

YST News

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Parsha Points



Seeing the Need

At the beginning of the *Parashah*, we find Avraham sitting at the door of his tent, disappointed at not finding any guests. The *Pasuk* says: "He lifted his eyes and behold, he saw three people standing upon him. And he saw them and he ran to greet them from the opening of the tent and bowed toward the ground." There is one word in this *Pasuk* that seems to be superfluous. The repetition of the word "and he saw" (*va'yar*) seems unnecessary. What does it add?

One of the key components in being a giving person (ba'al chessed) is not merely acting kindly, but having the ability to perceive people's needs. To qualify as a "ba'al chessed," it is not enough to merely do favors for people. The feature that separates regular people from true "masters of kindness" is the ability to perceive when another person needs something before they even request it. There are so many times when we would be willing to do the favor, but we don't see the opportunity and it just passes us by. Avraham Avinu not only had a kind heart, he had the ability to anticipate people's needs.

Week in Review

Excitement is growing and anticipation is mounting as Rabbi Klugman's first graders get ready for what will surely be a day to remember. This Sunday each 'כתה א' boy will receive his very own ווחמש בראשית. The boys are so proud to be joining the ranks. As א לימודי תורה, they are now another link in our cherished מטורה. May their love and excitement for learning only continue and grow!!

Miss Stahl's 3rd grade boys at YST are off to a great start! The boys have gotten into a routine and have begun learning. They are reviewing addition and subtraction math facts and will study three and four digit addition and subtraction shortly. Additionally, they are learning the value of money and the benefit of saving money. The boys enjoyed figuring out interest rates as they discussed the purpose of storing their money in a bank account. The boys were delighted to spend some of their well-earned money in the class prize store. We look forward to a great year of learning and growth in third grade.

There is a great rhythm in Rabbi Davis' middle school math. The 8th grade students are learning to include variables in all types of equations, as well as dedicating Friday classes to "Canteen Math." In the first of those classes, they began discussing Net Sales, Gross Sales and Cost of Goods Sold to calculate how much money the boys make every week in the school Canteen. Seventh grade continues to develop pre-algebra skills. The 6th grade had their first STEM class. The boys used a multitude of skills, including math, engineering, and visualization, to figure out what size sukkah they could build if given a specific number of 8 foot poles. The students were given stacks of paper "poles" and instructions to include all parts of a sukkah frame. They did a great job and look forward to many

other STEM class projects.

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- Save the Dates:
- 1) Sun, Oct 28th at 10:45 1st Grade Boys Chumash Play
- 2) Sun, Nov 4th at 11:30 12:30, 5th Grade Haschalas Gemara
- 3) Sun, Dec 22 The PTA "Around the Table" Program is back with Mrs. Brudny at 8:00 PM in the Preschool Building. This program is for women only.
- 4) Sun, Dec 30th Father/Son Learning Program for grades 6-8.
- 4) Sun, January 6, 2019- Boys' School Brunch. Details to follow.
- Yours for the Taking Gently worn uniform shirts: size 5/6 2 blue, 1 green size 6/6x 6 blue, 1 green, 1 red size 8 6 blue, 3 green, 2 red size 10/12 1 navy & 1 white (new in bag), 1 blue, 1 green size 14/16 2 blue

Call the girls' school office if you are interested.

- Pirchei (Grades 1-5) and Pirchei Beis Medrash (Grades 6-8) take place each Shabbos from 3:15 to 4:15 at the Agudah. There is a minyan for Mincha before Pirchei at 2:50.
- Bnos this Shabbos, Pre-1A through 5th grade are invited to join at the Agudah from 2:15-3:15.
- The Boys' Night Seder program at the Agudah for 7th & 8th grade boys continues Monday through Thursday after the 8:00 pm Maariv. Mon./Wed./Thur. from 8:15 to 8:45 and Tues. from 8:15 to 9:00 (Shiur at 8:40). Refreshments are served. For more info, to sponsor or to volunteer, please call or text Arya Eisner (732-547-4994).

Parnes Hayom

A day of learning is being sponsored on Monday, Oct 29, 2018 - כ' חשון כ' in the girls' 7th grade class commemorating the 5th yahrtzeit of Chaim Hartman, z"l איים זאב בן מרדכי ז"ל
by Dr. Andrew & Marcia Freedman

Preschool Jottings

Ted E. Bear joined the nursery classroom this week. He loves to learn, to sing, to paint, to draw and to build with blocks. Every night, one child in the class, takes Ted E. Bear home and reports back about all the fun he had the next day. This week the adventures of Ted E. included a ride on his host's shoulders, piggy back rides and tasting delicious meals!

Did you ever try to VVVVacuum up the letter 2. Yes, the vacuum cleaner was turned on and the children had to direct the nozzle to only suck up the right letters! It was a bit noisy, but when all that was left were the letters *Aleph* and *Beis*, it was clear that the children had done the cleanup job perfectly! And after all that fun, the children etched out the letter 2 on slippery vvvvaseline.

We are still focusing on pickles, as we continue exploring in our "What a PIC" unit. In the beginning of the week, we made pickles in mason jars. The children peeled the garlic, measured the coarse salt, poured in the spices, watched the water boil, and eagerly counted the cucumbers as we put them into the jar. On Tuesday and Wednesday, the children's eyes were glued on the pickle

jar! And then on Thursday, pop! Off came the lid and we munched, crunched and enjoyed our homemade pickles!

in the girls' school...

Take a peek into the happenings of Morah Bakst's eighth grade class. The long awaited Senior sweatshirts have arrived! This sparked enthusiasm and excitment in the class. (Thank you, Mrs. Komet!!!) Read on for some of the girls' comments:

"It came just in time for the cold weather... it's so exciting!"-**Amalia Ross**

"We imagined how it would look... and it looked fantastic...better than ever!" - Tehila Sirote

"They are very sharp!" - Tamar Shakarchi

"They are the cutest sweaters that ever happened!" - Bas-sheva Brown

Mrs. Werner's first grade class is deep into discussions of how life has changed, contrasting the "then" and the "now." The girls came up with great ideas to compare the times. Here are some samples of their brainstormings...

Chaviva Eisenberg - "Then they used ice boxes to keep food cold. Now we have refrigerators and freezers."

<u>Chana Carlebach</u> - "Then all ages went to school in one room. Now there are classes for each grade."

Aviva Scott - "Then kids played kick the can and marbles. Now we have computer games that are fun."

Rochel Komet - "Then they invented zippers and there were no vehicles. Now there are fancy phones."

<u>Toby Kramer</u> - "Then, when they shopped the people would shout and sell in the streets. Now we shop in malls and online."

Science has been off to a great start in both Mrs. Epstein's sixth and seventh grades! Both classes are working hard on constructing explanations for the experiments and demonstrations conducted in class. The sixth grade has been hard at work identifying the characteristics of living things in the world around us. The class held a strong debate, arguing whether fire is alive or not. (If you want to know both sides of the argument, feel free to ask any sixth grader!) Meanwhile, the seventh grade has been busy the cell and each of its intricate parts. They compared each organelle to a corresponding job in our imaginative city. They now understand how much is going on in that tiny microscopic cell within every living thing. Stay tuned for more exciting discoveries in science this year!!

Writer's Corner

What do a hamburger and a paragraph have in common? Ask any of Mrs. Lockspeiser's 4th grade boys at YST. You need your topic sentence and concluding sentence to hold your paragrph together just like the top and bottom bun of the burger. Then you add all of those juicy details in the center. After reading "The Dot" by Peter H. Reynolds, each boy was able to use his own creativity to create a picture based around a single dot. Afterwards each boy wrote a hamburger paragraph talking about their picture. Some boys told a story, others described their dot in detail and the rest used their imagination to turn their dot into a wide variety of items. Here are two sample paragraphs:

Dots

By: Sholom Finver

I like dots. They are colorful like my personality. They are round. Freckles look like dots. Sometimes you use dots on a chart in school. In conclusion, I like dots because they are on my face and brighten the day.

My Favorite Sports

By: Avi Sabo

I drew my favorite sports: baseball, basketball, and football. These sports are very fun to play. These sports are always in action. All of them are very competitive. I like a lot of different sports.

Bulletin Board

- Motzei Shabbos, Oct 27 8:30 PM Tiferes DVD for women at the home of Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Rd. Speakers: Rabbi Heshy Kleinman and Mrs. Chaya Breindy Kenigsberg. Title: "Seeing Spirituality - In Our Lives, In Our Children". Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bavis and parenting are available to Tiferes members. Current teleconference: "The Scenic Route" with Mrs Esther Gendelman. For more info or to become a member, please contact Aviva at siegelmom@gmail.com. The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.
- Sun, Oct 28 8:15 PM Women's Learning Initiative presents a SECOND SHOWING of the 16th Worldwide Annual Yarzeit Rachel Imeinu Video, "Bringing the Geula: With the Power of Our Chessed" at the Mirlis residence, 5 Barlow Rd. There will be an introduction by HaRav Shmuel Kamenetsky, shlita, words of inspiration from Rabbi David Ashear, Rabbi Paysach Krohn, Rabbi Zecharia Wallerstein & Rebbetzin Tehila Jaeger. For women and girls only. Raffles will be sold at the event for a trip to Eretz yisrael. Donations welcome. All proceeds go to Aniyei Eretz Yisroel (the poor and needy of Eretz Yisroel). For more info please email srhakimi@hotmail.com
- Sun, Nov 4 11:00 AM 4:00 PM Young Israel of East Brunswick Holiday Boutique at 193 Dunhams Corner Road featuring: giftware, art, hats, sheitles, clothing for women and girls, kids' stuff, jewelry, accessories for your table and more. For further info, call Barbara at 908-307-1260.
- Save the Date! Sun, March 17 9:30 AM Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley Breakfast. Details to follow.

Mazal Toy

- Mr. Raffi & Morah Chavi Landau upon Avrohom's Bar Mitzvah
 - Rabbi & Mrs. Shlomo Ziegler upon the birth of a grandson
 - Mr. & Mrs. Yitzy Berger upon Atara's Bas Mitzvah

Catch 'em Being Good

Dear Mrs. Brudny,

The Pre1a girls were so disappointed when Harvey's bus broke down and they couldn't go on their apple picking trip. They said "Gam Tzu L'Tovah!" and handled with the maturity of the big girls! They celebrated the moment with leftover גלידה from the 8th graders Rosh Chodesh treats! So proud of our Pre1a girls!

- Morah Mindy and Morah Sarah

Dear Mrs. Brudny:

A huge thank you to Leah Silver, Leah Fischer, Amalia Ross and Ru Samel for volunteering their time and energy this past Wednesday night to help set up for the challah bake. They jumped at the opportunity to do a TDD and made a tremendous 'קדוש in how they did it. YST has what to be proud of! - Mrs. S. Landau

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- SUNDAY FUNDAYS are back! Offering a creative and fun outlet for girls ages 5-6 with culinary arts, music, creative movement, crafts, dance and more! Sundays 9:45 am-11:30 am. To register, call Tzipora @443-570-6213, or email Tziporac@icloud.com.
- Women's Learning Initiative now offers customized Torah learning partners! For a personalized study program of your choice email your contact information to womenslearninginitiative.com
- Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class: First class will be Mon, Oct 29 at 7:30 PM at the home of Ellen Smith, 407 North 8th Avenue, Edison.
- Parsha class by Mrs. Miri Cohen: Class on Tues, Oct 30 at 9:30 AM. at the home of Leah Epshtevn, 253 Lawrence Avenue, Highland Park.
- Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: No class on Sunday, October 21; Parsha class on Monday, October 22 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah.
- · Rabbi Weiss' shiur on Tehillim: for men and women on Wednesday nights at 8:30 pm, at Eiserman home, 154 N. 10th Ave., Highland Park.
- Rabbi Reisman will be giving a shiur for men and women at Rabbi Horowitz' Shteible, 46 N. 8th Ave, HP on Nov. 3rd, Parshas Chayei Sorah. Shiur starts at 4:30pm. Topic is "Put Your Mind in Shabbos Mode: Shabbos and Technological Innovations". Shabbos lamps, how kosher was the kosher switch, shabbos modes in devices will be discussed. For any questions, please call Marsha Eiserman 347-203-7906.