



YESHIVA
SHAAREI TZION

Sept 21, 2018



FYI

- Wed, Oct 3, 2018 - Isru Chag Sukkos. There will be a delayed opening at 10:00 a.m.
- 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.
- Homework Club in the Boys' & Girls' Division will begin on Wed, Oct. 3rd. The cost (per week) is \$20 for 2x a week, \$25 for 3x a week and \$30 for 4x a week. If you wish to sign up your child, please call the respective school offices.
- Are you celebrating an upcoming Bar or Bas Mitzvah? In order to ensure that there will be no overlapping of simcha dates, kindly call the school office and register the date of your affair.
- 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. We have redeemed them in the past and received quality gym equipment.



שבת האיד

“And you shall be truly happy.” “והיית אך שמח”

The Seforno explains that this פסוק, which refers to the טוב of סוכות, is telling us that our שמחה should be total and complete, without any sadness mixed in. The אבן עזרא (on the commentary of אבן עזרא) explains that all of one's happiness in all aspects of life in this world should be considered as nothing (כאפט) when compared to the שמחה one receives from טוב יום, or from his involvement in any other מצווה. Other pleasures and enjoyments may carry with them mixed emotions, but the pleasure and happiness from טוב יום is refined and pure - total שמחה!

May ד' indeed give all of our Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion families, and all of ישראל, כולל, a חג שמח, a טוב יום filled only with true happiness and joy in fulfilling ד's Torah and מצוות.

Week in Review

What a great start to the new school year! Morah Becca's Pre-1a boys are quickly becoming acclimated to their new school and routines. They are learning how to walk quietly in the hallway, and that ready position means sitting with their hands folded and eyes on the Morah. This week we focused on names. We read stories about children with interesting names and counted all the letters in each of our names. The boys have been working diligently on writing their own names. They now know that just like in reading, we write from left to right. They have participated in many “name writing” activities throughout the week. They each got their own personalized name writing practice worksheet. First, they practiced with their finger and then traced their names with a crayon. Each student created a piece of name art using tissue paper to cover their names. We used these masterpieces to decorate our classroom.

There was a beautiful רוח and feeling of excitement in Rabbi Akerman's second grade class as they began the new year. The boys so quickly acclimated themselves to the learning and davening as second graders. Although time was short, the boys are fully prepared with all the ידעיות of סוכות and מינים ארבע. 'ב' choir has begun to raise their voices in song and will surely enhance their שבת and טוב יום tables. Looking forward to a wonderful year seeing much נחת from them.

Coming off the high of Motzei Yom Kippur, YST boys division had the unique pleasure of welcoming many 9th, 10th, and 11th grade alumnae back “home.” On Thursday and Friday our very own YST graduates boarded Harvey's early morning minyan bus and enjoyed a beautiful Shacharis with their former classmates and rebbeim. After a delicious breakfast, our boys stayed in school for an uplifting and geshmake morning of learning with their beloved Rebbe, Rabbi Nusbaum. It was truly heartwarming to see so many of our graduates come back to enjoy

Preschool Jottings

With serious little faces, the preschool children left on Erev Yom Kippur with *kaparos* projects, a *machzor*, slippers and gloves to remind them how to wash their hands. And then, just a few days later with excited, happy faces, they marched home with *Simchas Torah* flags, *Sukkos* napkin holders, and *lulav* and *esrog* replicas. The children take such pride in their work and are so excited to share the meaning of each project and process of its creation with the people around them. YST Preschoolers have lots to say!

Towards the end of every week, we invite the children to join in a Show and Tell experience. The children bring in an item from home having to do with a specific topic and then stand on our stage and talk about what they brought to show! Last week, the topic was apples. We looked at real apples, fake apples, applesauce and apple treats. This week, the topic was “SOMETHING THAT MAKES ME HAPPY!” The show and tell items ranged from chocolate to trucks, to dolls and then some more food. The *Moros* all commented that the more excited the child was with his item, the bigger his smile was!

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT FOR
YST PRESCHOOL WILL BE ON
WEDNESDAY, OCT 10TH

AT 8:00 pm.

Chag Sameach to all!

their first few hours of being hazemanim vacation enveloped in the Kol HaTorah of their YST "home."

The 7th grade boys kicked off their studies in Life Science by comparing "speculation" to the rigors of the many-stepped Scientific Method. The history of Nobel laureate Christiaan Eijkman's research on what causes the illness Beri Beri, clearly illustrated the thorough process to which scientists must adhere in the pursuit of the truth.

The YST Boys are making geography come alive as they prepare their Power Point slide projection presentations, due on November 5th. The goal is for the boys to gain a clear understanding of how geography can affect a region, and to get an overview of the places we will be learning about. Each student was paired with a partner and given the task of creating a Power Point (or other modality) presentation to share their research of the country (6th grade) or state (7th & 8th grade) that they were assigned. Guidelines were provided with explicit instructions of what information must be included and in which order it must be displayed. What a present to have the boys present information about a place so we can learn about geography and important events past and present! (If this last sentence made no sense to you, please look up the term homonym and try again).

in the girls' school...

On Monday before Yom Kippur, the teachers of the Middle School employed the jigsaw teaching method to review many of the *minhagos* and *halachos* of Yom Kippur, as well as their *hashkafic* fundamentals. Morah Halberg, Morah Frankl & Morah Bakst each took one important aspect of the holiest and days and shared one beautiful lesson with each class. Morah Halberg taught the girls how Yom Kippur was observed in the days of the *Beis HaMikdash*, with the unique *avoda* of the *Kohen Gadol*. Morah Frankl provided an overview of the *t'filos* of the day while Morah Bakst focused on the *viduy* portion of the *davening*. The girls took turns rotating through the classrooms for an inspiring day of pre-Yom Kippur learning. Kudos, as well, to Morah Frankl's 7th grade who completed the entire *Sefer Tehilim* twice, as a class endeavor over *Rosh Hashana* and *Yom Kippur*. (submitted by Perel Sara Blum & Dina Eisner)

Jews all over the world scurry to pay up their debts and make good on their commitments before Yom Kippur. In that spirit, the Girls School held took care of its obligations to the many, many girls who participated in the Gel & Tell Summer Reading Program. Necessary paperwork was collected and collated, raffle tickets were distributed and labeled, prizes were purchased and put on display, and all was ready. On Monday afternoon, girls in grades 2 - 6 met in the lunchroom to find out which lucky girl (and which lucky class) would win the grand raffle drawing, entitling her to select 10 brand-new library books for her classroom library. Each of her books bear a beautifully designed label bearing her name as Winner of the 2018 Summer Reading raffle. First, though, each of the girls who completed the required mini book reports was called up for a prize. Then a raffle was drawn for each individual class, and the winner selected her favorite game from those on display. Then (drumroll, please) the Grand Raffle was finally drawn. Congratulations to 6th grader Chaya Landau, who was chosen as this year's winner. Chaya's next task is to survey her classmates for a menu of top choices so that she is prepared for her upcoming shopping trip. Congratulations to the individual grade winners as well:

2nd grade: Fraidy Neustadt 5th grade: Elisheva Eisengart
3rd grade: Naama Grossman 6th grade: Chana Maya Lutzky
4th grade: Michal Kader

Twenty-two new faces can now be spotted in the YST girls' hallway. That's the number of girls in the Pre1a class this year! They are adjusting beautifully to their new environment and to each other. Besides for learning all the classroom rules and routines, they have been learning how to recognize their names and which alphabet letters are in their names. The girls started their A-B-C journals, which stress the sound of each letter and have also practiced writing some letters on their individual chalk boards. They can't wait to learn all 26 alphabet letters!

Welcome back to a new school year from the PTA!

We have so many exciting ideas and events planned for the upcoming months. If you haven't received one, be sure to look in your child's backpack for the new school calendar. Please support the businesses that support our school! Tell the advertisers you saw them in the YST calendar!

A big thank you for the beautiful calendar goes to Alena Bloom, Dubbie Busel, and Regal printing. Another Huge thank you goes to Sara Scott & grandparent, Lois Goldsmith, who organized the Pre Yom Tov Boutique with their wonderful PTA volunteers.

The hours of work they put in are most appreciated!

If you'd like to help out, have questions to ask, or good ideas to share, drop us a line at ystpata@ystnj.org. We are always happy to hear from you!

YST PTA

Mazal Tov

- Rabbi & Mrs. Abba Brudny upon the birth of a granddaughter
- Mr. & Mrs. Ari Dorfberger upon the birth of a son and a daughter
- Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cooper upon the birth of a son
- Rabbi & Mrs. Dovid Bak upon the birth of a grandson
- Rabbi & Mrs. Baruch Goodman upon the birth of a granddaughter
- Mr. & Mrs. Ephraim Paul upon Tzivia's Bas Mitzvah
- Rabbi & Mrs. Moshe Shaps upon Miriam's Bas Mitzvah

Library Additions

- "Team Taryag - The Fire-X Flashlight Mystery" donated by Mrs. Rivka Adler in honor of Moshe Gross's Bar Mitzvah

Local News & Shiurim

- Did you know the Edison/Highland Park Shoe Share stocks shoes that have never been worn? Choose from over 175 pairs of new and near-new boys and girls dress shoes, sneakers, boots, and Crocs! For appointments, call Elisheva Blumberg at (347) 416-3693. Currently accepting donations of new and like-new kids' shoes.
- The Edison/Highland Park gown Gemach, L'iluy Nishmas R' Yitzchok Ben Bin-yomin, 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.
- Classes for women will resume after sukkos.

המקום ינחם...

- Rabbi Dovid Kamin upon the loss of his father, Rabbi Efraim Kamin, זצ"ל