



ASHREINews



Menahel's Message "A+ for Self-Control"



Chazal refer to the book of Bereishis as *Sefer Hayashar*. The meaning of 'Yashar' in this context is best captured by the Yiddish term *ehrich*, and speaks to the sterling character and integrity embodied by the Avos and Imahos. While Bereishis contains few specific *mitzvos* and little instruction on ritual observance, it is *Sefer Hayashar*- the book that recounts the exceptional behavior of our ancestors, and thus establishes the parameters of refined character and *derech erez* for eternity. One such example is the description of Avraham's acquisition of Me'aras Hamachpela as a burial site for Sarah.

In enumerating the Asarah Nisyonos of Avraham Aveinu referenced in Pirkei Avos, most commentators consider the tenth and most difficult challenge met to be Akeidas Yitzchak. After all, can one imagine a more gut wrenching test than obeying G-d's request to sacrifice a beloved son? Rav Samson Raphael Hirsch (following the approach of Rabbeinu Yonah's commentary to Avos), however, disagrees, claiming that the tenth and most difficult *nisayon* was what ensued.

After returning from the Akeidah, Avraham informs Sarah

that Hashem had requested the sacrifice of Yitzchak, whereupon Sarah immediately passes away in shock and agony, not realizing that Avraham was about to describe how Hashem then instructed the angel to intercede and accept a ram in Yitzchak's place. Avraham is forced to plan his beloved wife's burial, whose death was precipitated by blind faith in Hashem. G-d had promised Avraham the length and breadth of Canaan, but now even a simple cave for burial proves elusive, as he has no choice but to negotiate with the charlatan Ephron HaChitti.

The level of Avraham's stress and pain was indescribable; under the circumstances, impatience and short-temperedness would be quite understandable. Yet note how he interacted with B'nei Ches: "*im yesh es nafsh'chem*"- please. "*Va'yishtachu Avraham lifnei am ha'aretz*"- thank you. Avraham maintained self-control throughout, and acted as a perfect gentleman, thus establishing a paradigm of *menschlichkeit* and composure for generations of *yesharim*!

Shabbat Shalom!
- Rakhi Ari Jacobson
Menahel/Dean

Important Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
2G Chumash Mesiba 9:30 AM

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2B Chumash Mesiba 12:30 PM

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23
8th Grade JSAT Exam During School Hours

THURSDAY-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26-29
No School Thanksgiving

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
Parent Teacher Conferences

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11
12PM Early Dismissal Chanukah

SUNDAY-MONDAY, DECEMBER 13-14
No Sessions Chanukah

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23
No Bus Transportation

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1
1B/1G Siddur Play



Mrs. Jacqueline Borgen

Principal of Early Childhood and First Grade

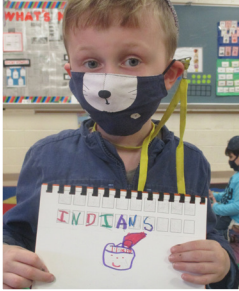
Another wonderful week has passed! Our Parshiot in Sefer Bereishit are full of life and include important lessons for us to learn. The children sit enthralled



and engaged as they listen to Morah teach *Parshat Hashavua* every day. We dramatize the Parsha and extend the lessons into the children's everyday lives within their classrooms here in ASHAR. This week we spoke about being kind and doing *Chesed*, just like Rivka. The children discussed different ways they could be kind to their friends, Morahs and families. We should all internalize the lessons from these *Parshiot* and use it as an opportunity for our own personal growth in *middot*. We also started to learn about Thanksgiving and introduced skills of patterning, collaging, color matching, book writing and more. We learned how the Indians lived and how they helped the Pilgrims navigate life in America. Please enjoy the pictures from our week.

Have a healthy and wonderful Shabbos!
Mrs. Jacqueline Borgen

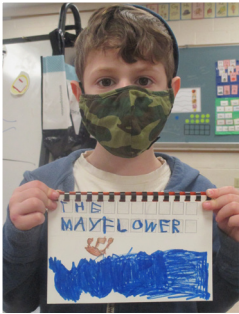
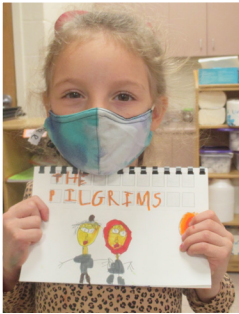
Thanksgiving



Indian Pictograph



Color Sorting



Waterford Computer Program



Parsha becomes interactive!



Patterned Crowns



Hey!



Parsha Time



Letter "I"



5 Senses Book



First Grade enjoyed their new SolarActive bracelets in the sun



Outdoor Fun

Mrs. Debby Jacobson

Principal of Girls Division



Chesed is one of the most important *middos* of a good Jew. It is a central principle upon which the world was created. At ASHAR, we stress the importance projects are constantly about *chesed* that makes it



of *chesed* in our youngest students. *Chesed* being implemented into our curriculum. What is it so important?

The *mishna in Pirkei Avos* says that someone who has an *ayin tova*, a "good eye," is considered a student of Avraham Avinu. Rabbeinu Yona explains that this describes someone who has the characteristic of giving. The attribute of *chesed* was one of the essential attributes of Avraham. As the children of Avraham, we must emulate his essence of giving and make it part of our core.

This week, the seventh-grade girls were introduced to a wonderful *chesed* program. First, Mrs. Yenty Frost spoke to them about the importance of *chesed* and helping others. Then the girls were divided into three groups and got to work. Each group was introduced to a family with an ill child. Each group has decided to "adopt" one of these families. The girls will share treats



7G cell models

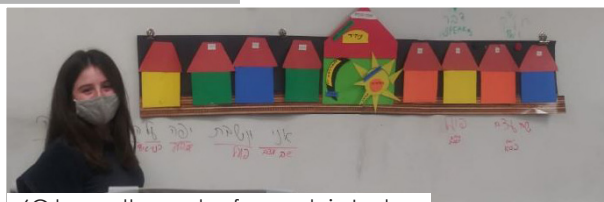


5G comprehension check

Tizku L' Mitzvos girls! We are so proud of you!

and warm wishes throughout the year with their respective families. The girls then created scrapbooks to introduce themselves to these families.

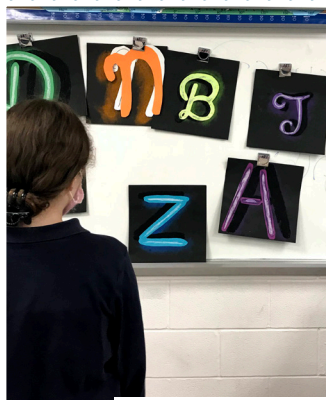
A special thank you to the seventh-grade *mechanechet* Mrs. Rena Kenarek and Morah Nechama Schuster for coordinating this project and making it happen.



6G learns the parts of speech in Lashon



4G experiments with density



7G Neon letters in Art



6G took advantage of the beautiful weather for math class.





3B Veterans Day Activity



7B cell model by: Ariel Yunayev



Riddle of the Week?

WHO AM I?

I spoke a lot, did a little, and am the opposite of Avraham; don't confuse me with a pencil.
Submit answer in your SMVT sheet for a chance to win a prize!

ASHAR BOYS
DIVISION



Recess fun with 3B on a glorious November day! By: Gabe Solomon (3B)



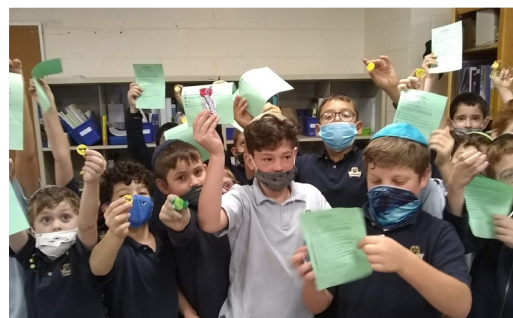
By: Sholom Sachs (3B)

- ☐ I said a perek of tehilim for someone I know who is sick.
- ☐ I said an uplifting comment to a friend who was disappointed about something.
- ☐ I reached out and did something to make someone in an embarrassing situation feel more comfortable.
- ☐ I helped a classmate retrieve or replace an item he was frustrated about losing.
- ☐ I visited or sent a message to someone who was home sick.
- ☐ I davened for the safety of the yidden in Eretz Yisroel.
- ☐ I reached out to a classmate who was being picked on and bothered by others.
- ☐ I did not discuss my good grades in front of my classmates or siblings who are not doing as well in school.
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Other: _____

The class with the most entries wins a Class Ice Cream Party.



6B learning math outside



4B proudly shows off their entries for the Middah of the Month - sensitivity.

Middah of the Month



The ASHAR UNIFORM EXCHANGE IS IN NEED OF UNIFORMS!

uniforms@ashar.org



Mrs. Jennah Schuh

Assistant Principal



Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, we observed the 82nd anniversary of Kristallnacht. In conjunction with their yearlong Holocaust studies, the eighth-grade students participated in a special program learning about the significance of the day and its origins. Students zoomed into Rabbi Joel Cohn, an educator based in Israel, who presented an interactive history of the causes leading to the Night of Broken Glass. By the end of the program, students had a better understanding and appreciation for the wider context in which to study the Holocaust.

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Mrs. Mindy Reifer

Director of Curriculum



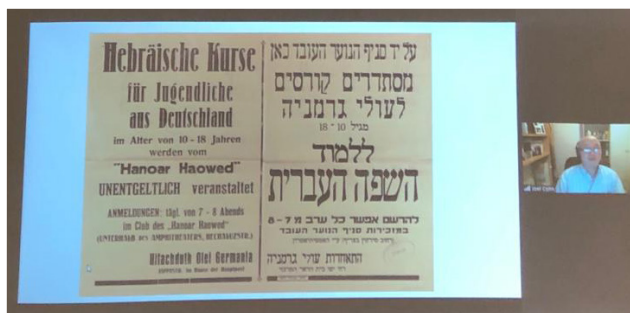
gain perspective, to place a situation or an event into a greater context. Essentially, it makes a learning experience. This is true of global events as well as individual experiences. The past can provide an anchor or support and gives the present more meaning.

With the advent of the internet, handheld devices, Google, and spellcheck, the importance of memory can be seen as inconsequential. However, the use of even menial tasks is significantly improved by memorization. Memorizing multiplication facts is a topic that can cause some adults to break out in a sweat. But, success in algebra, geometry, and higher-level math is often determined by the automaticity of memorized facts. The same is true in the sciences, whether it's balancing chemical equations or using formulas in physics.

When one remembers grammar and spelling rules and applications, writing becomes an exercise in developing meaningful content and expression. Memorization is a vehicle for higher-order skills to grow and creativity to flourish.

ASHAR continues to include memorization as an important learning skill, but always paired with an explanation of why the memorization is necessary and how it benefits the student's educational success.

Eighth Graders' Zoom presentation with Rabbi Joel Cohn from Jerusalem, Israel about Kristallnacht.

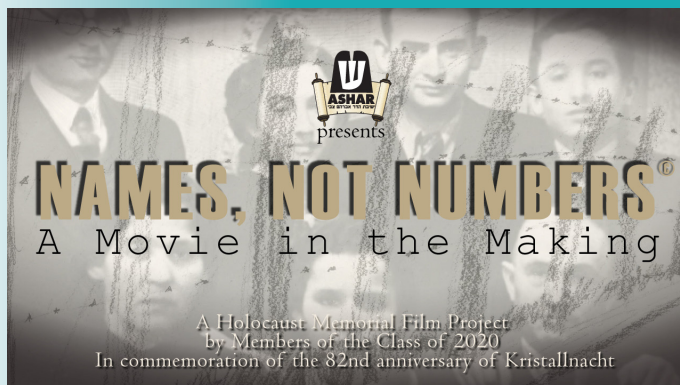


If you missed the premiere screening of **Names, Not Numbers ©** from the Class of 2020, you can still watch it on youtube.



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Eighth Grade students are starting their Names, Not Numbers© filming. Tova Fish Rosenberg came in to speak with them all about the process and the importance of Names, Not Numbers © - A Movie in the Making, featuring Holocaust survivors' stories.



Please join us in showing Hakarat HaTov to our amazing faculty by participating in this project to provide gifts to our teachers and staff! We are collecting money for Chanukah for one low suggested donation per child:

N-4: \$18/child

5-8: \$25/child

Fill out the form online at:

<http://www.ashar.org/staffgifts>

Want to pay via check or any other questions?

Email the PTA - pta@ashar.org

Important 2021-2022 School Year Information

Baruch Hashem, many new families have shown interest in our school and have begun to register for next year.

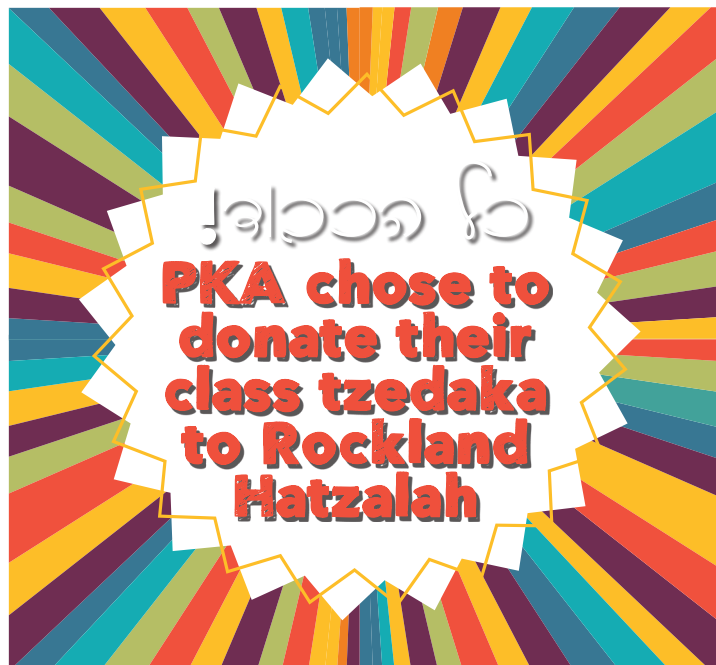
We would like to allow our current families to reserve spots for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year.

If you have a child at home that will be joining us next year in Nursery, PreK or Kindergarten, please go to our website and fill out an

[Application for Admission,](https://www.ashar.org/admissions)

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We cannot guarantee a spot for any existing family until we receive an application with all relevant information, the child is interviewed and accepted.



COVID-19

- ASHAR's health procedures and guidelines are in place. Please make sure to fill in the daily health screening through ParentLocker.
 - NYS has new covid-related travel guidelines which went into effect on 11/4/20: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>
If your child has tested positive for COVID, please be sure to keep your child home for 10 days following the positive test.
 - If your child is not well, please keep your child home.
 - This includes low grade fever, stomach issues, bad cold, cough, lethargy, etc.
- As per the Rockland County Department of Health's new order, all children over the age of 2 must wear facial coverings while indoors.



Mazel Tov!

Moshe Ohana (Class of 2009)
on his engagement

Mrs. Chaya Moldaver
on the marriage of her daughter

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



כ"ט מרחשון ♦ November 16

Monday's learning is sponsored by

Mr. & Mrs. David & Ava Avidar-Hamburger

לע"נ

דוד בן זכריה ז"ל

Ezzi Hamburger's (7B) Sabba

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



כ"ו מרחשון ♦ November 13

Friday's learning is sponsored by

Mr. & Mrs. Shloime & Libby Akerman

in honor of

a good diagnosis and speedy recovery for

Amos Yonatan

*May our children's learning serve as a
z'chus for his continued good health.*

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ו' מנחם אב תשע"ז תנצבה

**DON'T
STAY
OUTSIDE!
COME
IN
TAKE
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זהירים לשומר

אבות ובנים



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Raffle גורל

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**FEEL FULFILLED
AND BENEFIT!**



THE LEARNING WILL TAKE PLACE

2 Hours after sunset (שקיעה) on weekdays
This week
6:45

At: Bais Avigdor 57 Lima Kiln Rd

At:

for more information please call your local supervisor

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Pizza, Raffles, Grand Prize week, over \$2000 in Prizes