



YESHIVA
SHAAREI TZION

Sept 7, 2018

WELCOME BACK
TO YST!



כתיבה וחתימה טובה

"Teshuva"

Confession means to confess one's sin to oneself; this is one of the most essential facets of *teshuvah*. The Maharal explains: To acknowledge one's sins is to completely slaughter the *yetzer ha-ra*. By acknowledging one's sins, one gives oneself to Hashem. This leads to the complete removal of the *yetzer ha-ra*, for where one is joined to Hashem there can be no sin. Failing this, one might well return to the sin; this is how human beings act: they are inconsistent.. but when one confesses, "I have sinned to Hashem," one gives oneself completely to Hashem, and thereby completely removes the *yetzer ha-ra* and attaches oneself to Him, Blessed be He.

At the time of the *Bais Hamikdash*, the *kohen gadol* used to make a confession on behalf of all *Yisrael*. This seems extraordinary; how does Maharal's reasoning apply when someone else is confessing for me? We can learn from this that when a *tzaddik* achieves an elevation in level, he raises everyone else with him. When the *kohen gadol* experiences his unworthiness before Hashem, each member of *Klal Yisrael* finds it easier to attain the same experience, and the individual *teshuvah* of each finds acceptance. This throws light on the function of *Shaliach-tzibur*, who leads the prayers in the synagogue. *Taken from: Strive For Truth by Rabbi Eliyahu Dessler*

FYI

• Back to School Night in the Girls' Division is Thursday, Sept 13. Please see schedule for the girls division on the next page.

• Summer reading logs for the girls' school are due this Wed, Sept 12th. Don't forget to send them in!

• Reminder: Lunches will not be served on Tzom Gedalia - Wed, Sept . 12th.

• 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. See flyer for details.

• 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.

Week in Review

It is with great pleasure and nachas that we report to you that our school year has begun with a real sense of excitement. It is a pleasure to see how our talmidim young and "old" came with great enthusiasm to learn and absorb the Torah and שמ"מ given over to them by their esteemed רבני"ם. We hope to keep you up to date with the accomplishments of all our classes. Many projects and ideas are being put into action to help our boys reach the high standards we have set for a YST student. Our weekly newsletter will always be standing by to keep you informed of all the news and "goings on" at YST.

Let's hope that with our constant encouragement, involvement, and positive attitude, we will have a year of הצלחה, and see our תלמידים grow and become the true בני תורה we want them to be.

The Pre1A Boys' classroom is a very exciting place. Although they only had four days of school, the boys boarded the buses on Friday carrying "apple" bags full of השנה ראש projects that they will surely use. They were "busy bees" – creating honeybees, baking חלה, and making beautiful סימנים mats. This was all done while getting used to all the new things that come along with the start of a new school year. We certainly did not forget, however, to start our ב – א review. The boys know the letters א, ב, ג, and they know many words that begin with the letter א, and חודש אלול was definitely one of their א words!

Preschool Jottings

"He has been waiting every morning of this summer for the day he could go back to school!" "She is so excited to be here!" "Naomi had such a great first day!" Those were the warm greetings of our back to school days! Everyone is so excited to walk through the bright doors of YST Preschool and enter the PLAY WITH A PURPOSE!

The school year has begun with all the excitement that we could possibly squeeze into the few school days before Rosh Hashana. The Rosh Hashana tables around town will be adorned with beautiful honey dishes and placemats that were hand crafted right here in the Preschool. The young children learned how to identify animals that have horns on their heads. They sorted different types of apples and made Venn Diagrams to understand the difference between the items that we set on our Shabbos table and on our Yom Tov table.

The children are just beginning to learn the routine of a preschool day. They enjoy the center based classrooms, snack and lunchtime in the lunchroom and playtime in our outdoor playground. The children were introduced to the gym room filled with balls, bikes to ride and a large trampoline. What a major accomplishment for our young preschoolers to become comfortable with all that and more in just our few days of school!

Back to School Night for the preschool will be after Sukkos. Details to follow.

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Welcome!

YST wishes a warm welcome to all our new staff members:

- Rabbi Ezra Malitzky - Executive Director
- Miss G Bertram - Girls/Middle School Math
- Miss Tamar Bodlander - G2 & G3 Aide
 - Mrs C. Friedman - Boys' Secretary
- Miss E. Klahr - Girls/School Counselor
 - Mrs. C. Landau - P1a Boys Aide
- Mrs. D. Lockspeiser - Boys/4th Grade
 - Mrs. D. Malitzky - Girls/Resource
- Miss Adina Neustadt - P1a Boys Aide
- Mr. P. Stio - Boys/Dir. of Special Services

YST Boys are back, and better than ever! In a record amount of time, and under the guidance of their teachers, the students produced writing pieces to grace the bulletin boards all along the hallway. What a great way to become reacquainted after the long summer break! *in the girls' school...*

Towards the end of the summer, a survey was circulated to the staff and students of YST Girls. Some of the questions had simple one word answers, while others required a moment of thought. After the responses were tallied, the results were posted on a welcoming bulletin board highlighting clearly that WE ARE ALL CONNECTED! Yes, in many ways, our similarities far outweigh our differences - many of the girls who love to swim have purple bedroom walls, and several of the girls whose addresses begin with the number 1 are also named for their great-grandmothers. Of course, there are individual differences that make each person unique: Michaela Feiler has a Grammy, Penny Berger makes sure the tissue boxes are open for Shabbos & Sari Fogel cozies up with a book in her "club chair." The web of interconnectedness also created a mesmerizing **הבאים ברוכים** bulletin board featuring the pictures of each of our YST girls creating a somewhat familiar building.

Mazal Tov

- Mr. & Mrs. Donny Becker upon the birth of a son
- Rabbi & Mrs. Dovid Simcha Green upon the birth of a son
- Mr. & Mrs. Gruenebaum upon the birth of a son
- Mr. & Mrs. Epstein (girl's science teacher) upon the birth of a daughter
- Mr. & Mrs. Dovid Dolinger upon the birth of a granddaughter
- Rabbi & Mrs. Dovid Komet upon the birth of a grandson
- Rabbi Michael & Morah Mindy Abboudi upon the birth of a granddaughter
- Rabbi & Mrs. Noach Sauber upon the birth of a grandson
- Mr. & Mrs. Moshe Feuer upon the birth of a grandson
- Rabbi & Mrs. Dani Davis upon Kivi's Bar Mitzvah
- Mr. & Mrs. Alex Rabaev upon Shimon's Bar Mitzvah
- Mr. & Mrs. Arya Eisner upon Dina's Bas Mitzvah
- Mr & Mrs Zev Moskowitz upon Aliza's Bas Mitzvah
- Mr. & Mrs. Larry Fisch upon Devorah's Bas Mitzvah
- Rabbi & Mrs. Dovid Gross upon Chava Rochel's engagement to Mordechai Kalifon and also upon Moshe's Bar Mitzvah
- Rabbi & Mrs. Dovid Bak upon Peri's engagement to Shloimy Berger from Montreal
- Rabbi & Mrs. Mordechai Miller upon Avigail's engagement to Yisroel Rabinowitz from Baltimore
- Rabbi & Mrs. Tropp upon Tova's marriage to Shmulie Kosman
- Rabbi & Mrs. Shlomo Ziegler upon Akiva's marriage to Rochel Sietler

- Please join the Gross family as they dedicate a Sefer Torah on Sunday, September 16th at Torah Links of Middlesex County, 261 Dunhams Corner Road, East Brunswick. 10:30am - Refreshments and writing of the final section, 11:15 am - Torah procession with live music. All will be followed by a sumptuous buffet. RSVP to MDLSX@TORAHLINKS.ORG

- 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 Binyomin, 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.

Catch 'em Being Good

Dear Mrs. Brudny,

I was so impressed with how well the girls behaved when I helped out with the PM red bus run the 1st school day! Despite it being very hot and humid, with a lengthy bus run, our Shaarei Tzion girls stayed seated, respectfully asked me to pass up their garbage to the front, and to open their windows.

Special mention must be made of Anya Urow and Leeba Eisengart for saying Thank You to Anne, the bus driver, in a loud clear voice. It was beautiful to see such appreciation!

Of course, a tremendous shout out to our wonderful driver Anne, who is so patient and sweet, driving with extreme safety, checking each girl exits the bus and walks in front, and ensuring Baila has a great first year on the bus!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Itzkowitz

<i>Girls School: Back to School Night</i>						
<i>Thursday Sept 13</i>						
7:10 - 7:40	1 st grade		5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
7:40 - 8:10	Pre1A & 2nd grades	7:30 - 7:45	Morah Rubinfeld 7:40 - 8:00	Morah Halberg	Morah Frankl	Morah Bakst
		7:45 - 8:00		Mrs. Epstein	Mrs. C. Gross	Mrs. Brotsky
		8:00 - 8:15	Introducing Eureka Math Grades 4 - 6 - Lunchroom		Mrs. Epshteyn	Mrs. C. Gross
8:15 - 8:30	General Parent Meeting - Lunchroom					
8:30 - 9:00	3 rd & 4 th grades	8:30 - 8:45	Mrs. Chait	Miss Bertram	Mrs. Epstein	Mrs. Hammer
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