



# ASHREINNEWS

## ל"ג בעומר



### Menahel's Message

#### Make This Day Count!



Jews traditionally bless one another with wishes for "arichas yamim v'shanim." We desire not just longevity, explains Rav Yechiel Michel Tukachinsky zt"l but *shanim* that are filled with *yamim*. We aspire to years filled with months, months filled with weeks, weeks filled with days, days filled with hours, hours filled with minutes, and minutes filled with seconds.

A *masmid*, the saintly Netziv of Volozhin would note, is not a scholar who studies countless hours, but rather one who studies sixty minutes each hour. Every day, every hour and every minute count.

This is why the righteous are generally described throughout Tanach as "getting on in their days"- as opposed to the colloquial "getting on in their years": "ואברהם ושרה זקנים באים בימים" - "And Abraham and Sarah were elderly, getting on in their days" ("המלך"); "דוד זקן בא בימים" - "And King David was elderly, getting on in his days" ('מלכים א', א). Their years were not hollow ones, but rather effectively filled with productive days.

This may also be the reason why we count both days and weeks of the Omer. Why count both? Isn't it understood that three weeks is the same as twenty one days, for example? By requiring us to count both, perhaps the Torah is reminding us to make sure that our weeks are filled with days, and that in both our preparation for Shavuot and Matan Torah, and throughout the year, we make every day count!

### Shabbat Shalom!

-Rabbi Ari Jacobson  
Menahel/Dean



Moshe Steinberger (4B) asked a great question to Rabbi Jacobson. Rabbi Jacobson then came to his class and gave a whole lesson on it. Torah is burning strong in ASHAR!

## Important Upcoming Events

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

**8B Graduation** 7:15 PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

**Kindergarten Graduation** 9:30 AM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

**PreK Alef Bet Play** 9:30 AM

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

**Nursery End of Year Performance**

9:30 AM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Algebra I Regent Exam**

9:15 AM





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

This week was all about Lag Ba'omer! On Friday, the children came to school ready to celebrate. To begin, the children walked through the Ya'ar (forest) where they were greeted by "Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai." He welcomed them and told them he was so happy to see so many of his Talmidim coming to learn Torah with him. He told them all how he became a Talmid Chacham by learning Torah with his great Rebbe, Rabbi Akiva! Rabbi Shimon also spoke to us about this special day when his neshama went back up to Hashem in Shamayim. He told us it was such a special and holy day because he shared so many secrets of the Torah with his Talmidim. He told his Talmidim that from this day on, the day that he went back to Hashem should be a happy day and a day of celebration. Today, Jews make HUGE bonfires to remember this day and the light of the Torah that Rabbi Shimon brought into this world.

Rabbi Shimon then took us to his cave. He warned the children to be quiet and take out their bows and arrows, just in case the Romans were close by.

After learning Torah in the cave, we left and you would not believe what we found! A carob tree with carob growing from it and a stream on the ground.

After eating some carob and drinking some water, we built a bonfire all together! We sang and danced, and enjoyed a wonderful picnic lunch all together! What an amazing day!



Building a bonfire using the Handwriting Without Tears lines and curves

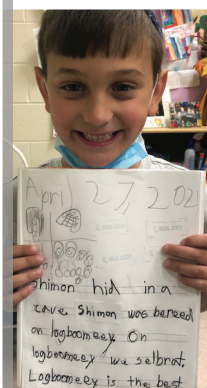


Rabbi Shimon's Cave

## Music & Movement



Lag Ba'Omer Kindergarten writing



## Math



## Chalau U'dvash



I found Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai in the cave!





## Mrs. Debby Jacobson

Principal of Girls Division



During the period between Pesach and Shavuus, we focus on Pirkei Avos and its beautiful lessons *moros* love sharing and discussing these important lessons comes from the mishnah in Avos which states: "If I am not for myself, who will be for me?"

Shavuus, we and *middos*. Our

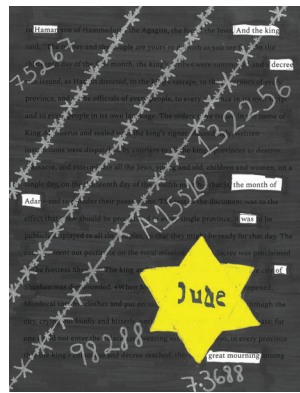
concepts with our students. One of my most favorite

Every person is unique. There will never be two people exactly alike. No one but I can achieve my purpose in life; no one but I can fulfill my particular role in *klal Yisrael*. An important lesson that we try to impart upon the girls is to be yourself. Take all of your positive attributes and all your great qualities, and work on them until you become the best you can be.

I feel privileged to be a part of this process and I look forward to sharing much *nachas* with you!



Some of our students have been chosen to receive awards in the Siegelbaum Literary and Art Competition. Congratulations!



By: Ariela Neiman - 1st Place, Visual Arts



By: Toby Kahn - 3rd Place, Visual Arts

By: Rana Rosenberg - 2nd Place, Visual Arts



The fifth grade girls created snow globes to complement their state reports.



5G made bonfire cupcakes in honor of Lag Ba'Omer



3rd Grade is learning about butterflies



3G visit with the Halper girls to learn about life in Israel



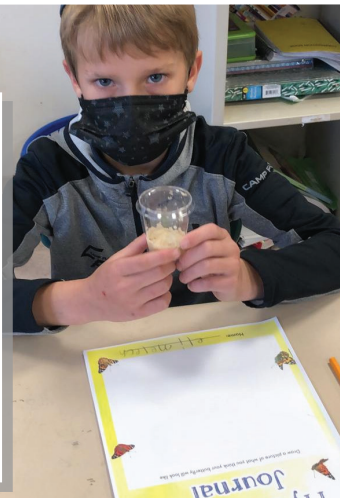
# Riddle of the Week ? WHO AM I ?

Of me there are three, I am referenced by Bilaam's donkey, I make you walk, I am a good day Submit answer in your SMVT sheet for a chance to win a prize!

Last Week's Answer: **Peah / Payos** "I am for the field, your head, and the poor; I am not for cutting."



5B made a siyum for Shemos and Vaera



3B is learning about butterflies



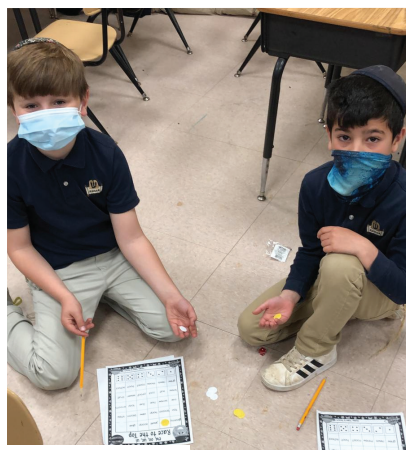
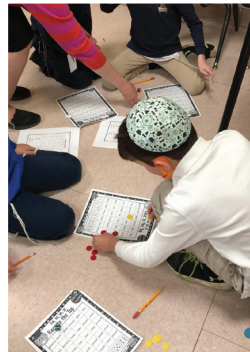
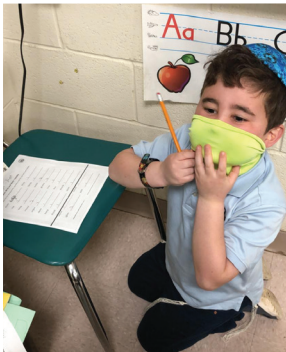
*Mazel Tov 3B!*



3B Mishnayot Party



3b builds a circuit to make a flying saucer



2B phonics game



2B finished their first perek in Parshas Lech Lecha and set up a tent this week, for the new shoreh Ohel!





## Mrs. Jennah Schuh

Assistant Principal



## Mrs. Mindy Reifer

Director of Curriculum



Scientific discovery has continued to be an exciting venture this week. As promised, the seventh-grade students dissected frogs in Mrs. Seltzer's biology class. The ASHAR science lab and student lounge were transformed into operating theaters where the students used scalpels, dissecting scissors, and forceps to examine their frogs, allowing them to see, touch, and explore the various organs in the body.

Sixth-grade students did their part in celebrating the scientific outdoors by participating in the cloud project. Each year the sixth graders observe, record, and categorize clouds for a week in Mrs. Tencic's class. The meteorology and weather unit helps the students understand that the atmosphere can be studied for scientific patterns and understanding.





# LAG BAOMER

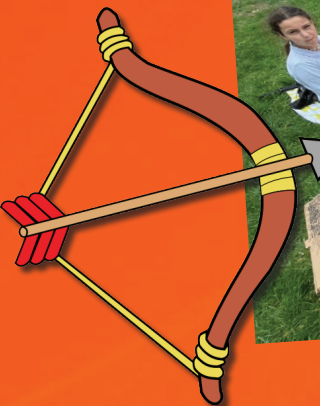
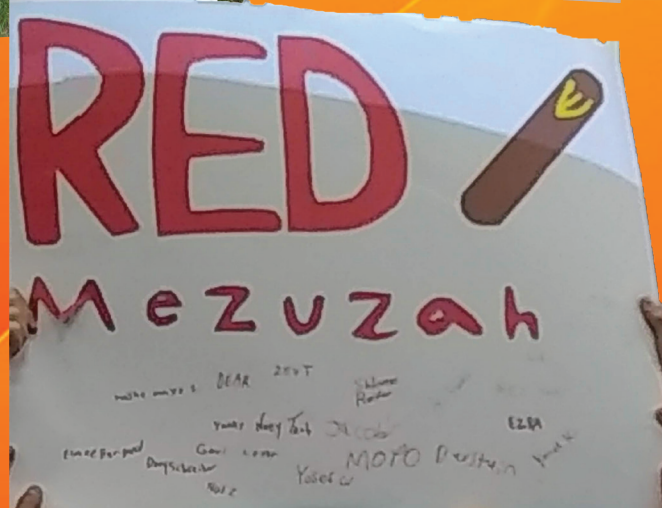








# COLOR WAR











# 1st Grade read 600 Books!



..... **GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP** *Green Starts Here!* .....

## 2021 Wesley Hills Community Cleanup

**Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

Rain date: Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup>

**12:00pm - 2:00pm**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION:**  
[www.keeperocklandbeautiful.org](http://www.keeperocklandbeautiful.org)

Meet at the Wesley Hills Village Hall  
432 NY-306  
Monsey, NY 10952

Registration required - No walk-in's  
All volunteers must adhere to COVID  
safety protocol

For more info contact Brooke Carter  
[Brooke.carter@frisch.org](mailto:Brooke.carter@frisch.org)  
(845) 709-2130

Earn Community  
Service Hours

Help the Environment

Free Supplies



## Mazel Tov!

**Yehuda Adler (NA)**  
on his new baby brother

**Eitan Selter (Class of '06)**  
on the birth of a son



**Flo**  
on the birth of a granddaughter

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

•Please bring in sports  
balls for outdoor recess!



•It is spring! Allergy season is in full  
bloom, please send in more tissues!



•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







**\*LESS THAN TWO  
WEEKS LEFT TO PLACE  
YOUR AD  
IN THE JOURNAL\***

# Virtual Dinner

JOIN US FOR THE FIRST-EVER

## ASHAR VIRTUAL DINNER

WEDNESDAY

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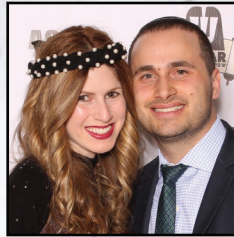
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HONORING ALL OF OUR INCREDIBLE  
REBBEIM, MOROT AND TEACHERS  
FOR THEIR SELFLESS DEDICATION  
OVER THE PAST YEAR.

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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FEATURING MAGICIAN *Shomo Levinger*  
AND THE STUDENTS OF ASHAR!

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