



# ASHREINews



## Menahel's Message "One Size Does Not Fit All"



More than simply a powerful metaphor for G-d's omnipotence, the term 'aish ocheles' – 'consuming fire' – used to describe Hashem's presence at Har Sinai captures the extent of His relationship with man, both during Matan Torah and beyond. Fire, explains Rav Yaakov Tzvi Mecklenburg in his classic HaKesav V'Hakabbalah, uniquely reacts with each different type of wood, depending on the timber's specie, density, moisture level and a host of other factors. Similarly, the Ribbono shel Olam uniquely relates to each person in accordance with the specific attributes of the individual's particular *neshama*.

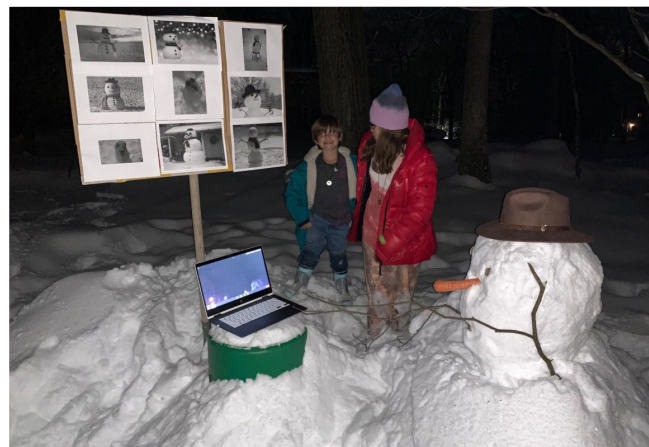
Hashem's 'specialized' connection to each and every *neshama* should serve as a paradigm for our own educational efforts. One size does not fit all, and the goals of every parent and *mechanech* must include interfacing with children on their individualized terms.

"Chanoch la'naar al pi darko," educate the child according to his way; "gam ki yazkin lo yasur mimenu," for even when he ages, it will never leave him (Mishlei 22, 6). 'It' will never leave, explains Rav Avrohom Pam zt"l, refers not to content absorbed, as is commonly assumed, but to the learning style through which the knowledge is acquired. Knowledge bases and study skills expand and improve with

maturity, but fundamental learning approaches do not generally change, and hence must be reflected through differentiated instruction 'al pi darko.'

**Shabbat Shalom!**

**-Rabbi Ari Jacobson**  
Menahel/Dean



Congratulations to Ahuva and Tani Fried on winning the Snow Day Daily Challenge! We hope Ahuva and Tani enjoy their special treat!

## Important Upcoming Events

**MOTZEI SHABBOS, FEBRUARY 13**  
**5G Mother-Daughter Melave Malka**  
7:30 PM

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14**  
**6G Mother-Daughter Breakfast**  
9:30 AM

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15**  
**No School** President's Day

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21**  
**Boys, Grades 4-8 Father-Son Learning**  
8:30 AM

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24**  
**ECP Yaakov Horowitz & The Purim Puppet Theater**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25**  
**Friday Dismissal** Taanit Esther

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25**  
**DRESS UP IN COSTUME!**  
Grades N-PK 1:30, Grades K-8 1:45  
No Bus Transportation: East Ramapo

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26**  
**No School** Purim

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28**  
**No School** Shushan Purim





## Mrs. Jacqueline Borgen

Principal of Early Childhood and First Grade

*"Mishenichnas Adar Marbim B'Simcha!"*

The highlight of our week was on Friday when we gathered together for our Rosh Chodesh Adar assembly and "Simcha" was had by all! As we walked down the hall to the playroom, we noticed festive Purim signs and smiley faces. We were so excited to see what was in store for us this Rosh Chodesh. The celebration began with Morah singing, "When I think of Purim, I think of fun!" and all the children joined in merrily. Several children dressed up and helped us act out the song. Our Purim lesson began and the children already knew so much about the Purim story!

We then watched a wonderful Purim video, "Mica Gamerman's Purim Melody" with all of our most favorite Purim songs and sang along!

Before we left, we all received a special "Mishenichnas Adar Marbin B'Simcha" sticker and a clown mask to decorate.

We are all so excited that Purim is coming! We can't wait to do all of the Purim Mitzvot with a smile on our faces and Simcha in our hearts!

## Rosh Chodesh Adar



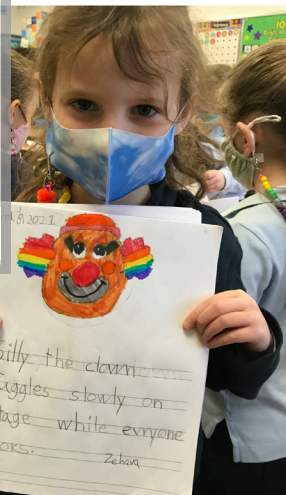
## Writing



"If I wore a stovepipe hat like Abraham Lincoln, I would keep food in it."



I can make my name with lines and curves



"Silly the clown juggles slowly on stage while everyone looks."

## Winter



## Music & Movement



## Purim



Kindergarten Megillah Writing



## Presidents' Day



I am George Washington & Abraham Lincoln

## Chalav U'dvash



Purim puppets





## Mrs. Debby Jacobson

Principal of Girls Division



### Rosh Chodesh Celebration: Girls Only!

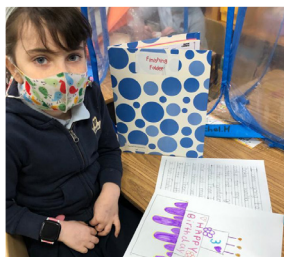
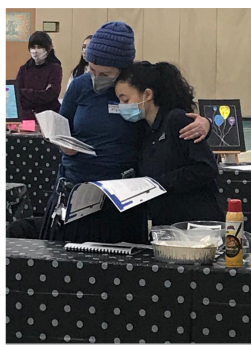
Rosh Chodesh is considered a special day for women. According to the Midrash, the day was given as a reward for women. A mere three months after leaving Mitzrayim, the Jewish nation miscalculated Moshe's return from Har Sinai. Assuming that their precious leader had died, the Jewish men created a golden calf and worshipped it. The women refused to participate in this horrendous act. When asked to contribute their jewelry, the women adamantly declined. The women's faith remained strong. To them, such an abomination was unthinkable.

Throughout history, we have seen women steadfast in their emunah. From Rochel Immeinu to Esther HaMalka, Jewish women have been unwavering in their belief in Hashem and His unconditional love.

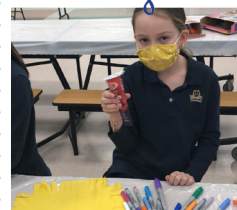
On behalf of the ASHAR *tzidkaniyos* and future Jewish leaders, we wish everyone a *chodesh tov u'mevorach!*



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2G illustrates their sequence writing compositions.



## 7G+8G Mother - Daughter Challah Bake



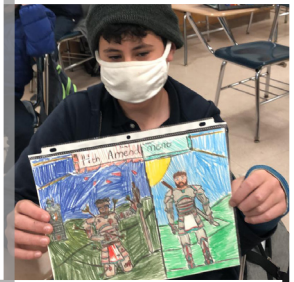


# Riddle of the Week ? WHO AM I ?

I come after 6 days and 6 years; I am for the ox and donkey and for the field.  
Submit answer in your SMVT sheet for a chance to win a prize! - Last Week's Answer: Arbeh

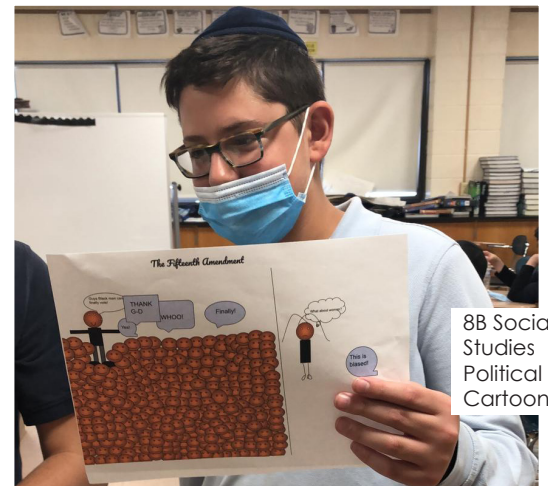
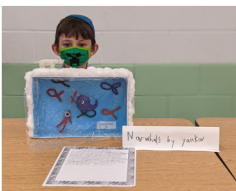


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## NAMES, NOT NUMBERS® A Movie in the Making

3B learned about animal adaptations, created animal dioramas and presented them to other classes at their zoo.



8B Social Studies Political Cartoons



מעין עולם הפא, יום שבת מנוחה.  
כל המתענגים בה, יזכו לרוב שמחה.  
מחבלי משיח, יצלו לרוחה.  
פדויתנו תצמיח, ונס יגון ואנחה:



**Ice Cream Party**  
for our mid-winter learning.  
Yasher Koach to our 45  
boys who participated!



4B-8B and fathers are invited to join us for Shacharis, followed by a special morning program.

**February 21, 2021**  
8:30 AM



Hot Breakfast



Father-Son BINGO



Learning



Kumzits and Live Music

**FATHER-SON LEARNING**  
PRE-PURIM EXTRAVAGANZA

RSVP REQUIRED  
Register at [ashar.org/fslearn](http://ashar.org/fslearn)





**Mrs. Mindy Reifer**

Director of Curriculum



**Mrs. Jennah Schuh**

Assistant Principal



Using the *Framing Your Thoughts* model, ASHAR students continue to improve their writing by understanding the basic *BareBones* sentence structure. Beginning with rich subjects and predicates, students added *expanders* and *describers* to enhance their sentences. This format allowed students to take the traditional assignment of a vacation activity description and create a beautiful, reflective writing piece.

# What We Are Writing

By: Minna Van Halem (5G)



My dress zipper closed in my bedroom. The pretty hairdresser pinned my hair in her house.

Everyone's excitement rose when the kallah came in. The beautiful kallah walked through the aisle. Many people danced in excitement. Above the table we ate delicious food. Photographers' cameras flashed when pictures were taken. White flowers flew all over the room.

Everybody's cars drove on the streets. 28 hair pins fell out of my hair. My blue eyes closed because I was tired. Fun cousins left my house. My tears fell because I miss my cousins.

By: Tzirel Ogince (5G)



My soft blanket fell off my bed. My tired head flops on my pillow.

Yellow chips crunch in the bag. Lots of crumbs fall on my bed. Bright screen glitches because I tap too much. My green eyes close to go to sleep. Cold snow falls outside my window. My white fluffy pillow sinks beneath my head.

Powdery snow shifts under my feet. My blue sled glides through the cool air. Shivering I come inside. The warm fire crackles near the couch. Buttered popcorn melts in my mouth.

By: Daniel Mordechai Frankel (5B)



My vacation started as the streets of New York City filled up quickly and became crowded. I sat by the window as white snow fell lightly everywhere and the grass froze from the cold weather. Several video games were played that day. Many videos were watched throughout that day. The next day was clear and sunny and perfect for visiting "The Edge" (one of the tallest buildings in New York). I could see the whole borough of Manhattan. After dark, basketball games started and, from then on, I watched basketball the whole night. The next few days were filled with more basketball and some football. Finally, I returned home to Rockland on Sunday morning. A few more football games were watched during the day and night as two feet of heavy snow fell in the Northeast. Very heavy winds blew down some power lines but my power stayed on. After all the bad weather passed, I went sledding in the deep snow.

By: Chaim Schuh (5B)



Before we went, we woke up early in the morning. We went in the car and traveled to Mt. Peter. All the different skis slid on the snow. The lifts carried skiers and snowboarders. Looking out from the lift, the black diamond scared. The steep bunny hill disappointed because it was easy. On the way down, the green slope satisfied because it was not so steep. The light wind brushed my face. On the way home my bones ache painfully. In my house my body defrosted in the heat. My cup of hot cocoa warmed me up. On my couch I relaxed and became comfortable.





# DAILY CHALLENGE



*Snow  
Day  
Fun!*





We take tremendous pride in our Torah Bowl Teams who amass an unbelievable amount of Torah knowledge throughout the year.

# Thursday, February 18th

## Subject: Parshat Chukas

ASHAR's boys division will compete at **12 PM** and the girls division will compete at **4 PM** for their eligibility in the Playoffs:



# Torah Bowl!

## Round 3!



**Shelach, Korach**

Meir Kaller **#3**  
Moshe Baitz  
Naftali Frank  
Yishai Werth

Ari Frankel **#32**  
Shaya Gerut **#21**  
Ephraim Jacobson **#3**  
Chanan Sellzer **#11**

Gavriel Laster  
Moishy Steinhart  
Nbey Taub **#4**



Shoshana Bennett  
Leora Cohn  
Alana Friedman **#33**

Faiga Gordon **#11**  
Toby Kahn **#4**  
Shalva Laster

Rena Rosenberg  
Michal Benovitz **#22**  
Raizy Friedman

### Boys Playoffs March 9th!

They will compete against HALB, HAFTB, BPY and Yeshiva of Flatbush

### Girls Playoffs March 4th!

They will compete against Bruriah, Shulamith, North Shore and HANC

# Happy Purim!

FROM THE ASHAR PTA

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

**\$54 - I am a current ASHAR Family**

**\$18 - I am a Current ASHAR Staff Member**

**\$72 - Alumni / Non-Current Family**

[ashar.org/purim](http://ashar.org/purim)







ט"ו שבט ♦ January 28

Tuesday's learning is sponsored by Reuven & Libby Goldberg,  
לע"נ

## שמואל יעקב בן אברהם יצחק

Great Grandfather of Kedem Friedman (8B) and  
Maor (6B), Chovav (2B) and Asaf Goldberg (KB)

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



א' אדר ♦ February 13

ראש חודש אדר

is sponsored in perpetuity by Irving z"l and Carol a"l Eisenman  
לע"נ

## אליעזר דוב בן ישראל זאב ז"ל

דבורה בת דוד ע"ה

## אברהם זבי בן אליעזר דוב ז"ל

*May our children's learning serve as an aliya for their neshamas.*



כ"ה שבט - א' אדר ♦ February 7-13

This week's Torah learning is sponsored by the Pincus Family  
לע"נ

## פראדיל בת אברהם אליהו הכהן ע"ה

ל" שבט whose yahrzeit is

Grandmother of Miriam (Class of 2010), Avi (Class of 2011) and  
Rachel Pincus (Class of 2012)

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



י"ט - כ"ה שבט ♦ February 1-7

This week's Torah learning is sponsored by the Rosenstock Family  
לע"נ

## צבי אריה בן אברהם אליעזר ז"ל

whose Bar Mitzvah Parsha, Yisro, is this week

Grandfather of Mr. Yehuda Rosenstock

Great-grandfather of Ari Rosenstock, PKA

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

# Mazel Tov!



Mrs. Chaya Moldaver  
on the birth of her grandson

Mrs. Naomi Beller  
on her the birth of her  
granddaughter

Avi Bunick (8B)  
on his new nephew

Mrs. Sima Indig  
on the birth of her grandson

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



כ"ג שבט ♦ February 5

Friday's Torah learning is sponsored by

**Shelley and Yossi Goldman**

in the זכות of a *refuah shelaimah* for

## Chana Bracha bas Freida Chaya

*May our children's learning merit her good health and long life.*



\*\*\*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\*\*\*



# 9 Things You Should Say To Your Kids Every Day

1. "I love you."  
Say it to them as often as you like. <3



2. "I like it when you..."  
Talk about positive aspects of their behavior.



3. "You make me happy."  
This makes them feel valuable.



4. "I'm proud of you."  
They need to hear their doing a good job, even when it's hard.



5. "You are special."  
Let them know their uniqueness is a strength.



6. "I trust you."  
Building a foundation of trust raises an honest person.



7. "I believe in you."  
Teach them how valuable they are.



8. "I know you can do this!"  
Encourage them to never give up.



9. "I am grateful for you."  
Be specific, this can really make their day!





ASHAR is proud to once again  
partner with **Tomche Shabbos**  
in a **Schoolwide Food Drive**

# Cans *for* CheSED!

Fill the box in the  
back of your classroom  
with **cans or boxes of  
nonperishable foods.**



**Tomche Shabbos**  
assists **500** families with  
weekly food packages  
which are delivered  
discreetly to families  
who would not be able  
to prepare for Shabbos  
without them.



**Important:** All foods  
must have a proper  
hashgacha and be  
parve.

The class that collects  
the **most items\*** will  
get a **pizza party!**

\*The point value of packages with small  
items will be determined by a Rebbe.

**Tuna fish cans  
count double!**

