now in their second year of this לימוד, they reached a major milestone. The boys completed their first פרק גמרא. In honor of this significant accomplishment, they will be making a special סיור on פרק הכונס. In addition, plans are underway for an enjoyable and inspiring trip to Lakewood, where the boys will get to visit many of the BMG batei medresh. The highly acclaimed Mas-mid Govoha program for the 6th - 8th graders is now underway. In addition to the incentives the boys receive, they will benefit from the extra time invested, and will hopefully develop a love for learning.

*If you ever find yourself stranded and alone,  
Be quick to get a Y.S.T. 5th grader on the phone.  
Some great survival tips, from our story we do know.  
The authors taught us lessons that are useful  
on the go.*

*One important survival tool that you  
should maintain,  
Is not to get stressed out, but remember  
to use your brain.*

*Sit down, breathe in deeply, and collect your  
thoughts.*

*Don't think you're wasting time; it won't be for  
naught.*

*Maintaining body heat is important too.  
Starting a fire safely is something you should do.  
Stay calm, don't take risks, just remain in one place.  
A good place to stay is on high ground or in an open  
space.*

*If you follow all these rules, you're sure to be found.  
And before you know it – you'll be home, safe  
and sound!*

## Parnes Hayom

A day of learning was sponsored on  
Monday, Dec 31, 2018 - כ"ג טבת  
in the 6th grade boys class

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## Preschool Jottings

The Nursery children have moved on to the color green. It works out perfectly for this week, because frogs are the greenest things in Parshas Va'aera! Coloring frogs, painting frogs, singing about frogs and green show-n-tell makes the color green very popular in and out of the classroom.

"Dasher, I would like to pay!"

"Sir, can you show me where the Dasher Dandy is?" "Maam, is everything in this store Dasher?" Come to the Dindergarten Dasher Store and this is what you will hear. The shelves are fully stocked with all sorts of items that the children brought from home and you can take your weekly trip to the grocery store by coming to this supermarket. You will love it. It is neat, organized and has great prices (actually all items are free!). Why a Dasher store this week? Yes, you guessed....we are learning the letter כ!

W.O.W. stickers are very popular in the preschool! You can tell which word-of-the-week the child said that day by just looking at his WOW sticker and the picture on it. "Good morning" and "excuse me" are already a part of the preschool vocabulary and this week we added the

words, "Please stop, that is bothering me!" The mitzvah notes that are sent in are displayed on our special WOW wall and earn its owner great recognition.



"If you don't like to read, you haven't found the right book." – J.K. Rowling. Find ways to promote reading at home in the attached article from Mrs. Krieger.

### in the girls' school...

How old was יצחק at the עקידה? Where did ישמעאל live? Why was יוסף called אברך? Ask our 6th-8th grade girls. They know all this and more. With much devotion and effort, the girls worked on mastering the text-based intricacies of ספר בראשית, and we are proud of their accomplishments! Congratulations to the winners in each class, who will be competing next week in a חידון against Tehilas Chaya Sara of Lakewood. Our team consists of:

6th grade: Penina Crystal, Rochel Neustadt and Sara Sirote

7th grade: Chani Fuchs, Esther Chyaa Neuwirth and Ahuva Waltuch

8th grade: Rivky Nusbaum, Tehila Sirote and Leeba Weiss

The girls hard work certainly rate them as winners in our book!

Mrs. Werner's first grade girls finished a unit on community helpers. They celebrated the completion of the unit with dress-up day and presented



reports that they wrote. The girls looked so professional! Thank you to all the parents who took time out of their busy schedules to volunteer to speak to the class about their jobs.

"Mistakes and challenges are the best time for your brain to grow!" This mathematical mindset pushes our middle schoolers to embrace their mistakes and think about them deeply. They recognize how important struggle and challenge are for brain growth, especially when they approach tasks with a Growth Mindset. The evidence shows that believing in one's developing ability is key when approaching a hard situation.

Excited by this idea, Ms. Bertram's fifth and sixth graders are beginning to approach their mistakes with a new lens and ask conceptual questions when they are stuck in their math work. Whether it's a computational error in multiplying multi-digit numbers or a misconception in division of fractions, the girls discussed that many mistakes are good mistakes, and because they teach us much, they could (and should) analyze each other's mistakes respectfully and learn valuable ideas from them. Come and listen to our young mathematicians as they dig deeper into each lesson with meaningful conversations.

Mrs. Brotsky's eighth grade girls are exploring the fascinating world of light. Using lasers, mirrors, 3-color LEDs and more, they are learning about light reflection and how lenses help people to see better. They will also be exploring the science of color through a special secret code activity.

## Local News & Shiurim

- Rabbi Eli Reisman will be speaking on "Shabbos in the Present Day Home" (Technology Series) Friday night, Jan 4th, at 8:30 PM at Khal Chassidim, 46 North 8th Ave. Topics will include microphones in shul, electric lights for candle lighting Friday night and havdalah, Shabbos elevators and trains on shabbos. For more information, please contact Marsha Eiserman at 347-203-7906.
- Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class on Sun, Jan 6 at 11:00 AM at the Agudah; Parsha class on Mon, Jan 7 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah.
- 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.
- A Gemach is sometimes thought of a free loan organization, but these organizations can lend way more than just money. For example, if you have a large simcha at your house and need tables, center pieces, and tablecloths, a gemach can help you out. Etz Ahaim has a complete listing of all local area gemachs at <https://www.etzahaim.org/local-gemachs/>

## Bulletin Board

• **Motzai Shabbos, Jan 12 - 8:30 PM - Tiferes DVD for women** at the home of Aviva Siegel 16 Edgemount Rd., Edison. Current teleconference: "The Giving Tree – Nourishing your soul, nurturing your children" with Mrs. Chaya Breindy Kenigsberg. For more info or to become a member, please contact Aviva at siegelmom@gmail.com.

• **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.

## Mazal Tov

- Rabbi & Mrs. Avi Bodlander upon the birth of a granddaughter
- Rabbi & Mrs. Elchanan Freund upon Shana's Bas Mitzvah
- Rabbi & Mrs. Shraga Crombie upon Mendel's Bar Mitzvah
- Rabbi & Mrs. Eli Reisman upon Moshe's Bar Mitzvah

## 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](http://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