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FYI

• 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) The PTA "Around the Table" Program is back on December 2nd with Mrs. Brudny. Stay tuned for the time and location.

• *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, 3 red
- size 8/10 - 1 blue
- 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. E-mail pircheiedisonhp@gmail.com for more information.

• 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 gives 7th & 8th Grade boys a chance to experience Beis Medrash learning with a Chavrusah. Join us 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 8:40). Refreshments are served. For more info, to sponsor or to volunteer, please call or text Arya Eisner (732-547-4994).

• The National Park Service is offering all 4th graders a 1 year free pass to national Parks. This includes everyone in the car as long as a 4th grader accompanies them. Just go to www.everykidinapark.gov/get-your-pass.



Parsha Points



This week's Parsha begins with the famous test that Avraham was presented with; "Lech-L'cha" - go for yourself. Rash'i explains that Avraham was told go for his own benefit since "here" he will not merit all the *B'rachos* - only "there". Reb Moshe Feinstein asks what makes this test so great? True, Avraham was told by Hashem to leave everything behind and start traveling. In addition he was also told how he would benefit when he arrives at his destination. Moving is commonplace today. Many people travel and relocate for a possible better job or improved financial prospects. Avraham knew with certainty that he would not acquire wealth over "here" - only over "there".

Reb Moshe explains that the primary challenge was not that Avraham obeyed Hashem's command. Rather, he didn't question the command!! Avraham could have thought to himself "Why is traveling necessary? "Is Hashem not able to make me wealthy right where I am?" Avraham faithfully followed Hashem's words without question. That was the essential element of this test and that is why Hashem considered Avraham faithful.

Week in Review

Rabbi Kramer's ד' כתה class is really learning up a storm! As the boys make their way through *פרשת שמות*, they are learning about the *מדות* and qualities of a leader of *ישראל*. What did Moshe do when he saw something that was wrong? Why did Moshe name his first son Gershom? What title does the *Navi Yehoshua* give Moshe? What lessons can we learn from this? The boys have begun their *אצור מצור* program, AKA-"MTT". The boys are prepared for the challenge to Master The Treasure and are on their way to mastering over 400 *שורשים* by the end of ד' כתה! Building on prior knowledge, our boys began with *חזרה* of over 160 *שורשים* cards that they learned in ג' כתה. It is amazing to see how many *שורשים* from ג' כתה the boys have mastered and maintained. Even more exciting is the power of *חזרה* that each boy is experiencing. As each *תלמוד* plows through their yellow deck, cards that have not yet been mastered are automaticity placed in the "not yet" pile. After routine drill and review of these cards each boy experiences his own personal success as he moves cards from the "not yet" to the ever growing "know" pile. May the boys continue to grow as they spend their day learning our greatest treasure, the Torah!

Want to know how to say "Earth" or "Oceans" in *לשון הקודש*? Ask any first grader! They were so excited when they each received a mini globe/ pencil sharpener!! If you passed by their class this week you may have noticed all the boys sitting **UNDER** their desks while they were chanting: *מתחת* - from under!!!! They can't believe how much fun they are having while learning *חומש*! They have already learned and mastered the first few *פסוקים* in *פרשת בראשית*!! It's amazing to see how quickly the boys are absorbing the *חומש* concepts and translation! They were already introduced to the concept of *שורשים* and prefixes, which they call 'front door keys' and while they learn the *חומש* they are constantly referring to their *שורשים* bulletin board which is filling up quickly with beautiful illustrations of each 3 letter *שרש*. They also refer to their front door keys hanging on the wall to help remember the different prefixes. The boys will get their very own 'front door key' keychains as well as *פסוקים* flashcards with pictures that will help them review and remember all that they learn. As they learn more *פסוקים*, their collection of flash cards and keys will grow too!

Preschool Jottings

The *Parsha Hashavua* comes alive in Nursery. With props, songs, stories and projects, the children learn how to listen to the *Parsha* story and some can even retell the details. Morah Mimi and Morah Irene break down the thoughts and lessons and make them relevant to our youngest students. Where did the animals of Avraham graze? Where did the animals of Lot graze?

Letter Beis came to visit the kindergarten room. The journey of learning the *Aleph Beis* letters and sounds is certainly an exciting one, as it comes along with so many fun activities. The children watched a bbbubble machine make a million bubbles in one minute. They launched helium bbballoons into the sky and followed them carefully until they looked like tiny specks in the sky. They played with water bbbeads and learned about the important mitzvah of *בל תשחית*. Ask any kindergartener "how are you?" They will promptly and politely answer "*BBBaruch Hashem!*"

The "pic" for a new language unit was perfect for our very eager to learn preschoolers. Think of any word that has the sound "pic" and yes, that's what we will be learning about! We began by learning about pic-kles! This week, we looked at all different size cucumbers, peeled them, looked carefully at the different sized seeds and then ate them. We covered the walls with yellow paper and using green markers, green colored pencils and green crayons, we turned our school into a Pickle Place! We learned how to draw a pickle by using the "dot to dot" method! Come check if you can find a pickle of your taste on our walls! We welcomed a walking, talking, moving pickle to YST Preschool on Thursday! And no preschooler will ever forget the singing pickle he/she saw!



At Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion the boys are Flying High:

In hot air balloons at 2000 feet they began to reach the sky. And for this challenge they received a certificate with name and date, A canteen card to buy a snack, and a raffle ticket for a later date. The classes from grades 1 to 5 all know the next goal they must meet-- They'll try to reach a Boeing jet that flies at 35,000 feet.

in the girls' school...

What a sweet week here at YST Girls! On Wednesday, October 10, G.O. had a lot in "smore" for grades 4 through 8. Each girl created her own "home sweet home" out of candy and more. Peshy Shaps, Tehila Sirote, Ahuva Waltuch and Chani Klein prepared an amazing breakout to entertain, while grades 4-8 sang and danced along. We can't wait for more exciting activities with G.O.!

(submitted by Chani Klein)

On Thursday evening, the 8th grade girls got together for their yearbook breakout and learned what yearbook production entails. After that, the girls got to vote on their yearbook theme. Breakout finished with a yummy pizza supper. The 8th grade girls had a nice evening and are now looking forward to putting together the best yearbook ever!

Special thanks to Mrs. Ukraincik for organizing this fun event and special thanks to Harvey, as well, for providing "private transportation."!

(submitted by Leah Fischer)

ג' כחה has settled down to a nice routine and is learning so many skills in חומש. We work in small groups charting and deciphering the many words in חומש. Many teachers have commented on our beautiful loud and heartfelt שמירה עשרה as we prepare to begin learning עשרה.

With the excitement of חדש תשרי behind us, ג' כחה has settled into a routine of learning and progressing in many areas. This week, they completed their first פרק in פרשת כי תשא and have enjoyed discussing the שמן המשחה and קטרת, among other topics. They are making nice progress in one of the key 6th grade skills, independent note-taking, as they make their way through learning ספר שמואל. With their enthusiasm and drive, ג' כחה is gearing up for a productive winter of learning and growth under Morah Halberg's talented and dedicated direction.

Everyone Can Learn Math! This is the mantra with which the 5th & 6th grade math classes launched their monthly Mathematical Mindset workshops, under Miss Bertram's keen direction. There is no such thing as a "math" person, and the evidence is clear! The students heard stunning studies about people who strengthened their brains through learning. From taxi drivers who memorized all the streets in London to the young girl who had half her brain removed, it is proven that brains act like a muscle; the more it is used the stronger (and smarter) our brains become. Each month will feature a new mantra designed to support a Mathematical Mindset theme. The engaging monthly activities are designed to open students' eyes to the creativity and visibility of math and the ability to see numbers in different ways. As Jo Boaler (author of Mathematical Mindsets) says, "We want to enable students to see mathematics as an open, growth, learning subject and themselves as powerful agents in the learning process." These are the principles that guide our work in class, during each ratio lesson and each place value and decimal lesson. Everyone can learn math! Welcome aboard the 5th/6th Mathematical Mindset journey of learning and growth!

The first week of after school programs in the girls school started off smoothly and well-attended. Mega, mega thanks go to Mrs. Elisheva Lorber and Mrs. Marla Rottenstreich for hours of recruiting, scheduling and arranging for an enriching menu of physical activities including dance and gymnastics and practical life skills like baking and sewing. Stay tuned!

Catch 'em Being Good

Dear Morah Minah,

I have been meaning to email you all week to tell you how completely amazed I am by Morah Mimi and Morah Irene! On Friday night, Ahuva ran to get a bucket and filled it with water. She ran around the house and collected different types of toys and things and showed me which ones could float and which ones could swim. The last object she put into her bucket, was a wood block. She then explained to me that this is what Noah built his tevah with - because it could float in the flood and would not sink like everything else. She knew what went into each of the levels of the tevah and sang the parsha song all weekend long that she learned in class. Something amazing is happening every day in the classroom and in the magical way the teachers are giving over these lessons for our young children to remember and practice it at home!

We are so blessed to be a part of Morah Mimi and Morah Irene's class.

Thank you!

Bulletin Board

- **Motzei Shabbos, Oct 20 - 8:30 PM** - Women's Learning Initiative presents the **16th Worldwide Annual Yartzit Rachel Imeinu Video**, "Bringing the Geula: With the Power of Our Chessed" at the Orani residence, 292 N 5th Ave. 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
- **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 bayis 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.

Mazal Tov

- **Morah Rubinfeld upon her engagement to Yaakov Yonah Goldstein from Brooklyn**
- **Rabbi & Mrs. Meir Brotsky upon their daughter, Leah's engagement to Yehuda Alon from Toronto**
- **Rabbi & Mrs. Dovid Bak upon the marriage of their daughter Peri to Shloimy Berger**
 - **Mr. & Mrs. Yitzchok Fuchs upon Chani's Bas Mitzvah**
 - **Rabbi & Mrs. Alyesh upon Yehoshua Meir's Bar Mitzvah**
 - **Rabbi & Mrs. Aryeh Erlanger upon the birth of a son**

Writer's Corner

Mrs. Gruenebaum's second grade boys wrote about their favorite subjects. They did an impressive job using expressive language to compose grammatically correct sentences with subject, predicate, and proper punctuation. Enjoy some samples of their excellent work!

My favorite subject is gym with Mr. Z. because we play sports and I like sports. Sometimes we play football and I get touchdowns.
- Yonah Lockspeiser

My favorite subject is learning facts and history because I only like non-fiction. In Hebrew I like parsha because that is also non-fiction. My least favorite subject is art.
- Gavriel Wininger

My favorite subject is reading because you can learn new words. I like fiction because it is exciting. My next favorite subject is history because I can learn about old artifacts. My least favorite subject is math.
- Zevi Dersovitz

Local News & Shiurim

- **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 Monday, October 29 at 7:30 PM at the home of Ellen Smith, 407 North 8th Avenue, Edison.
- Parsha class by Mrs. Miri Cohen: Class on Tuesday, Oct 16 at 9:30 AM. at the home of Leah Epshtein, 253 Lawrence Avenue, Highland Park.
- Rebbitzin 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.
- RPRY's Annual Morah Miri Memorial Event will be a 5K/Family Fun Day and will be held on Sunday October 21 in Buccleuch Park, New Brunswick. 5K starts at 9:45am (registration at 9:15am) and Family Fun Run starts at 10:15am. Sign up at www.tinyurl.com/RPRYSK2018. If you have any questions, email Debbie Wasserman at dwasserman1209@yahoo.com.

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- **Mrs. Kushner upon the loss of her mother, Mrs. Jacqueline Sharaby ע"ה.**