



ASHREINews



Menahel's Message "I'm Proud of You!"

Upon completing the construction of the various components of the Mishkan, Moshe Rabbeinu proffers a *beracha*: "ויברך אותם משה". The purpose of this blessing, according to the Ralbag, was to encourage similar positive behavior in the future. Moshe Rabbeinu realized that B'nei Yisrael had invested much effort and resources in fashioning the Mishkan and its various *keilim*, and though they had participated willingly and enthusiastically, a little positive reinforcement would go a long way towards ensuring similar future efforts. And note, adds the Ralbag, that Moshe didn't even give them anything tangible as an inducement: by offering a *beracha*, he simply indicated his pleasure with their actions. The knowledge that the individual B'nei Yisrael most

admired was pleased with them was itself a reward.

The late *mashgiach*, Harav Shlomo Wolbe, zt"l, would note that the proverbial *shevet-rod* of "חושך שבטו שונא", colloquially translated as "Spare the rod, spoil the child," need not be understood as strictly a rod of punishment, but may rather be interpreted as a metaphor for any provision of direction, including- and primarily- positive reinforcement.

Widespread research indicates that by and large, children most admire their parents. If that's the case, the best (and least expensive!) means of positive reinforcement may be for parents to simply tell their children how proud they make them. Give it a try.

Shabbat Shalom!

-Rakhi Ari Jacobson
Menahel/Dean



Important Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, MARCH 14
Parent Teacher Conferences
on Zoom
No Sunday Sessions

MONDAY, MARCH 15
Parent Teacher Conferences
on Zoom
Regular Sessions

SUNDAY, MARCH 21
Boys, Grades 4-8 Final Sunday Program



WEDNESDAY-MONDAY,
MARCH 24-APRIL 5
*****No School Pesach Break**

TUESDAY, APRIL 6
Sessions Resume



Please return the **East Ramapo Bus Transportation Forms** (that we mailed to you or sent home with your children) to the ASHAR office ASAP. We have to provide East Ramapo with the original signed copies of the forms - please do not email them. If you need replacement forms, please email yfried@ashar.org. Thank you.

*****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

What a busy and exciting week! Pesach preparations are in full swing. Learning, projects, singing and more! Our Haggadahs are coming along beautifully and we can't wait to use them at our Pesach Seders. We enjoyed making our very own matzah at the Matzah Bakery this week, we even ate it (it was not Kosher L'Pesach matzah). We can't wait to eat the real, Kosher L'Pesach Shmurah Matzah on Pesach!

On Friday, we enjoyed a very special Rosh Chodesh assembly (a few days early) where we reviewed what we learned about Pesach, cleaned the indoor playroom for Pesach, kashered the playroom kitchen and even watched the special Pesach movie we made for our grandparents. Pictures from the assembly will be included in next week's newsletter.

Chazak, Chazak, V'nitchazeik! The children learned two Parshiot this week and completed the second book of the Torah! Learning Torah makes us strong! We learned how excited Bnei Yisrael was to contribute items to Hashem's House, the Mishkan. They ran to do this Mitzvah b'zritut. We can't wait to contribute our own valuables to the Beit Hamikdash b'zritut, when Mashiach comes!

Chodesh Tov and Shabbat Shalom!

Haggadah



Dramatizing the Pesach Story



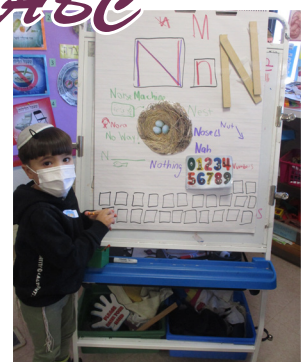
Sefirat Haomer Charts



Cleaning for Pesach



ABC



Music & Movement



Chalav Udvash



Mrs. Debby Jacobson

Principal of Girls Division



Moshe had something important to tell Bnei Yisrael. He had just come down from Har Sinai, where Hashem had agreed to forgive the Jews for the sin of the *cheit haegel*. Moshe was now ready to tell the Jewish people all about the special job of building the beautiful Mishkan. The Mishkan would be the place from which Hashem would guide the people as they traveled in the *midbar*. Moshe made sure to gather every single Jew together; men, women, and children. They all had a part to play and Moshe didn't want to leave anyone out. All different types of Jews came together as one. Moshe knew that for this plan to work everybody would have to get along with one another, and work together peacefully. Moshe understood how important it is to count people in, even when they are not exactly the same. Moshe understood that where there is togetherness and people get along with each other, great things can happen.

The ASHAR Girls Division is putting the final touches on the collaborative Pesach Haggadah. First through eighth grade girls are each doing their part in creating a masterpiece. We cannot wait to share this with you. If you have not yet done so yet, please consider sponsoring this beautiful project at www.ashar.org/haggadah



8th grade filming for Names, Not Numbers.



7G builds the Beit Hamikdash



3G used area to write their names



8G is testing rates of reactions



3G learns about Bris Bein Habesirim



3G display their ruler bracelets after learning about measurements

Riddle of the Week ? WHO AM I ?

We lost a letter; our laziness caused our vigilance; our power distorted our reasoning; you read about us on Chanukah. Submit answer in your SMVT sheet for a chance to win a prize!

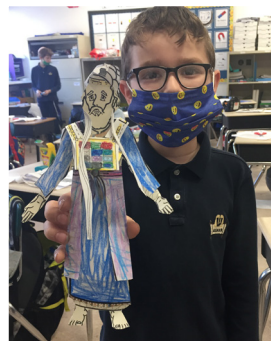
Last Week's Answer: **Moshe's Face** "I was bright; even though it wasn't Purim, I wore a mask; I am from the small "Aleph"; I was misunderstood as horns."



MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS PESACH D'VAR TORAH COMPETITION

Choose any Pesach D'var Torah from Rebbe or other sources, type it up (not copy & paste!), and submit it to enter into a raffle for a KC restaurant meal!

Some class time will be given to participate. All submissions should be created in Google Docs and shared to **BoyseAshar.org**. Winning entries will be compiled into a special Haggadah Booklet



3B learned all the garments of a Kohen Gadol



Rabbi Jacobson picking this week's winners for the Amen campaign



מַעֲיִן עוֹלָם הַפֶּא, יוֹם שַׁבָּת מְנוּחָה. כָּל הַמַּעֲנֵגִים בָּהּ, יִצְלוּ לְרוּחָהּ. מְחַבְּלֵי מַשִּׁים, וְנֶס יָגוֹן וְאַנְחָה: פְּדוּתֵינוּ תַצְמִים,

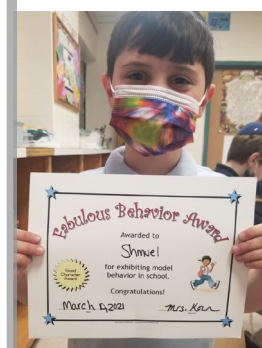
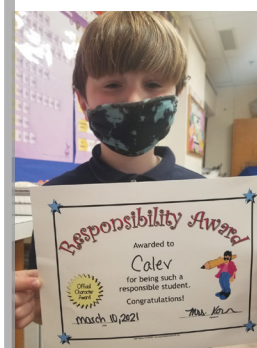
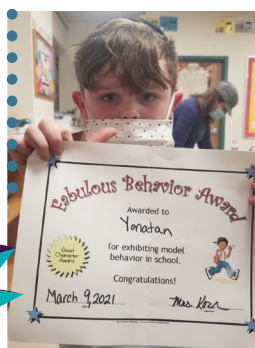


8th grade filming for Names, Not Numbers.



8B working hard on their divrei Torah for the Middle School Boys Haggadah.

Last week to enter!



We are excited to announce the results of the first round of **the Boys Torah Bowl**. The boys from ASHAR were victorious, accumulating a score of 23 points, besting HALB, Ben Porat Yosef, HAFTR and Yeshiva of Flatbush who scored 5, 4, 2, and 1 point(s) respectively. The boys were very well prepared in the twelve parshiot from Shelach to Balak, and we owe a debt of gratitude to their coaches, Rabbi Spivak and Rabbi Chaitovsky. Contributing to the boys' victory were: **Shaya Genuf, Chanan Seltzer, Meir Kaller, Noey Taub, Ari Frankel and Ephraim Jacobson.**



Mrs. Mindy Reifer

Director of Curriculum



Mrs. Jennah Schuh

Assistant Principal



What We Are Writing

By: Yakov Werth (5B)



Stinky blood flows like a waterfall.
Slimy frogs jump like a kangaroo.
Itchy lice crawl like a spider.
Wild animals bite like a king cobra.
Nice animals drop dead like rain.
Painful blisters blow up like a balloon.
Fast hail falls down like snow.
Destructive grasshoppers eat like pigs.
Frozen darkness spreads like waves.
Deserving first borns die as if they were fleas.

By: Yisroel Kaller (5B)



Hot potatoes dip as a ball into a mitt.
Salty salt water splashes as rain.
Red wine pours like a rushing river.
Four cups shine like crystals.

By: Yisrael Levin (5B)



The tortured Bnei Yisrael runs like many deer.
The crazy Egyptians chased like police chasing robbers.
White maror is bitter like the situation of the Jews.
Crunchy matzah is yummy like challah on Shabbos.

By: Eliezer Adams (5B)



Zaidy drinks four cups of wine like a legend.
Round radishes are spicy like hot sauce.
Round matzos go in the oven like hot dogs.
A cool potato gets dipped in saltwater like an apple in honey.



• Please restock your child's classrooms with pencils and tissues.

• Please bring in sports balls for outdoor recess!



• Don't forget to label all items that you send with your child.



• 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

• For any dismissal messages, please email dismissal@ashar.org before 2:30 PM.





Rabbi Fried from Chabad of the Upper West Side joined grades PK-2 this week for a Model Matzah Bakery experience. The children gained some first hand experience of what goes into the process of baking Matzah.



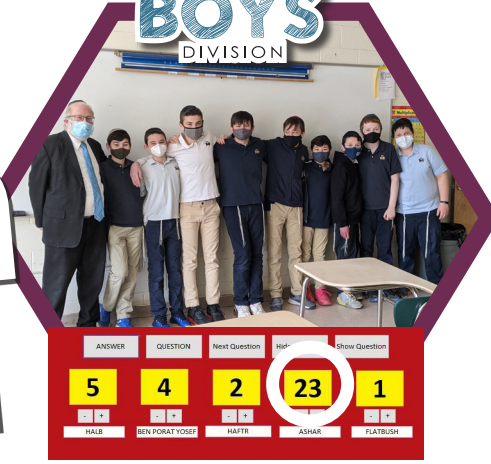
**Thank you
to the
Pincus family
for sponsoring this event**

לע"נ
Haskell Yadlovker יחזקאל בן חיים

Grandfather of
Miriam (Class of '10)
Rachel (Class of '11)
and Avi (Class of '12)

Mazel Tov to
both divisions for winning this round!

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Torah
Bowl

פרנס השבוע
Parnas
HaShavua



כ"ג - כ"ט אדר • March 7-13

This week's Torah learning is sponsored by Lindy & Menachem Lazarus

לע"נ

**Shraga Feivel ben
Shimon Menachem HaLevi z"l
Philip Heller z"l**

Grandfather of Shraga Lazarus and Tova Rosenstock;

Great-Grandfather of Daniel (3B), Ari (1B), & Emma (NC) Lazarus
and Ari Rosenstock (PKA)

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

פרנס היום
Parnas
HaYom



כ"ו אדר • March 10

Wednesday's Torah learning is sponsored by Cheryl Weinstein and family

לע"נ

in loving memory of

ע"ה Raizel bas Dovid

**Great-grandmother of Raizy (7G), Faigy (4G)
and Aryeh (NC) Friedman**

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

Mazel Tov!

Mrs. Ora Koenig
on her birthday

Aryeh (3B) & Sammy
Lichtenstein (NB)
on their new baby sister



Have any good news to share?
email mgoldman@ashar.org

מזל טוב
Mazel Tov

פרנס היום
Parnas
HaYom



כ"ג אדר • March 7

פרשת פרה

Sunday's Torah learning is sponsored by Julie & Bezalel Rapaport and family

לע"נ

**נפתלי צבי בן אליהו ז"ל
Naftali Rapaport z"l**

on his yahrzeit, כ"ג אדר

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