



ASHREINews

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Menahel's Message "The Surest Thing"

Most of us are familiar with Chazal's account of Matan Torah, in which Hashem offered the Torah to several other nations. Each refused for various reasons, while Bnei Yisrael enthusiastically accepted with a resounding *naa'seh v'nishma*.

Somewhat less famous is what happened next: According to the Midrash, Hashem then demanded guarantors. Who is going to ensure the continued observance of Torah? B'nei Yisrael offered the Avos and Imahos- Avraham, Yitzchak and Yaakov, Sarah, Rivkah, Rachel and Leah- as cosigners; Hashem refused. They then suggested the Nevi'im- Prophets of the generations- and were again rebuffed. "Who else can we summon?" wondered the Children of Israel. "How can we possibly find more trustworthy guarantors than our Patriarchs and Prophets?" And then it dawned upon them: Hashem was not looking to the past but towards the future. "We'll offer our children as guarantors," cried Bnei Yisrael. Only then did Hashem finally agree to give the Torah, for, as the Midrash concludes: "אלין ערבאין טבין" these are indeed the true guarantors of our Torah and nation.

Children are not only our most precious personal gift from G-d, but also our most valuable national resource. Rav Yosef Kahaneman zt"l, the late Ponevezher Rav, would note that while a child is orphaned upon losing his parents ר"ל, a nation is orphaned upon losing her children.

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No School Monday

YES ERCSD Bus Tues. and Wed.

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A Community of Boom Writers

Mrs. Mindy Reifer, Director of Curriculum, General Studies

The Institute of Education Sciences lists four recommendations for schools to promote in order to build effective writers. The first recommendation is to provide students with daily time to write. The second recommendation concerns areas of the writing process, while the third recommendation is to teach students to become fluent with writing skills, including grammar conventions and sentence construction. These seem straightforward and easy to achieve in a traditional ELA classroom. However, the final recommendation stresses the importance of building "an engaged community of writers," a lofty goal and certainly an aspiration. With our new middle school creative writing program, Boom Writer, we are confident we will achieve this goal and create a vibrant writing community. With Boom Writer, students read a story starter and begin writing the next chapter of their class book. They then submit their chapters, and a teacher recommends specific revisions and edits. Once their writing is approved, students read each other's anonymous writing submission, voting for the best piece to be included in the final book. After the voting determines the official "next chapter," the process repeats, with students again writing the subsequent chapters and voting for the one they want. Along the way, teachers target specific skills, individualize required revisions, and encourage collaboration. Completed class books are available for publication and purchase.

Working toward the common goal of an original, published class novel is not only building a community of writers, but also engaging our students in a rigorous exercise of creativity. We are excited to see what our budding authors inspire in themselves and each other!



Riddle of the Week

Who am I?

- 1. I am equal to the plagues. 2. I was split in two.
- 3. Stand for me. 4. I can be read from both sides.

- 1. I am one of seven. 2. I mean more.
- 3. I added to the Torah. 4. I also left Egypt.

Last week's answers: Az Yashir, Moshe's hands

I am a source for resurrection, I am one of ten, I'm like a wall,
I am read daily.

We did not fight, We needed support, We inspired heavenward
looking, We were heavy.

___ If one accidentally made a שהכל on a watermelon they do not need to make a new ברכה

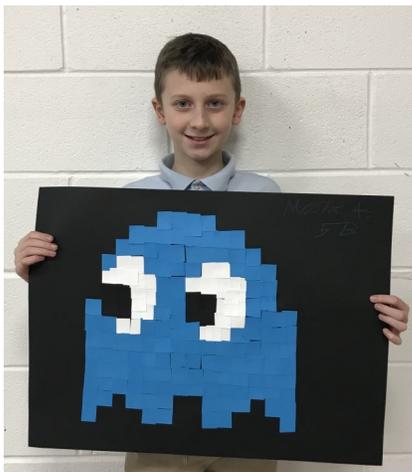
___ Since שהכל means "Everything was made by His words," if one makes a שהכל on anything by accident, a new ברכה does not have to be made.

___ If one makes a האדמה of instead of a העץ, since they both come from the ground one does not need to make a new ברכה

___ If one accidentally makes a העץ on wine, one does not need to make a בורא פרי הגפן

Brachos in Shevat

The "Middah" of this month is **Brachos!** 5B hosted a Brachos Fair for boys in 1st—4th with creative games and activities. Thank you for your leadership 5B! Friday's Brachos Bee challenged our middleschoolers to apply their knowledge to real-life situations... Do you know the answers to the questions above??



Math Meets Art part 2! 5B designed "invaders" using graph paper to represent pixels. Applying knowledge of proportions allowed the boys to take their designs and enlarge them onto posters!

GIRLS

Girls Division Celebrates Tu B'Shevat

ASHAR's Girls Division enjoyed a beautiful Tu B'Shevat this week. With platters of fruits and cookies lovingly prepared by Mr. Shlomo Weber (husband of Mrs. Tamar Weber) and a custom made hagaddah created by Mrs. Ariella Ruderman, the middle school girls were led in the recitation of the 15 Shir HaMaalot and various brachos in celebration of the day. The younger girls heard the story of Yuvi, a brave Ethiopian girl who dreams of Israel and candy trees and made their own candy tree! aThank you Mrs. Jacobson, Mrs. Weber and the entire girls division staff for making this year's Tu B'Shevat a real celebration!



2G and 8G Visit Café Europa

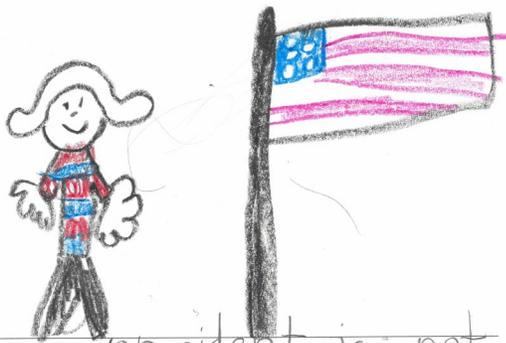
It was an important and meaningful visit. A second grade student innocently asked a survivor, "That number on your arm does it wash off?" A tender moment followed as the woman patiently showed and explained.



The Fifth Grade trip to the Liberty Science Center is one of the year's highlights!

First Grade Writing about President's Day Feb 11, 2020

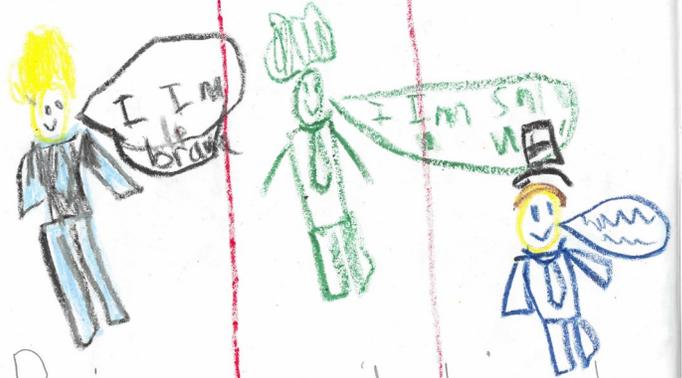
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Being president is not easy. A president needs to be brave. The president needs to have a good brain so he can make good decisions. The president has a hard job.

By Yonatan Mizrahi

Feb 11, 2020



Being president is not easy. If you are a president you have to be brave and confident. You have to be kind to your people. You have to be fair, smart and prepared. The president has a hard job.

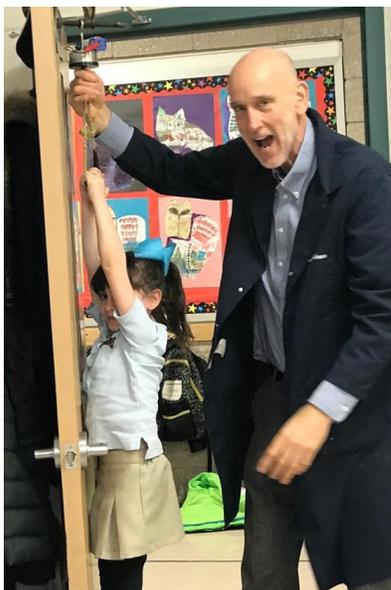
By Ella Corcia

First Grade Reading



500 Books!

Hands-On Science with Chris Greene!



Surest...

All of us are pulled in so many directions individually; Matan Torah reminds us that we have to make time for our children, and after doing so, then make more time. The Jewish community is likewise collectively besieged by so many worthy causes and critical challenges; Matan Torah mandates that priority must always be assigned to those causes most directly relevant to our children, Am Yisrael's eternal guarantors.

Shabbat Shalom
Rabbi Ari Jacobson

פרנס היום / פרנס השבוע

ג' טבת - י"ד אדר ♦ December 31, 2019 - March 10, 2020

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Shira Schwartz (6G)

on her Bat Mitzvah!

Freeda Oliver (6G)

on her Bat Mitzvah!

Mrs. Rivka Wagner

on the birth of a grandson!

Mrs. Malky Lehmann

on the upcoming wedding of her son!

Happy Purim!

FROM THE ASHAR PTA

**Send Mishloach Manot
to the entire ASHAR
Administration & Staff**

\$36 - current ASHAR Family

\$72 - Alumni / Non-Current Family

ashar.org/purim



FAMILY MISHLOACH MANOT PACKING EVENT

KOSHERTROOPS at KBY

Sunday Morning, February 16th
23 Lime Kiln Rd.
9am Davening
9:45 Breakfast & Packing to follow

Meet and Daven with our Soldiers, listen to their stories,
enjoy breakfast and help us pack
Purim Mishloach Manot to send to our Jewish service men
& women. All are welcome.
for more info: <https://koshertroops.com>



COMMUNITY PURIM COSTUME GEMACH (to borrow at no charge)

ASHAR walk in hours will be:

Tuesday Night: February 25 7:00pm-9:00pm

Sunday, March 1 3:00pm-5:00pm



I'zecher nishmas Michael Binyamin ben Dov, Naftali Simcha ben Avraham and Chana bas Meir

For questions: call/text 845-642-7076.

Parsha Yisro יתרו

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Shragi and Itta Lazarus

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Morah Miriam Wachs

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Sunday, March 22nd

COCKTAILS 6:45PM • DINNER 8:00PM