



ASHREINews



Menahel's Message *Looking Out for Number One?*

The berachos of Yakov Aveinu to each of the twelve tribes represent not only a father's prophetic personal aspirations for each of his sons, but eternal lessons in priorities for all.

When blessing Asher, Yakov references the bountiful bread of his tribe's portion: "מֵאֲשֶׁר" "שְׁמִינָה לַחֲמוֹ". For Asher, explains the Alshich Hakadosh, plentiful bread was apparently more than adequate. Yet note the same verse's concluding words: "וְהוּא יִתֵּן מֵעֲדָנֵי מֶלֶךְ" – "And he shall give (to others) delicacies of kings." Asher was content to subsist on bread and other basic staples, but when it came to giving to others, only the choicest

delicacies would do.

The Gaon of Vilna derives a similar lesson from the Torah's presentation of the *mitzvah* of *matza*. In commanding each Jew to personally eat *matzot*, *tochlu*, the word "מצת" is written בערב תאכלו – without a vav: "מצת." Yet when commanding the obligation to ensure that *matzos* be eaten by others, *tocheilu* in the passive, *matzos* is spelled fully-מלא, with a vav: "שבעת ימים מצות תאכלו". Skimp for yourself (*chaser*)- but no cutting corners (*maleh*) when it comes to others!

Food for thought.

Shabbat Shalom!
- **Rabbi Ari Jacobson**
Menahel/Dean



Important Upcoming Events

MOTZEI SHABBOS, JANUARY 9
General Parent Meeting

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10 *RESCHEDULED*
1G Siddur Play 9:30
1B Siddur Play 12 Noon

THURSDAY-SUNDAY JANUARY 21-31
No School - Mid Winter Break***

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1
Sessions Resume

SUNDAY-MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14-15
No School President's Day

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25
Friday Dismissal Taanit Esther
Grades N-PK 1:30, Grades K-8 1:45
No Bus Transportation: East Ramapo

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26
No School Purim



***Current New York State regulations require any individual traveling to any state other than New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont and Pennsylvania, or internationally, for a period longer than 24 hours must:
1. Take a negative COVID-19 test at your travel destination within three days prior to returning to New York, and
2. quarantine for three days upon return to New York, and then take a negative COVID-19 test. No child or staff member may return to school without doing so.



Mrs. Jacqueline Borgen

Principal of Early Childhood and First Grade

The highlight of our week was completing the first book of the Torah, Sefer Bereishit. The children were so excited to learn that they would begin the 2nd book of the Torah next week. We celebrated on Friday by singing our Parsha songs, reviewing the different Parshiot in the Sefer, and receiving a sweet treat from Morah Jackie. Our favorite part of the day was watching the special Siyum video which included divrei Torah and a special message from all of the children to their grandparents.

Please enjoy this very special video of your children. We sent this video, along with a beautiful Parsha art project, to all of the children's grandparents. We wanted you to have an opportunity to enjoy this heartwarming Siyum video as well. A very special thank you to Mrs. Miriam Goldman for putting the video together. Thank you to all the Morahs and office staff for all of their help in preparing and mailing out the children's beautiful Parsha artwork.

Chazak, Chazak V'nitchazeik!

**Learning Torah makes us strong!
See how much we have learned.**

Siym Sefer Bereishit video made by all of the children in ASHAR's Gan Esther Early Childhood Program: <https://youtu.be/UpzbsAZNIHU>

..... Have a wonderful Shabbos and stay well!



Acting out the Parsha



Chazak Siyum crowns



Winter Fun!



ABC



Letter J

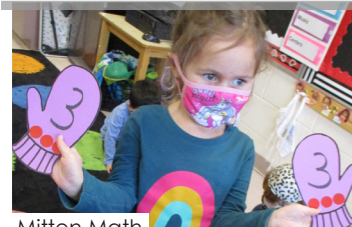
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Number Bingo



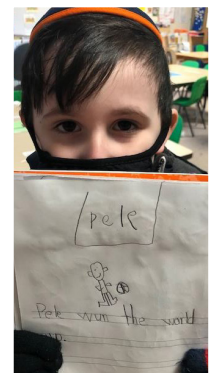
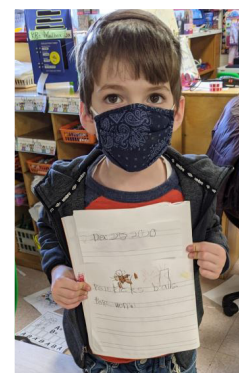
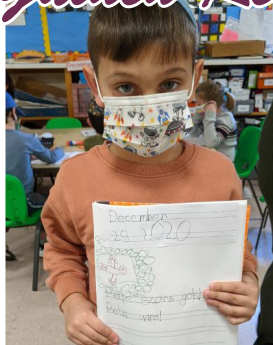
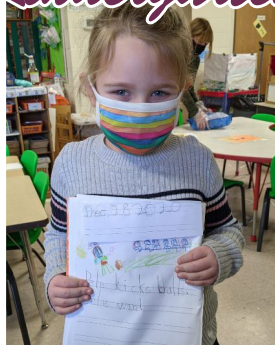
Mitten Math



Mat Man



Kindergarten Guided Reading



Mrs. Debby Jacobson

Principal of Girls Division



One of the most beautiful customs in Jewish life is for parents to bless their children on Friday night. Girls are blessed to be like the *imahos*; Sarah, Rivka, Rachel and Leah. Boys, meanwhile, are blessed to be like Ephraim and Menashe.

What happened to the avos; Avraham, Yitzchak and Yaakov? Why are Ephraim and Menashe instead the subjects of this important tradition?

Ephraim and Menashe grew up with no sibling rivalry. Yaakov wished to emphasize the point and purposely switched his hands, blessing the younger Ephraim before the older Menashe.

Indeed, there is no greater blessing than peace among siblings. With this in mind, this week, we reintroduced our big sister/little sister program. Middle school girls were excited to meet their little sisters and work together on several wonderful projects. I couldn't help but think of the words of Dovid HaMelech that so appropriately rang true, הנה מה טוב ומה נעים שבת אחים גם יחד.

ASHAR GIRLS DIVISION



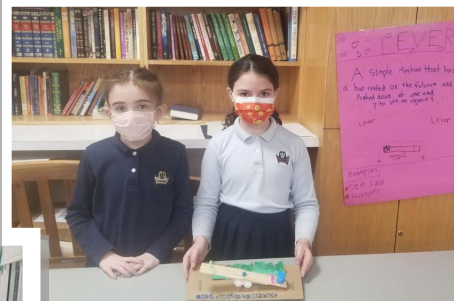
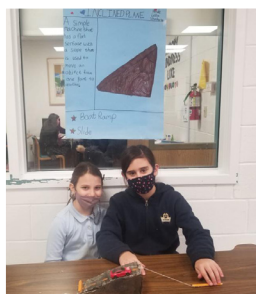
2G leaving notes for their big sisters



5G studying nutrition labels



BIG Sister LITTLE Sister



4G Simple Machines Fair presented to 3G

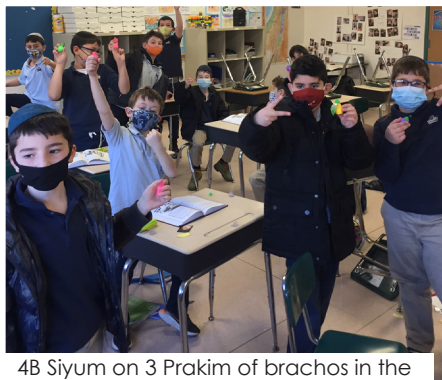


Mazel tov, Nechama Schuster on your upcoming wedding. We will miss you!

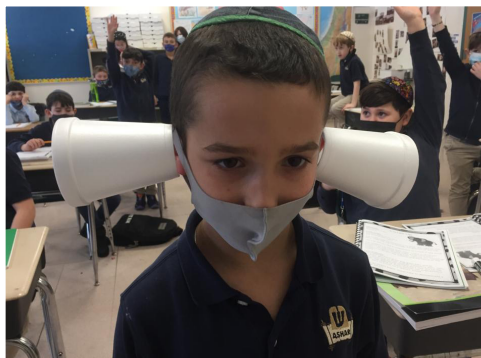


Riddle of the Week ? WHO AM I ?

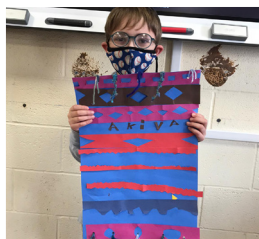
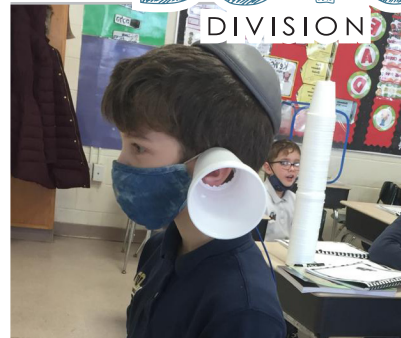
I am said at night and was said to grandchildren; some sing me; I am angelic
Submit answer in your SMVT sheet for a chance to win a prize! - Last Week's Answer: Yehuda



4B Siyum on 3 Prakhim of brachos in the boys Sunday Program

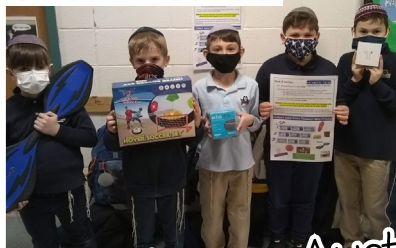


3B explores more animal adaptations. Do bigger ears help animals hear?

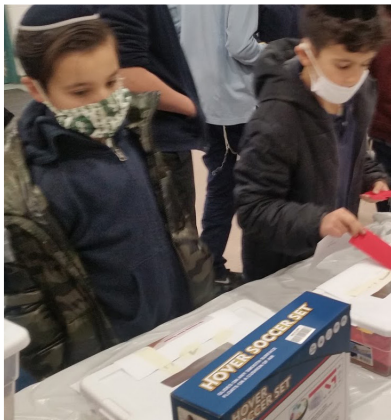


3B designed Mexican blankets in art

עיני העדה Gedolim Cards



Grand Chinese Auction



ונשמרתם מאוד לנפשותיכם

HEALTHY HABITS @ASHAR

- Eat a healthy breakfast
- Choose a healthy drink
- Exercise for 5 minutes
- Get a good night's sleep

Every completed day earns you 4 entries!
Complete all 6 days on the card to DOUBLE YOUR ENTRIES (48!!)

Recite Asher Yatzar to your Rebbe by heart and have him sign your card to earn 20 extra entries!

Prizes

- PERSONALIZED WATER BOTTLE
- FITNESS TRACKER WRISTBAND
- COMFY PILLOW
- BREAKFAST SPECIAL



Mrs. Mindy Reifer

Director of Curriculum



Mrs. Jennah Schuh

Assistant Principal



Did you Sign Up yet?



Grades 4-8 Writing Competition

<https://boomwriter.com/auth/student>

You can find your class code posted in Mrs. Reifer's ELA Google Classroom.

Check out a snippet from one of our entrants in the Boys division



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Writer**
learning

“It was a day like any other day. The sound of my alarm was blaring. I cracked open my eyes and looked at my clock. It was 7:07 AM and I had exactly 6 minutes to get ready for my bus. I quickly got dressed and darted down the steps like a NASCAR driver. As I headed for the front door I heard my mom yell, “Don’t forget your lunch box.”

“Okay!” I shouted back.

“Don’t forget your coat.”

“Okaaaaay, Mom!”

I was halfway out the door when my mom howled, “And don’t forget your parachute.” I came to a screeching halt. “Why would I need a parachute?”

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Mazel Tov!

Morah Nechama Schuster
on her wedding

Have any good news to share? email 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



Preserve the past, ensure the future:
Become a Parnas Hayom



פרנס השבוע ♦ ט"ז - כ"ב טבת December 31 - January 6

This week's Torah learning is sponsored by the Dahan Family

לע"נ

**שמעון בן רחל ז"ל
פיבי בת סימי ע"ה
אילנה בת פיבי ע"ה**

Brother of Yosi Dahan, Mother and Sister of Hagit Dahan

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



י"ד טבת ♦ December 29

Tuesday's Torah learning is sponsored by the Rosenstock Family

לע"נ

צבי ארי בן אברהם אליעזר ז"ל

Grandfather of Mr. Yehuda Rosenstock
Great-Grandfather of Ari Rosenstock, PKA

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



ט"ו טבת ♦ December 30

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

לע"נ

אסתר בת אברהם יצחק הכהן

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

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

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lobby of ASHAR to send in any
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The first BIG Tzedaka Collection will be on
Friday, January 8, 2021

