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Menahel's Message

People First

TISHA B'AV -
A TIME TO REFLECT

Chazal teach that although the physical destruction of the two Batei Mikdash was carried out by our enemies, doing so would have been impossible had Hashem not allowed the unthinkable to transpire. In the words of the Midrash, the wicked Titus' success in razing the Second Temple was the equivalent of regrounding pre-ground flour: "קמחא טחינא טחין". The difficult lessons of the Churban thus transcend specific historical and political ramifications, and speak to the Jewish People's individual and collective relationships with the Ribbono shel Olam- and one another.

Most fundamentally, Hashem's decision to allow the destruction of His abode demonstrates the primacy of human beings over things, including even objects as holy as the Batei Mikdash. Rather than inflict a devastating consequence proportionate to the Jewish People's sins upon His children,

Hashem instead vented His wrath upon buildings of wood and stone. To again quote the Midrash, "בילה חמתו בעצים", "ואבנים". The kedusha of the Batei Mikdash was immense, but apparently less significant than the lives spared as a result of their destruction.

Pay attention to people- all kinds of people- and try to be sensitive to others' needs. Look for opportunities to put a smile on another person's face. Emphasize people over things, and perhaps, rather than commemorating yet another year of aveilus yeshana, this coming week's Tisha B'Av will be the first Yom Tov of many celebrating the full return of the Shechina to Yerushalayim. L'alter l'teshuva, l'alter l'geulah!

Shabbat Shalom!

-Rakhi Ari Jacobson
Menahel/Dean



**Don't forget to
complete your
summer davening,
learning & homework!**

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Important Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY-MONDAY, AUGUST 25-30
Faculty Meetings

MONDAY, AUGUST 30
1st Grade Student Orientation
5B/G Student Orientation

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31
First Day of School, Grades 1-8
No Bus Transportation;
8:30 am start time; Reg. dismissal

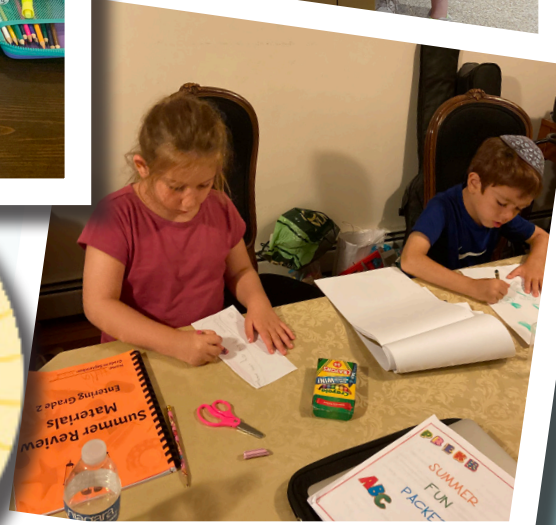
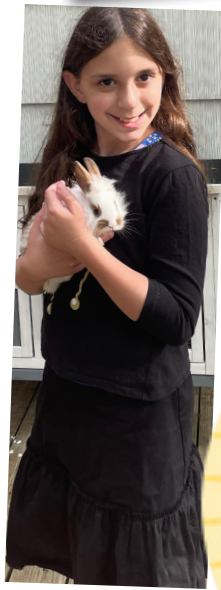
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
Student Orientation N, PK and K

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
First Day of School N, PK and K
Friday Dismissal N, PK and K
No Bus Transportation; Grades 1-8:
8:30 am start time, Reg. dismissal

DETAILS TO FOLLOW
Family Fun Day!

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Summer Reading and Writing Program

Many students are working hard on the summer reading and writing program. Special shout-outs to the following students for completing writing entries in the **Boom Writer** contests. **Michal Benovitz, Akiva Benovitz, Tamar Berman, Gitty Elbaum, Rena Boss, Michal Ratner, Mimi Yaniv.**

Special shout outs to **Shaya Genut and Layla Gross** for being the first students to complete Google Forms reports on **summer reading!**

Boom Writer

To enroll, students should sign up with BoomWriter.com using their ASHAR.ORG Google accounts. (These are the same usernames and passwords that the students use for Google Classroom and iReady during the school year.)

Follow these steps:

1. Go to BoomWriter.com.
2. Click on Log in as a student.
3. Click the blue Sign in with Google button.
4. Use your ASHAR.ORG email address and password.
5. Use the following class codes:

Elementary students (entering 2-4): D537359

Middle school students (entering 5-8): 0537361

Students who already have BoomWriter.com accounts can simply log in and add the correct summer class code listed above.

Summer Reading

Students entering grades 5-8 (Middle School) - students should read 2 books, preferably from the Summer 2021 recommended reading list, and complete a Google Form for each book completed: ashar.org/5-8summerreading

Students entering grades 2-4 - Students received review booklets with reading and math lessons. Students can use iReady online instead of the printed materials. In addition, students should read for 10-15 minutes daily. All students received a book to take home and read during the summer. Parents should complete this Google Form for each book completed: ashar.org/2-4summerreading

A top-down view of various school supplies scattered on a dark chalkboard. Items include yellow and pink paper, orange and green pencils, a yellow alarm clock, pink and yellow paper clips, a yellow toy school bus, and a yellow pom-pom.

**School
Supplies**
are up on
our website
ashar.org/supplylist



**Sign up for
School Lunches**
ashar.org/lunchprogram



(school code 900114737)

**It's
Time**
Order uniforms!
(logos take extra time)
www.landsend.com



Mazel Tov!

Morah Aviva Halpert
on the birth of twin boys

Tahel (Entering 2nd), Talia (Entering 1st) and Yair (Entering Pre-K) Galan
on the birth of a new brother

Benjamin Bouskila (Entering 1st)
on the birth of a twin brother and sister