



ASHREINEWS

בחקתי



Menahel's Message Hashem Loves You!

Not coincidentally, the terrible curses of Parshas Bechukosai are followed by the laws of *arakhin*, the set of values assigned to each individual for the purpose of donations to Hekdesh, the Beit Hamikdash. Hashem values every single human being, explains the Lubliner Rav, Rav Meir Schapiro zt"l, despite the challenges of a wretched situation. No matter how great the apparent curse, each person is precious to his or her Maker, a fact that may or may not provide a degree of consolation for the afflicted, but most definitely should shape our attitude towards others apparently less fortunate.

The great Rav Chaim of Volozhin, brilliant student of the Vilna Gaon and founder of the legendary Volozhin Yeshiva, invested substantial time and energy in the *chinuch* of his own children. His son Yitzchak, who became known as Rav Itzele of Volozhin and a *gadol* in his own right, records in his writings that though his father certainly emphasized the primacy of Torah study, he focused even more on the importance of *chesed* and reaching out to others. Man, Rav Chaim would consistently reiterate, is placed in this world not just for himself, but for others as well. At times, he went as far as to suggest that a Jew's creation is *primarily* for the sake of others!

Educating towards *chesed* is not an extra-curricular, or even co-curricular, endeavor, but rather the foundation of Torah *chinuch*. Over the course of each year, we provide our students with age-appropriate *chesed* opportunities that allow them to interact with children and adults who valiantly meet unique challenges. While most of the programs are fun, they also indelibly impress upon our children the importance of always including those seemingly less fortunate than themselves- but no less beloved by Hashem.

Shabbat Shalom!

Rabbi Ari Jacobson

ASHAR's step-off time is 2 p.m.

W 53rd Street between 5th and 6th Ave.

Buses will leave ASHAR at 11:45 a.m. sharp!

Adaptive Design, Part 3

Mrs. Jennah Schuh, Assistant Principal, General Studies

The seventh and eighth grade ELA curriculum includes a unit on role models who overcome major life challenges to succeed. Students read, discussed and wrote about people who have mental, physical and environmental handicaps.

This year we were able to extend the learning unit due to additional Title IV funding.

Our students were finally able to gain more of an understanding of how people with physical disabilities operate throughout their daily lives, by experiences they need hands-on experiences.

Working with CEC, ASHAR secured funds allowing transportation and admittance to the Adaptive Design Center in Manhattan.

The field trip to the Adaptive Design Center began with an instructional session which included explanation, discussion, and information regarding the role of the ADA and people with disabilities.

After a tour of the facilities and workshop, our students were lead by the ADA team of designers and craftsmen in building slant boards used to help students in adapting the traditional desk or table into a more user-friendly space.

ASHAR students measured and cut reinforced-heavy-grade cardboard to size and then hot-glued the pieces together. The next step was to cover the board in a coating using newspaper strips and a glue solution. Then the students painted the pieces in designs of their choice. Finally a shellac was applied to ensure durability.

Last week the final stage of the project was completed when ASHAR students donated their finished slant boards to students in local public school. By collaborating with administrators and staff in Grandview Elementary school and the Elmwood School, the ASHAR students visited self-contained classrooms, OTs, PTs and the BI-Y program. They presented the boards and explained some of the design process to the younger students.

ASHAR students walked away with a new insight into global citizenship, community involvement and going beyond themselves.

GIRLS TRIP WEEK



Our 8th grade girls had an amazing trip to Washington DC including a serendipitous meeting with Rabbi Goldstein of Poway, CA. This was Morah Flo's 21st trip to Washington! Thank you for all you do for our school! We love you!

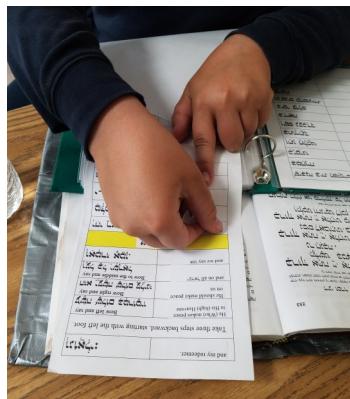




The annual 7th grade trip to Philadelphia took place Tuesday. As the rain poured down at home, the girls enjoyed beautiful weather for their tour.

BOYS

ASHAR's third grade boys have been working on learning the Shemona Esrei all year long. Rabbi Auslander's innovative inter-linear sticker book divided each *bracha* into small chunks and a sheet of stickers with corresponding translations was given to each boy. This week the boys celebrated to completion of the final page! Well done third graders. Wishing you a lifetime of meaningful davening! (The boys loved putting their books on a chair and holding them in the air as they danced around the room!)



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The Matnas Shabbos finale was a celebration of all the reasons we are grateful for Shabbos. Shabbos is indeed a beautiful gift to the Jewish people!



Riddle of the Week

(submit answer in your SMVT sheet for a chance to win a prize)

Who am I?

1. I am 50 and 30. 2. I am 20 and 10. 3. I am not less than a month. 4. I am worth it.
1. I am for ten. 2. I could be for nine or eleven. 3. I cause painting. 4. Single file line please.

1. Seven sevens before me. 2. I have a shofar. 3. "Forever" is until me. 4. I return people
1. I do not lag behind. 2. My number is my name. 3. Don't get burnt. 4. Glory within glory

Answer: *A mum (blemish), Kohen*



FINAL Tzedaka Collection of the school year!

Thursday, June 6

Bring your ASHAR Tzedaka box money!



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For More Information:
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June 23, 2019 10:30 AM
Rockland Lake State Park



Rabbi Chaitovsky (8B)
on the birth of a grandson!

Mrs. Janet Schwarz (NA)
on the graduation of your son Daniel from YU!

Mrs. Cheryl Klein (T1)
on the graduation of your son Craig from YU!

Kehillas Bais Yehudah of Wesley Hills Presents:

RABBI DAVID FOHRMAN

SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND

23 LIME KILN ROAD

7:45PM MINCHA, 8:00PM SHIUR FOLLOWED BY MAARIV



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Rabbi David Fohrman is the founder and CEO of Aleph Beta and scholar for the Hoffberger Foundation for Torah Study. In that capacity, he lectures internationally on Biblical themes. He served as a senior writer and editor for ArtScroll's Schottenstein Edition of the Talmud, and taught Biblical themes at The Johns Hopkins University.

*Rabbi Fohrman's recorded lectures and animated videos are available at www.alephbeta.org. His published works include *The Beast that Crouches at the Door*, *The Queen You Thought You Knew*, and *The Exodus You Almost Passed Over*.*



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- End of year Mainstage Show for the girls.
- End of year siyum and musical performance for the boys.

"Dancing Through the Ages" Mainstage Show this year!

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Questions? Contact Aliza Fischman at office@camp613.com or at 845-356-6613!

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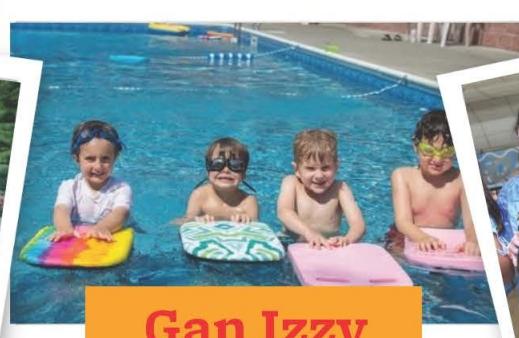
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