

ASHREINNEWS

Ki Tisa



Who knows



“Show me your Glory”

Rabbi Yaakov Twerski: Fifth Grade Rebbe

[ל"ג, י"ח-כ"ג] ויאמר הראני נא את כבודך. ויאמר אני אעביר כל טובי על פניך וקראתי בשם ה' לפניך כו'. והסרתי את כפי וראית את אחרי. ופני לא יראו.

And [Moshe] said: Show me Your glory. And [Hashem] said, I will cause all of my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will call out in Hashem's name before you... And I will remove My hand and you will see My back, but My face will not be seen.

We must try to understand what Moshe was asking for when he said, “Show me Your glory.” Likewise, what did Hashem mean, “And you will see My back.”

There is a beautiful vort brought down in the Shailos U'tshuvos of the Mei Yehuda, who writes that Rav Yaakov of Lisa (author of the *Chavos Daas*) was once a guest in the house of the Chasam Sofer and was asked to say a D'var Torah. He cited the Possuk in Tehilim: “To You, Hashem, is kindness, for You pay back each man according to his actions.”

The Chavos Daas said this may be understood with a story: There was once a simple, poor man who had great Yiras Shamayim. This man got up early each morning to daven in Shul, answer Amen to the Brachos, and say Y'hei Shmei Rabbah during Kaddish.

One morning, he was passing through the market on the way to Shul, and he noticed that the lumber dealers were arriving in the market with wagon-loads of wood. The man realized that his household needed wood, and if he made his purchases now, the prices would be lower than they'd be after Shul, when more customers would be clamoring to buy wood. He decided to make his purchases before davening and found that he saved a whole ruble. However, when he had finished arranging for the wood to be delivered to his home, he discovered that he'd missed Zman Tefilla.

The heavenly court was in an uproar. The prosecuting angels said, “Look, he put aside the priceless treasures of Amen and Y'hei Shmei Rabbah for a ruble! He obviously does not appreciate the value of Avodas Hashem and deserves no reward for his Mitzvos.”

Hashem, however, took a different approach. Yes, this man forgot the value of Tefillah B'tzibbur in order to provide for his wife and children, Hashem explained. But if you approach him now and ask this man to sell the Torah and Mitzvos he has already performed, he wouldn't sell them for all the gold and pearls in the world. (cont.)

Fake News

Mrs. Jennah Schuh: Assistant Principal, General Studies

Evidence based work is something we promote in ASHAR. In almost every subject we teach students how to back up their findings with evidence. As early as kindergarten and first grade, children learn the difference between fact and opinion and how to recognize one from the other. When children start to read we ask comprehension questions that elicit specific reasons for a provided answer. Students are taught how to find text evidence to support a statement and are required to include a word, sentence or phrase from the book or article in their answers. As the students progress through the grades, they learn to cite, quote and reference information in their writing, producing research papers and document-based-question essays with accuracy and elaboration.

Our math program, Eureka Math trains students in how to find solutions to a problem and how to express the thinking behind the work. Explaining how a solution was reached brings a deeper understanding to the students. Additionally it also reinforces the concept that facts and evidence are important piece of an educated answer.

This past Monday, Presidents' Day, members of the Ashar administration were invited to participate in a conference exploring Holocaust education. This full day conference hosted by Project Witness touched on many aspects of Holocaust research for children of all ages. Ashar took major pride in the fact that Mrs. Debby Jacobson, principal of the girls division, was asked to present how ASHAR teaches the Holocaust using a multidisciplinary approach, as part of the educators' panel. The experience was eye-opening in that it highlighted the need for education to include research based statements and accurate fact finding as part of the curriculum.

A recent webinar in which our teachers participated gave a step by step protocol to help students navigate the Internet to find accurate information using reputable websites. The presenter focused on how to teach children to look for evidence when reading information and recognizing red flags indicating unreliable sources and false information. By helping children develop this skill of verifying a statement, we are helping them think before speaking, base their thoughts on research and value truth.



GIRLS

Purim Katan Big Sister– Little Sister Hamantashen



3G visits Friedwald Center



7G preparing scenes from the Miracle Worker



4G recording data on the growth of their plants

Shmirat Ha Lashon



Morah Tziporah Moldaver taught the girls that refraining from speaking *lashon hora* has the power to extend a person's life. She discussed the importance of watching what comes out of our mouths and to zip our lips when we are about to speak badly about someone.



Olam Chesed

In an effort to instill greater empathy and chesed awareness in our middle school boys, the 7th and 8th graders volunteered at Olam Chesed, an organization that has a network of businesses eager to donate "written-off" inventory such as end-of-season and overstock items. It and allows people who could otherwise not afford household items and furniture to "shop" in their warehouse free of charge. The boys helped organize the donated goods. For more information about this organization or to refer someone in need, please contact them at 845-579-2311.



3B Scavenger Hunt kicks off siyum of Beraishit Perek Chof-Gimmel!



Congratulations to Moshe Abboudi (4B) for winning the Tefillah Power prize!

Riddle of the Week

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

Who am I?

I caused plagues, For me some use a posuk, Sometimes a half shekel,
I give you numbers.

I was bright, Even though it wasn't Purim, I wore a mask, I am from the
small "Aleph", I was misunderstood as horns.

Last week:

I make you knock, I fix your speech, I had the bells but not the whistles, My pomegranates were
not full of seeds. Answer: Meil

Introducing the 3B Zoo!



Mrs. Jacobs' third grade boys dressed up as their animals and presented dioramas of their animals' natural habitat.

Glory (cont.)

The Chavos Daas concluded: This is the meaning of the Possuk, that Hashem repays a person based on how he values the Mitzva *after* he does it, *כמעשהו*, and not before, when he may not appreciate its value.

The Gemara says that one of the reasons Yerushalayim was destroyed is that, "They did not make a Bracha on the Torah prior to learning." The Mei Yehudah explains, if someone truly appreciates the value of a Mitzva before undertaking it, he will praise and thank Hashem for the opportunity -- in other words -- he'll make a Bracha on the Torah beforehand. When we lost sight of this value, our Torah learning and observance of Mitzvos declined. Our Avodah today is to recognize the true value of Torah and Mitzvos *before* we set out to fulfill them..

This may be what Moshe Rabbeinu was asking of Hashem. Moshe was asking to see the beauty and splendor of each Mitzvah before we do it, but Hashem explained that this would eliminate all free choice. Rather, "You will see My back" -- which means that in hindsight, we will see the value of Torah and Mitzvos.

May we be blessed to always understand the value of our deeds and merit the redemption where Hashem will rescue us in the end as in the beginning!



Mrs. Rochel Leah Wolf (T Class)

on the birth of a baby girl!

Devora Berger

on her engagement to Uzi Kamensky

Devora Winfield

on her engagement to Cary Oved

Boys 4th-8th

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

SUNDAYS @ ASHAR

See the ASHAR school calendar for specific date details

**Make
Sundays
Special!**

Happy Purim!

FROM THE ASHAR PTA

Send Mishloach Manot to the entire ASHAR Administration & Staff

\$36 - current ASHAR Family

\$72 - Alumni / Non-Current Family

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65TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

IN SUPPORT OF THE ASHAR JEWISH EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Sunday Evening • **MARCH 31, 2019** • כ"ד אדר ב' תשע"א

OLD TAPPAN MANOR

137 Orangeburg Road • Old Tappan, New Jersey

COCKTAILS at 7:00PM • **DINNER** at 8:00PM

HONORING

GUESTS OF HONOR



Dr. Benyamin and Daniella Friedman

FACULTY SERVICE AWARD



Rabbi Daniel Issacs

PARENTS OF THE YEAR



Ari and Shira Zoldan



Moshe and Batya Fuerst

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR



Mrs. Rivka Wagner



Mrs. Dana Elkobi

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Gold.....	\$2,500
Silver	\$1,800
Bronze	\$1,000
Full Page.....	\$500
Three-Quarter Page*.....	\$360

Half Page.....	\$250
Quarter Page	\$180
Eighth Page.....	\$75
Name Only.....	\$36

Contribution of \$360 or more entitles you 2 dinner reservations. Contribution of \$180 or more for Ashar parents entitles you 2 dinner reservations.

CALLING ALL OUR CAMPERS & PROSPECTIVE CAMPERS!!!



REUNION & OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, March 3rd, 2019 | 3PM - 5PM

Lifeplex, 18 College Road, Monsey, NY



- Reunion & Open House – tour our facility, enjoy ice skating, an art activity, light refreshments, and fun with friends!
- COME MEET OUR DIVISION HEADS:
 - ✓ Boys Division: Rabbi Josh Rossman
 - ✓ Girls Division: Miriam Shaprio
 - ✓ Pre-School Division: Dahlia Sulimanoff
- Sign up for Summer 2019 at the event & get 75% off hot lunch AND a Camp 613 water bottle. Sign up with a group of 3 children and get \$300 off each child.
- RAFFLE FOR AMAZINGLY COOL PRIZES!
 - ✓ 1st prize - Underwater Camera
 - ✓ 2nd prize - Echo Dot Kids Edition
 - ✓ 3rd Prize - Game Smart Watch

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