



ASHREINews



Menahel's Message "The Best Investment"

Naa'seh V'Nishma.

Somewhat less famous is what happened next: According to the Midrash, the Ribbono shel Olam then demanded guarantors. B'nei Yisrael offered the Avos and Imahos- Avraham, Yitzchak and Yaakov, Sarah, Rivkah, Rachel and Leah- as cosigners; Hashem refused. They then suggested the Nevi'im- Prophets of the generations- and were again rebuffed. "Who else can we summon," wondered the Children of Israel. "How can we possibly find more trustworthy guarantors than our Patriarchs and Prophets?" And then it dawned upon them: Hashem was not looking to the past but towards the future. "We'll offer our children as guarantors!" cried B'nei Yisrael. Only then did Hashem finally agree to give the Torah, for, as the Midrash concludes: "אלין ערבאין טבין" - these are indeed the true guarantors of our Torah and nation.

Children are not only our most precious personal gift from God but also our most valuable national resource. Rav Yosef Kahaneman zt"l, the late Ponevezher Rav, would note that while a child is orphaned upon losing his parents ר"ל, a nation is orphaned upon losing her children. All of us are pulled in so many directions individually; Matan Torah reminds us that we have to make time for our children, and after doing so, then make more time. The Jewish

community is likewise collectively besieged by so many worthy causes and critical challenges; Matan Torah mandates that priority must always be assigned to those causes most directly relevant to our children, the Jewish People's eternal guarantors.

In this spirit, we thank our ASHAR family and friends for their exceptional support of this past week's inaugural virtual dinner, and look forward to continuing to invest in our children, Am Yisrael's most important resource, and our greatest source of nachas!

Shabbat Shalom and Chag Sameach!

-Rakhi Ari Jacobsen
Menahel/Dean



בחדר כל הילדות to the seventh grade girls for organizing a tzedaka project- a Shavuot bake sale. They organized the entire operation starting with building their own Google site all the way to baking!

Important Upcoming Events

SUNDAY-TUESDAY, MAY 16-18

No School Shavuot

TUESDAY-THURSDAY, MAY 25-27

8G Trip to Washington

MONDAY, MAY 31

No School Memorial Day

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7-9

8B Trip to Washington

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

8G Graduation 7:15 PM

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

8B Graduation 7:15 PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

Kindergarten Graduation 9:30 AM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

PreK Alef Bet Play 9:30 AM

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

Nursery End of Year Performance

9:30 AM

Last Day of School, 12 noon dismissal

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

8th Grade Algebra I Regents Exam

9:15 AM



Mrs. Jacqueline Borgen

Principal of Early Childhood and First Grade

On Wednesday, the Early Childhood children celebrated Rosh Chodesh Sivan. We acknowledged the children who have birthdays in Sivan and we discussed the Chag that comes on the 6th of Sivan, Chag HaShavuot!

The children recalled the 4 names of the Chag and then had fun acting out each of names and the reasons behind them.

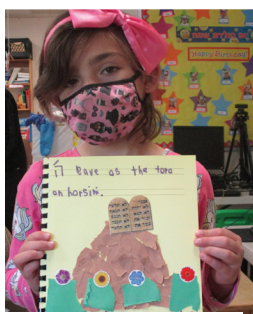
We met Mitzvah Man's great, great... grandfather. He told us that many, many years ago he lived in Eretz Yisrael (not ASHAR) and was a farmer. Every year at this time, during the times of the Beit Hamikdash, he was very busy. Mitzvah Man took the children to his field and told them he was looking on his trees for the first fruits. Those will be given to Hashem on Chag Habikurim (Shavuot)! But how would he know if it was a first fruit? We found the tiniest fruit growing on the tree. How would we remember that this was the first fruit to grow? We tied a red string around the fruit. Morah then turned the lights off and we used our imaginations to pretend that it was night time. We then turned them on and pretended it was day. Back and forth a few times and time had passed. When the lights came back on, the fruit had grown and there were lots of fruits. How would we find the one that grew first? We remembered to look for the fruits with the red string!

Mitzvah Man found some helpers to go to the fields with him to collect all the first fruits to bring to Yerushalayim! We picked the first fruit from the trees in the fields and took the basket to Yerushalayim. We sang our Bikurim song as we marched through the fields. We began our hike all the way to Yerushalayim to the Beit Hamikdash! As we got close, we heard the Leviim playing their instruments. As we got closer to the Beit Hamikdash, the music got louder and louder! It was so exciting! We ended our assembly listening to a wonderful medley of Shavuos songs from Micah Gamerman.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2fuHZpLDfc>

Have a wonderful Shabbos and Yontif!

Shavuot



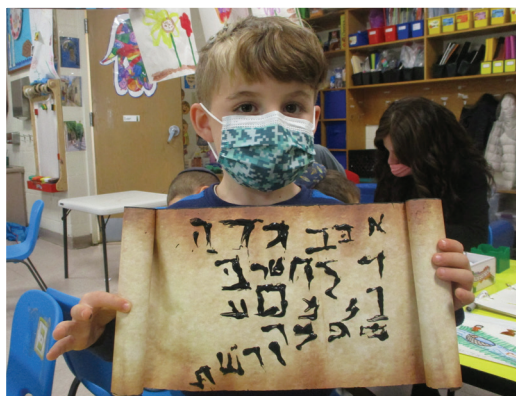
Shavuos name book



Planting



Pre-K made sefer Torahs



We made our own Har Sinai

Yom Yerushalayim



Rebuilding the Beit Hamikdash

Rosh Chodesh Sivan Assembly



Kindergarten let their butterflies go free



Mrs. Debby Jacobson

Principal of Girls Division



At the ASHAR dinner this past Wednesday, the ASHAR family paid tribute to their incredible staff for their outstanding dedication and effort during very difficult times. What is it that is so unique about the ASHAR faculty?

Chinuch at ASHAR is about molding future leaders. It is about forming the next link in the chain of *mesorah*. It is about helping a young *neshama* reach its full potential. It is about being a role model for our students. It is about making an impact that we hope will last a lifetime.

What is the key to our teachers' success? A love and passion for what they do and a dedication to this amazing cause. May Hashem give each of them the strength to succeed!

Have a wonderful Shabbos!

ASHAR GIRLS

DIVISION



Middle School Girls played a game of dominoes where the girls had to put the mesorah into chronological order.

Shavuot Baking



Yom Yerushalayim

COLOR WAR

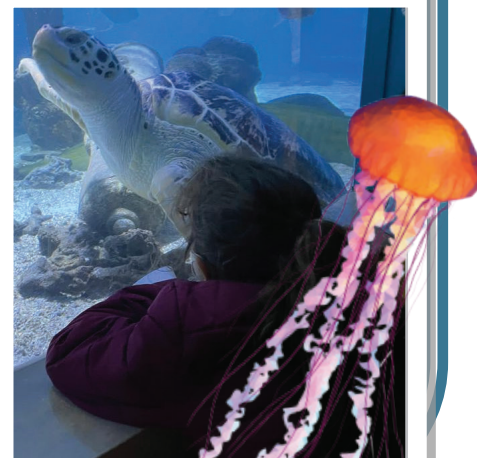
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Michal- Yellow
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29 out of 47

1
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32 out of 47

Hili- Yellow
3
26004
30 out of 47



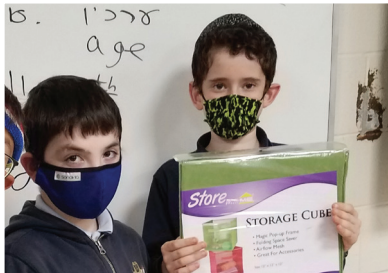
Second Grade enjoyed a trip to the Maritime Aquarium in Norwalk, CT



Riddle of the Week ? WHO AM I ?

I am walking, but my legs don't move; I am similar to water; I am to teach; I am for night and day. Submit answer in your SMVT sheet for a chance to win a prize!

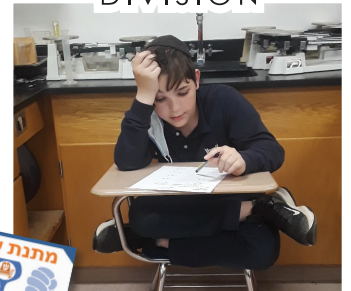
Last Week's Answer: *Har Sinai* (I am the source of hatred; I was humble; I almost became a grave; No trespassing.)



6B tied their own tzitzis after learning hilchos tzitzis



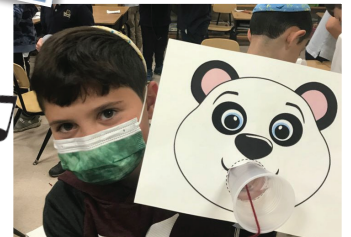
This week we enjoyed a live band in honor of Shavuot. Thank you to the fathers who came with their musical instruments. We enjoyed a culmination of songs!



8B is studying for their Math Regents exam



שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם
קֵל הַהוֹדָאוֹת
יוֹם שְׁבֻחוֹן
מִצֵּין עוֹלָם הַבָּא



2B learns about vibrations and sound waves with strings and cups.



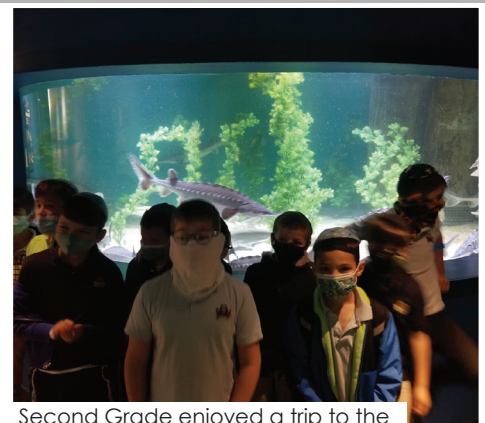
Mazel Toy 2B, 8B & Rabbi Rosenzweig's 6B Class for winning Chutz l'Seder!



Thank you for the treats!



In honor of Yom Yerushalayim, the Boy's division said Hallel, watched a video commemorating the day, and received special treats



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Mrs. Mindy Reifer

Director of Curriculum



Mrs. Jennah Schuh

Assistant Principal



Framing your Thoughts

The students in Morah Lori's reading group wrote beautiful poems inspired by a book they read as part of the Geodes reading program. The Geodes program complements the Foundations phonics curriculum by incorporating words the students can decode with content-rich vocabulary and information. Using the Framing Your Thoughts sentence frame model of writing, the children wrote beautiful poems about the morning, using the five senses, and vivid adjectives and verbs for descriptions.

In the Morning

By: Akiva Robinson (T-Class)



In the morning, I see...
A pink sunrise
Robins chirping
Wild animals eating meat in the forest
Rain falling from the clouds
Treetops shaking
Cars driving on the road

In the morning, I hear...
Dogs barking
People talking about the game

My mother chewing food
Birds chirping
Loud yawning

In the morning, I feel...
The comfortable fur of a dog
My cold table
My hot oven
My comfortable clothes
My heavy bag

In the morning, I smell...
My family's breakfast
My neighbor's dirty dog
Eggs cooking
Fruit in the garden
Cookies baking

In the morning, I taste...
Cinnamon cereal
Refreshing water
Watermelon toothpaste
Nutty peanut butter on bread
Apple oatmeal

Good Morning. Time for the day to start.

In the Morning

By: Elianna First (T-Class)



In the morning, I see...
Birds flying in the air
Cats running
People walking
Trucks driving on the road
Morahs dancing

In the morning, I hear...
Birds tweet
Phones ring
Grandma talking
Horns beep
People gulp milk

In the morning, I feel...
Soft blankets
Warm clothing

In the morning, I smell...
Spoiled milk
Challah baking

In the morning, I taste...
Yummy pancakes

Good Morning. Time for the day to start.

More than 1,000 people tuned in to celebrate ASHAR's first-ever virtual dinner on Wednesday night, May 12. The online program honored our Rebbeim, morot and teachers, and featured entertainment by magician Shlomo Levinger and the students of ASHAR. The dinner paid tribute to Guests of Honor Don-E & Miryam Benovitz, Parents of the Year Shragi & Itta Lazarus, and Teacher of the Year Morah Miriam Wachs.

Together, ASHAR parents raised over \$169,000 to benefit the Adam Pollack z"l Scholarship Fund. Thank you to all who participated in this wonderful campaign. To make a donation, place a journal ad, or to view the program visit www.ashar.org/dinner.



Virtual Dinner UPDATE

Mazel Tov!



Brooke Levine (Class '09)
on her engagement to Abe Paniri

Devora (Berger) Kamensky (Class '05)
on the birth of a son

Ezra Katz (7B)
on becoming an uncle

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

7B BAR-MITZVAH BBQ!

7B students and their fathers (or grandfather, uncle or other male adult) are invited to join us.

Tuesday, May 25
7:00-9:00 PM at ASHAR



BBQ



Kumsitz
Bring your own musical instrument!



Tefillin Workshop
Rabbi Menachem Resnicoff, Sofer Stam will be providing klatf, an inkwell and quill to teach the fundamentals of safrus.

RSVP REQUIRED

Register at ashar.org/barmitzvahbbq

Sponsorships available at ashar.org/barmitzvahbbq



כ"ה אייר ♦ May 7



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

לע"נ

אהרן מיכל בן ישראל צבי הכהן ז"ל

(כ"ז אייר *yahrzeit* is)

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

CAMP KAYITZ IN BETWEEN CAMP

BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 3-7

HOURS: 9:00 - 3:00

DATES: JUNE 18 - JUNE 29

AUGUST 19 - AUGUST 27

WE DO:
BAKING!
SWIMMING!
ARTS & CRAFT!
AND MUCH MUCH MORE!!!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, PLEASE
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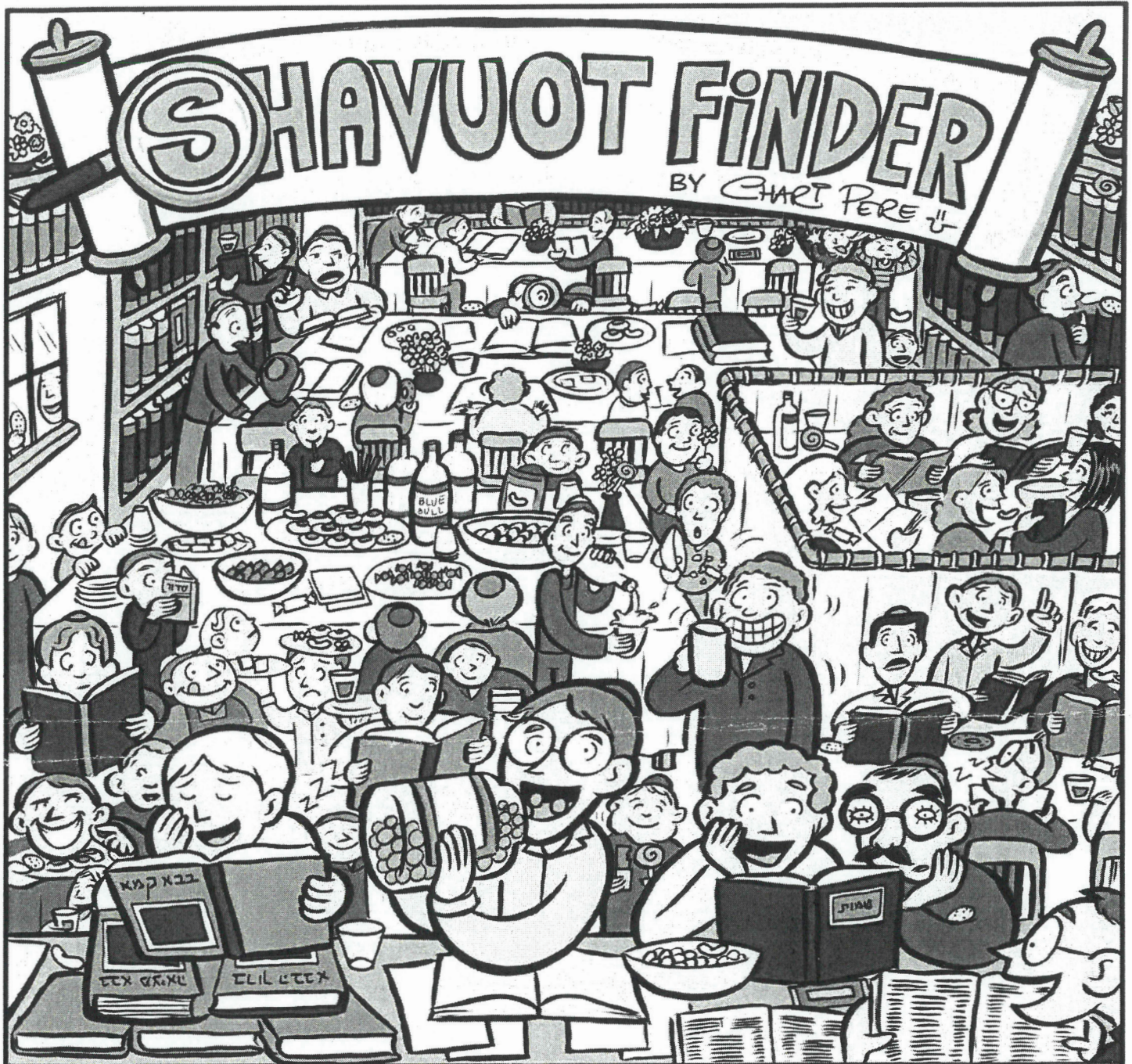


Keep filling
your ASHAR
Tzedaka Box!








**Final
Tzedaka
Collection!**

Friday, May 28, 2021





HELP THESE STUDENTS FIND THE FOLLOWING SNACKS TO HELP THEM STAY UP ALL NIGHT LEARNING ON SHAVUOT.

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|  4 LOLLIPOPS |  10 POTATO CHIPS |
|  6 TAFFIES |  5 CUPS OF SODA |
|  8 CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES |  2 DOUGHNUTS |
|  3 CHOCOLATE BARS | |

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU STAYED UP ALL NIGHT. FIND THE SIDDUR TO DAVEN AS THE SUN RISES:



HAPPY SHAVUOT FROM www.ou.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