



ASHREINews



Menahel's Message B'Simcha Tamid!

Who knows?



In the early twentieth century, scores of immigrant Jews abandoned Shabbos observance upon reaching these shores. Not appearing for work on Saturday usually meant no job on Monday, and who is to say how even the more pious among us would have reacted under such trying circumstances. A smaller group steadfastly clung to Shabbos, and with heroic *mesirus nefesh* would leave work Friday knowing that in all likelihood a new means of sustenance would have to be found the next week. Unfortunately, most of these precious souls did not merit children with similar levels of religious commitment: I recall my grandfather z"l relating how his father was the only member of their Brownsville *shtetl* able to eat in his children's homes.

One reason for the next generation's lack of interest in *Yiddishkeit* in general and Shabbos in particular was the lack of joy associated with observance. Their parents observed Shabbos, but often in misery. For their children, Shabbos represented abject deprivation and sadness. The Yiddish adage "s'is shver tzu zein a Yid," observed Rav Moshe Feinstein z"l, killed a generation.

While still on the mountain, Moshe Rabbeinu is informed by

Hashem that Bnei Yisrael had formed and worshipped the Golden Calf. Yet, upon reaching the crime scene, Moshe appears surprised, and in his wrath breaks the *luchos*. Sefermo explains that although Moshe was aware of his nation's grievous sin, he was nonetheless shocked upon witnessing the degree of joy with which the Calf was worshipped: "Va'yar es ha'egel *u'mcholos*" - "He saw the Calf and the revelry."

It's not just what one does- it's how one does it. It's one thing to sin, but quite another to savor the *aveira*. And the same applies to *mitzvos*. One can marginally perform a *mitzvah* and technically fulfill his or her obligation, but if the *mitzvah* is to positively impact children, it must be done joyously and wholeheartedly.

The Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim begins by reminding us of the paramount importance of always- *tamid*- being aware of Hashem's existence: "שויתיה' לנגדי תמיד." And the Rema, at the very end of the Orach Chaim section teaches that the only way to assure that this is indeed the case is by constantly- *tamid*- serving Him joyously: "טוב לב משתה תמיד." *Simchas Purim*, and *simchas tamid*!

Shabbat Shalom!

-Rakhi Ari Jacobson
Menahel/Dean

Important Upcoming Events

TUESDAY, MARCH 9
Torah Bowl: BOYS Playoffs

FRIDAY, MARCH 12
ECP: Rosh Chodesh Nissan assembly
Please dress your child in a white top and dark bottom.



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.

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**



*****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

There has been lots of excitement and learning in the Early Childhood classes this week. We began to learn about our next Chag, Pesach and continued learning Parsha. We were also very busy learning about one of the children's favorite authors, Dr. Seuss, as he liked to be known. Theodor Seuss Geisel published 44 children's books and signed them with one of his two pen names, Dr. Seuss or Theo LeSieg. With his birthday on March 2nd, the teachers took this opportunity to celebrate the writings of this funny and entertaining author. Morah Jackie even dressed up as his most famous character, The Cat in the Hat, and visited all of the classes and taught a fun lesson. We delved into rhymes, both with real and silly words. Dr. Seuss liked nothing more than making children happy with silly, rhyming story books. His imaginative characters and rhyming stories are both entertaining and educational. We will continue to learn word families, play rhyming games and read lots of Dr. Seuss books.

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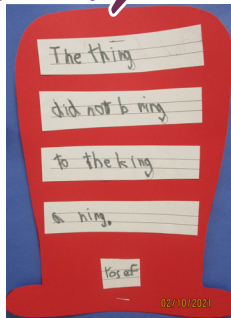
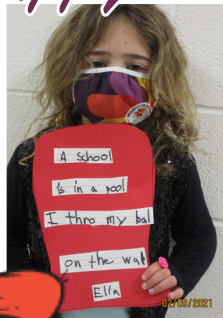
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Pesach



Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!

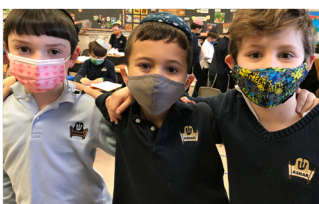


Music & Movement



In conjunction with Dr. Seuss' birthday, on March 2nd, 1st grade did a directed drawing of The Cat in the Hat along with a short poem.

Simcha Orlansky-"My cat in the hat likes the spring. That is the best time to sing."
Chaim Dov Itzkowitz-"My cat in the hat is very sad, but when he sees me, he is very glad."
Tzali Farkas-"My cat in the hat is in the house. When he is there, he finds a mouse."



Students who will be 5 years old by December 1, 2021 are eligible for bus transportation from the school district in which they reside.



Mrs. Debby Jacobson

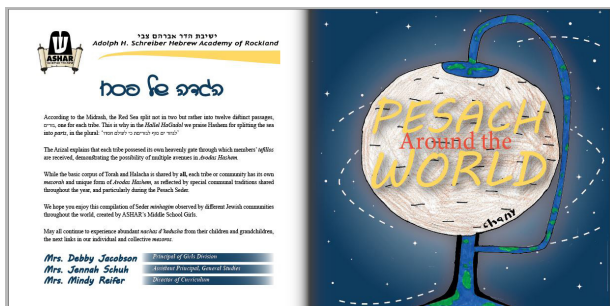
Principal of Girls Division



We are raising children in very difficult times. Financial demands, societal pressures, broken homes, social media, learning disabilities, and general instability cause levels of stress and chaos that create a crisis in which parents cannot parent, administrators cannot administrate, teachers cannot teach, and students cannot learn. The way to combat such a negative culture is with a positive one; a safe culture built on trust, clear (and slightly challenging) expectations, and by everyone owning the desire to create a positive atmosphere. Implementing Social Emotional Learning skills (a part of the NY Common Core curriculum) give the tools needed to build up trust, ownership, and expectations.

At ASHAR, social emotional learning is an integral part of our daily routine. This week, our Girls Division began working on

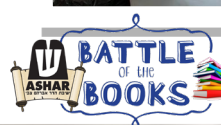
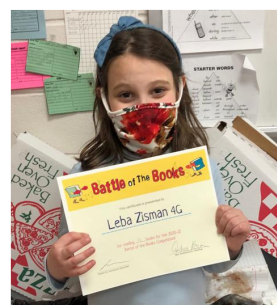
their collaborative Hagaddah. Working together to produce their best work, our girls are learning, growing and flourishing. We cannot wait to share our final product with you!



As part of their "Names, Not Numbers" Holocaust education curriculum, eighth grade girls visited The Museum of Jewish Heritage. One of the students, Rena Rosenberg, poses next to a photo of her great grandfather (in hat).



3G created Eiffel Towers with fireworks at night in Art after learning about France.



Mazel Tov to our Battle of the Books winners!



We are proud to announce that **the Girls Torah Bowl** teams has won their first round. The subject matter were the parshiot of Shlach, Korach, Chukas and Balak with all of Rashi. The competition included Shulamith, North Shore, HANC and Bruriah. At the end of a grueling 90 minutes, ASHAR won the game by a score of 17 points with the other teams scoring 14, 10, 4 and 3 points respectively. Contributors to the scoring include **Faiga Gordon, Michal Benovitz, Toby Kahn, Atara Friedman, and Rena Rosenberg**. We wish the girls continued hatzlacha as they will compete in the second round after Pesach. Congratulations to their coaches, Mrs. Ora Koenig and Rabbi Chaitovsky.



2G Brias Haolam Fair



After 7G learned about Meisit Umediach in chumash, Rabbi Dov Oliver spoke to the girls about missionaries.



Last Week's Answer: **Mordechai** "My niece was my wife; you can find me in the spices; my enemy was my slave; I was a life saver."



3B bakes chocolate chip cookies after translating a recipe from Rashi script.

Mrs. Mindy Reifer

Director of Curriculum



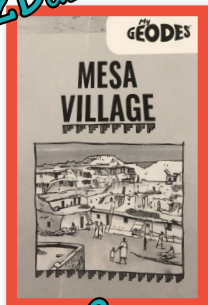
Mrs. Jennah Schuh

Assistant Principal

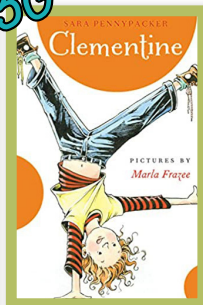


What We Are Reading

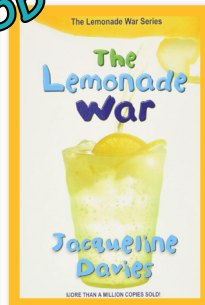
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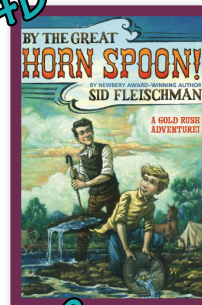
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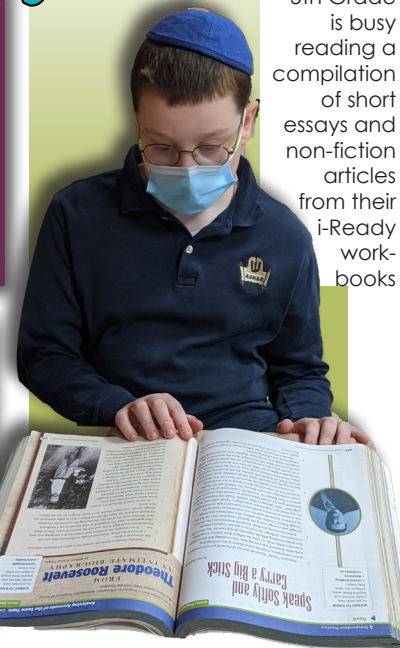
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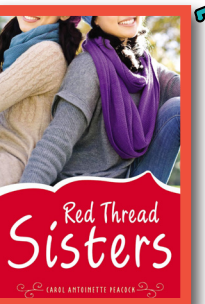
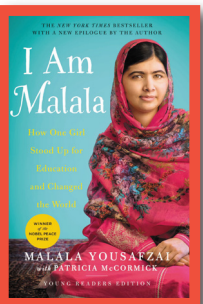
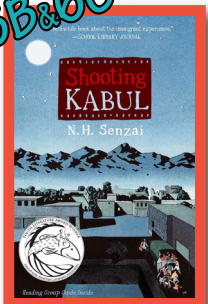


5B&5G

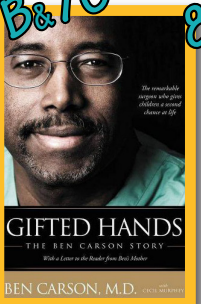


5th Grade is busy reading a compilation of short essays and non-fiction articles from their i-Ready workbooks

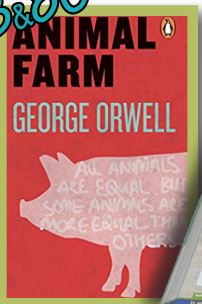
6B&6G



7B&7G



8B&8G



**We have added the
LANDS END SCHOOL
UNIFORM LONG SLEEVE
HOODIE
SWEATSHIRT
IN NAVY**



to our dress code.

When ordering, please
be sure to add the
ASHAR logo.

www.landsend.com

• We try to return any lost and found with a label. Please label all items sent to school!



• Please send your child with an extra mask in their backpack.

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



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

Monday, March 8th 12 PM

Subject: Parshat Balak

Boys Playoffs March 9th!

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

Shelach, Korach, Chukas Pt.1, Chukat Pt.2, WINNERS!



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

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

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

14	10	4	17
HALB	HAFTR	BPY	YOFB



Meir Kaller **#32**
Moshe Baitz **#43**
Naftali Frank
Ari Frankel **#323**
Shaya Genut **#21**
Ephraim Jacobson **#34**
Gavriel Laster
Moishy Steinhart
Noey Taub **#42**
Yishai Werth
Chanan Sellzer **#1111**



Torah Bowl
Round 5
Boys Division
& Winners!
Girls Division

ASHAR was delighted to partner with the Elon Moreh community for a joint Purim project, sending more than 200 mishloach manot packages, including cards from students, to IDF soldiers stationed in the area.

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Mazel Tov!



Mrs. Jessica Dauksza
on the birth of her son

Donny Katz (7B)
on his Bar Mitzvah

Dovy Schreiber (7B)
on his Bar Mitzvah

Ezzy Hamburger (7B)
on his Bar Mitzvah

Meir Metal (7B)
on his Bar Mitzvah

Nava Schechter (6G)
on her Bat Mitzvah

Malky Mintz (6G)
on her Bat Mitzvah

Orah Levi (6G)
on her Bat Mitzvah

Rena Boss (6G)
on her Bat Mitzvah

Lily Spaeth (6G)
on her Bat Mitzvah

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



י"ט אדר • March 3

Wednesday's Torah learning is sponsored by Sholom and Shoshana Weitzman
לע"נ

ישראל אהרן בן הרב יעקב ע"ה ווייצמאן

on his yahrzeit, א' אדר

Zeidy of Yonah (2B) and Aryeh (KB) Weitzman

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



כ' אדר • March 4

Thursday's Torah learning is sponsored by Deena Moscovitz
לע"נ

בנימין בן חיים ז"ל

Great-grandfather of Yishai (6B) and Calev (2B) Moscovitz

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



כ"א אדר • March 5

Friday's Torah learning is sponsored by the Sontag Family
in loving memory of
לע"נ

פרץ יהודה בן מנחם מנדל ז"ל

on his yahrzeit, ב' אדר

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