



# ASHREINews



## Menahel's Message Happy Birthday!



A devout chassid once approached the Tzemach Tzedek with the idea of relocating to Eretz Yisrael.

Conscious of the perilous conditions then prevalent in nineteenth century Palestine, the Rebbe advised to instead "make this place Eretz Yisrael." Though we live in a generation fortunate enough to be able to make *aliyah* with relative ease, the Rebbe's message remains equally relevant.

Much more than a place, Israel represents a plethora of all-encompassing ideals to be carried within the Jewish heart regardless of one's physical location. Most notably, the Torah portrays Eretz Yisrael as a land meriting the highest levels of Divine Providence: "Eini Hashem Elokecha ba." The "eyes" of Hashem focus especially on those fortunate enough to dwell in the King's Palace, and allow Him to provide accordingly.

But they also focus on each and every living being, "mi'beitzei kinnim ad karnei r'eimim." Acknowledge His constant providence in speech ("b'ezras Hashem," "im yirtzeh Hashem") and deed. And be grateful for His manifold

berachos- not least of which is a flourishing homeland pulsating with vibrant Jewish life and Torah study as never before. Happy Birthday Israel!

**Shabbat Shalom!**

-Rabbi Ari Jacobson  
Menahel/Dean



## Important Upcoming Events

FRIDAY, APRIL 30  
**Lag Ba'Omer** School Observance

MONDAY, MAY 10  
**Yom Yerushalayim** School Observance

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12  
**ASHAR Virtual Dinner**

SUNDAY-TUESDAY, MAY 16-18  
**No School** Shavuot

TUESDAY-THURSDAY, MAY 25-27  
**8G Trip to Washington**

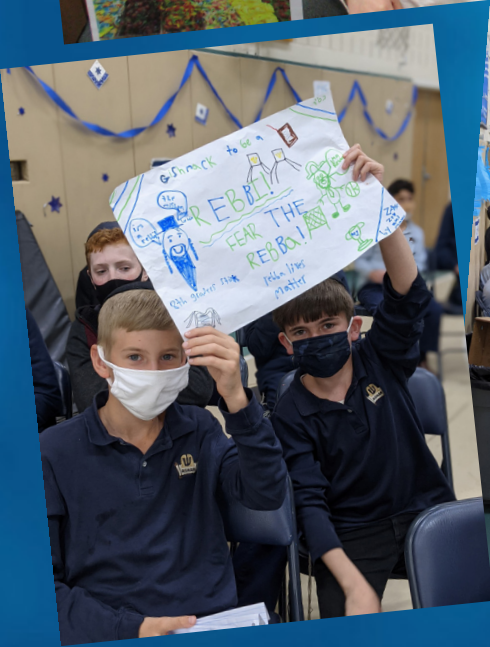
MONDAY, MAY 31  
**No School** Memorial Day

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7-9  
**8B Trip to Washington**

TUESDAY, JUNE 8  
**8G Graduation 7:15 PM**

THURSDAY, JUNE 10  
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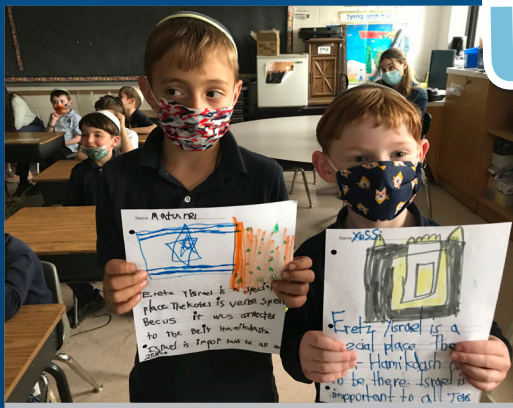




# Israel

## 1st Grade

# Writing



"Eretz Yisrael is a special place. The Beit Hamikdash used to be there. Israel is important to all Jews."  
- Yossi Gluck

"Eretz Yisrael is a special place. The Kotel is very special because it was connected to the Beit Hamikdash. Israel is important to all Jews."  
- Matanel Mandel



"Eretz Yisrael is a special place. I want the Beit Hamikdash to come back. Israel is important to all of us."  
- Shira Ziegler

"Eretz Yisrael is a special place. Israel is our home. I love Israel. Israel is important to all of us."  
- Sophia Simon

"Eretz Yisrael is a special place. The Beit Hamikdash is a holy place. Israel is important to all of us."  
- Talia Mizrahi



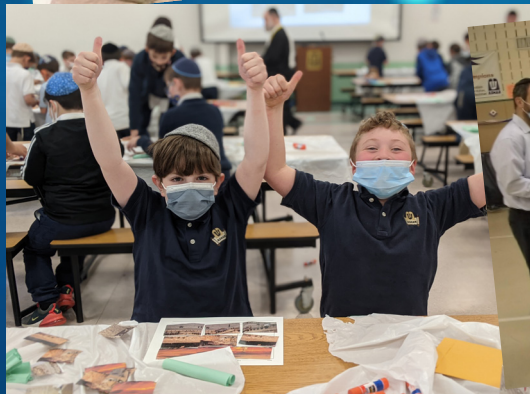




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**SEVENTY THREE!**

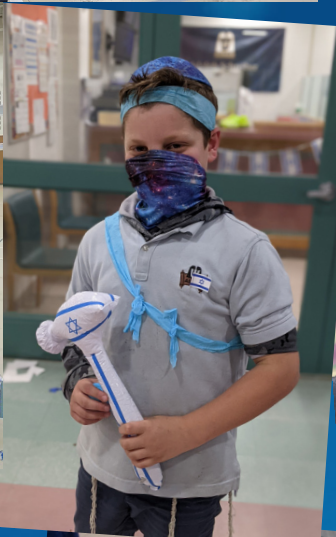
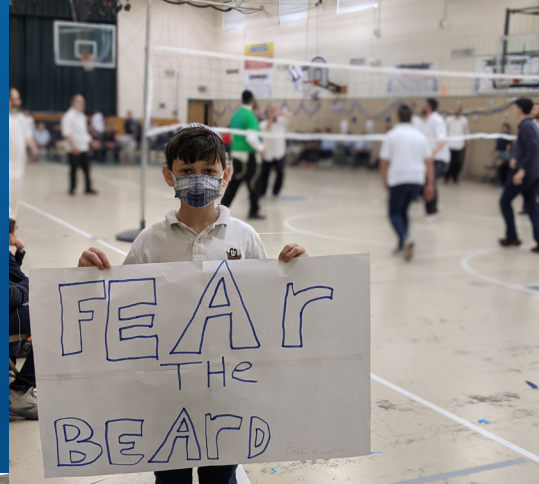
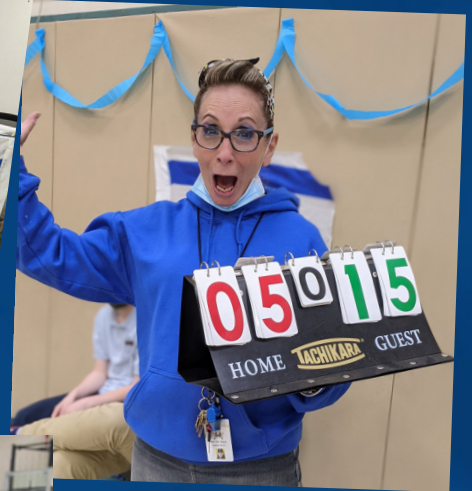


# יום העצמאות עליה



תודה  
to the girls in 8G,  
Morah Nofar and  
Morah Ariella  
for staying late  
& setting up the  
school for all the  
festivities!  
Thank you!





THANK YOU TO  
**ASHAR PTA**  
FOR THE CUPCAKES!





**Mrs. Jacqueline Borgen**  
Principal of Early Childhood and First Grade

On Tuesday, the entire Early Childhood family celebrated Rosh Chodesh Iyar and sang and clapped for the children who have Hebrew birthdays in this month. As the children entered the playroom, Morah was singing, "B'Chodesh Iyar, B'yom Hachamishi...." The children watched as Morah sang and waved the Israeli flag over their heads. We were so excited when the assembly began and we learned that there are two special holidays in our new month: Yom Ha'Atzmaut (hence the Israeli flag) and Lag Ba'omer. We enjoyed a quick lesson about each holiday and could not wait for Thursday, Yom Ha'Atzmaut, to arrive!

On Thursday, the entire Early Childhood family took a pretend trip to Eretz Yisrael. After learning so much about Eretz Yisrael, the children arrived in school excited and ready for this day. We took off on an El Al airplane, with passports and luggage in hand. We landed in Eretz Yisrael and went to daven at the Kotel. We visited many special places in our Holy Land and had a blast experiencing different activities all over Israel. We even watched the BIG degel shel Eretz Yisrael outside as the children helped raise it up high. We sang Hatikva and Am Yisrael Chai all together! We truly love the special land that Hashem gave us.

Throughout the day the Nursery, PreK, Kindergarten and First Grade classes joined "MJ Tours" (Morah Jackie Tours) and learned more about Eretz Yisrael. After finding Eretz Yisrael on the globe and tracking their trip from New York, the children discussed our journey with our land of Israel from the times of Avraham Avinu until today. We learned how the Jews fought to win back our country 73 years ago and then rebuilt the land by planting trees, building homes, and of course, Yeshivas and shuls. They then watched a Nefesh B'Nefesh video of three different groups of Olim making Aliya! It was extremely exciting and emotional! We are looking forward to Mashiach coming and all of us once again returning to our homeland!

*Here are some pictures from our special trip:*



Welcome to MJ Tours



Getting ready to board the plane with our tickets



Painting in Tzfat



Davening at the Kotel



Playing in the snow at Har Cheron



Planting on the Kibbutz



Salt art at the Dead Sea



Happy Birthday!



*Rosh Chodesh Iyar*





## Mrs. Debby Jacobson

Principal of Girls Division



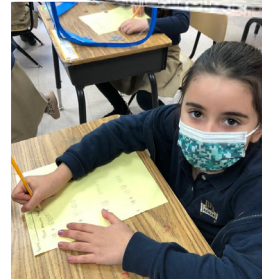
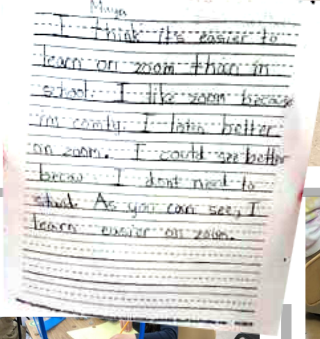
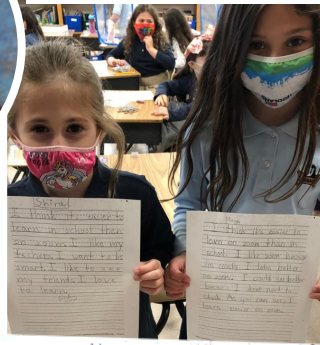
This past Wednesday was Yom Hazikaron, Israel's Memorial Day, honoring its fallen soldiers and victims of terror. The very next day, our students returned to school for Yom Haatzmaut, Israel's Independence Day.

Yom Hazikaron and Yom Haatzmaut are juxtaposed. A sad and difficult day is immediately replaced by a day of joy and celebration. Why are these days linked?

On Yom Haatzmaut we celebrate and thank Hashem for the bracha of Eretz Yisrael. We are grateful for the gift that he has given us. However, at the height of our simcha we must remember those who died "al Kiddush Hashem." We remember the soldiers that gave their lives so that we could have the precious gift of Eretz Yisrael. If not for these soldiers, we would not be celebrating.

We pray for the day when there is peace in artzeinu hakedosha and no new names are added to the myriad of soldiers remembered on Yom Hazikaron. Shalom al Yisrael!

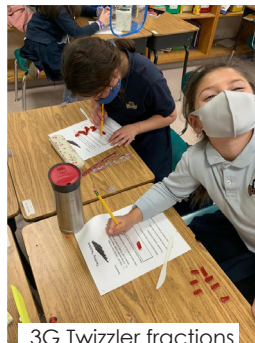
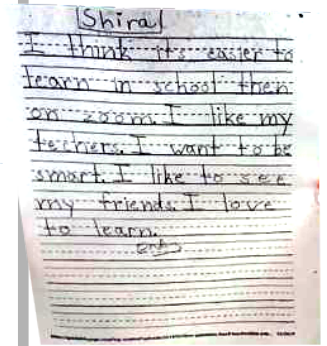
2G is learning opinion writing



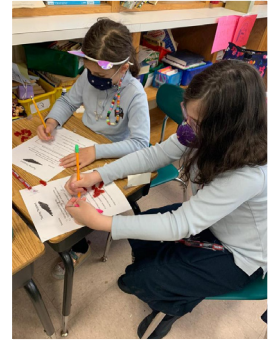
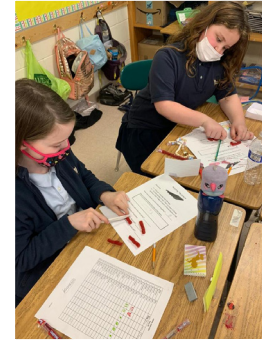
2G is learning about money



DIVISION



3G Twizzler fractions



Our Yom Hazikaron program started with a video presentation commemorating our fallen brothers in the IDF followed by a flag lowering ceremony outside.

Yom HaZikaron





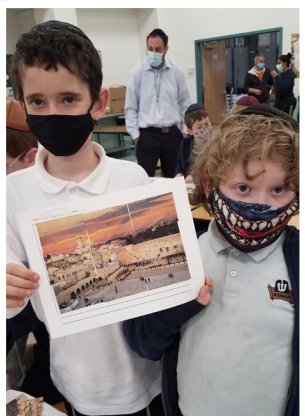
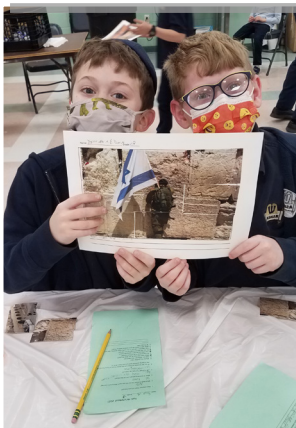
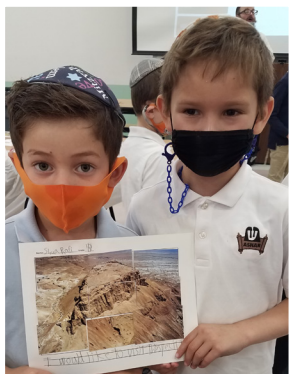
# Riddle of the Week ? WHO AM I ?

I am mentioned at the Seder; I take precedence over Shabbos; I was first for 99; I was also for 13. Submit answer in your SMVT sheet for a chance to win a prize!

Last Week's Answer: **Kosher** "I am for food and nowadays I could be for phones; I could even be for a sheitel; I have many symbols."



Thank you to Rabbi Isaacs and The Halper Family for Zooming with us all the way from Israel and sharing the beauty of making Aliyah.



Our flag lowering ceremony for Yom Hazikaron

## HOW FAR WILL YOU GO?

ASHAR needs YOU! Help us get there in time for Shavuos!

If I earn 100 points, I get Pizza!

The class with the most points gets to go to the Shavuos Trip!

And when the class gets 2,500 points, we get a class trip!

תורה חיוץ לסדר!

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Yom HaZikaron יום הזיכרון





**Mrs. Mindy Reifer**

Director of Curriculum



**Mrs. Jennah Schuh**

Assistant Principal



## Grades 6G-7G

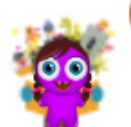


Rachelle Friedman



Kinneret Greenwald

**Winner**



Shaina Kirsh



**boom**  
**Writer**  
learning

Writing Contest Chapter 3

# Winners!



ב' אייר ♦ April 14

Wednesday's Yom Hazikaron Torah learning is

sponsored by Deena Moscovitz

לע"נ

**התינוק עמיעד ישראל הי"ד**  
**בן עמיחי ישי ושירה יעל איש-רן**

*(an Israeli terror victim)*

*Cousin of Deena, Yishai (6B) and Calev (2B) Moscovitz*

*May our children's learning serve as an aliya for his neshama.*

מזל טוב  
Mazel Tov

# Mazel Tov!

**Mrs. Kanarek**  
on the bris of her new grandson

**Mrs. Salb**  
on the birth of a grandson

Have any good news to share?  
email [mgoldman@ashar.org](mailto:mgoldman@ashar.org)



• For any students that are unable to attend school, we offer grab and go lunches. Pickup daily at the front door. Mon-Thurs 1:00-2:00 PM, Fri 12:30-1:30 PM







# Virtual Dinner

JOIN US FOR THE FIRST-EVER

## ASHAR VIRTUAL DINNER

WEDNESDAY

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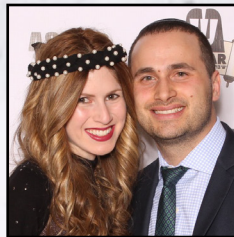
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HONORING ALL OF OUR INCREDIBLE  
REBBEIM, MOROT AND TEACHERS  
FOR THEIR SELFLESS DEDICATION  
OVER THE PAST YEAR.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO



*Don-E and Miryam Benovitz*  
GUESTS OF HONOR



*Shragi and Itta Lazarus*  
PARENTS OF THE YEAR



*Morah Miriam Wachs*  
TEACHER OF THE YEAR



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