



ASHREINews



Menahel's Message "Do I Have To?"



In his classic Ruach Chaim commentary to Pirkei Avos (5,2), Rav Chaim of Volozhin observes that when enumerating the ten generations from Noach to Avraham, the Mishna describes the latter as simply 'Avraham', while the very next Mishna refers to the ten *nisyonos* of 'Avraham **Aveinu**'. Rav Chaim suggests that the Mishna's emphasis on Avraham as a father specifically in the context of meeting challenges demonstrates that in matters of *nisayon*- confronting the most difficult of life's challenges- Avraham is truly the father of each and every Jew. By meeting their personal challenges, the *avos* and *imahos* impacted their descendants for posterity.

But what specific traits were instilled? The most obvious answer, of course, is self-sacrifice. Over the millennia, countless Jews of hitherto modest stature have somehow managed to muster the inner strength necessary to make the ultimate sacrifice and offer their lives *al kiddush Hashem* when summoned.

A novel interpretation of the Ran (Derashos Haran, No. 6), however, suggests that Avraham Aveinu's greatest legacy may have been establishing the basis upon which we more truly *live* *al Kiddush Hashem*:

Rabbeinu Nissim claims that Hashem could not have demanded Avraham's only son, as doing so would have been a blatant violation of G-d's earlier promise of offspring.

Rather, offers the Ran, Hashem requested that Avraham place Yitzchak on the altar. This is why He uses the word 'נא אל' - 'please' - when summoning Avraham: "נא אלך אלך אלך" - "Please take the son that you love" (see *Sanhedrin* 89b.) Hashem would not have punished Avraham had he refused to comply. By acquiescing, however, Avraham successfully met his ultimate challenge: to fulfill that clearly desired by Hashem despite not being specifically required. And it was this ability to fulfill *r'tzon Hashem*, the will of Hashem, in addition to that mandated, that would be incorporated into the very essence of Avraham's biological and spiritual progeny.

Effective parenting and *chinuch* entails modeling desired behaviors and outcomes, without necessarily always overtly demanding or requiring compliance. By allowing children to make positive, age-appropriate choices of their own volition, we afford them the opportunity to summon their "inner Avraham Aveinu" that instinctively draws a Jew to *r'tzon Hashem*.

Shabbat Shalom!
- Rakhi Ari Jacobson
Menahel/Dean

Important Upcoming Events

MOTZEI SHABBOS, NOVEMBER 7
Names, Not Numbers

Premieres on YouTube 7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

No Bus Transportation

Veterans Day

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

2G Chumash Mesiba 9:30 AM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

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 busy and exciting week has passed. We enjoyed Chalav U'Dvash, music with Mr. Nulman and so much more! We celebrated Election Day

right here in ASHAR and set up voting booths, cast our ballots and counted the votes!

We learned all about the Parsha and brought it to life as we practiced taking on Avraham's middah of Chesed. We treated others in our class as guests, fed them, took care of them and made them feel special. We learned how Avraham and Sara loved the Mitzvah of Hachnasat Orchim, welcoming guests, and feeding them too. In connection to this theme and our yearly Challah Bake, our children starred in a video where they baked Challah and set the Shabbos table for you! Please watch and enjoy the Challah Bake video. A special thank you to Mrs. Miriam Goldman for putting it together. Of course, we continued learning all of our subject areas as well. Enjoy the pictures from our week!



Fall Fun



Music and Movement



Bear Day



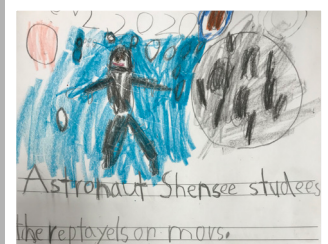
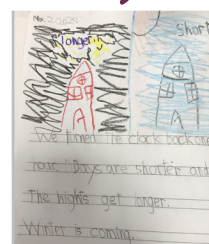
Parsha



Thanksgiving



First Grade Awesome Writing!



Have a healthy and wonderful Shabbos!
Mrs. Jacqueline Borgen

Election Day



Mrs. Debby Jacobson

Principal of Girls Division



Keeping it Together... Apart

Since the time of Sarah Imeinu, women have baked challahs. ASHAR's annual Challah Bake throughout Rockland

once is a mind-expanding the singing, dancing, bonding,

brought together hundreds of women from County. Hundreds of women baking Challah at experience. Imagine the *nachas* of Sarah Imeinu at and joy that took place not only in New City but at other locales all over the world as well.

This year is different. As we get ready to bake challah, we stand apart. Each of us in our own home; we will infuse our challah with the hopes and prayers for a better tomorrow.

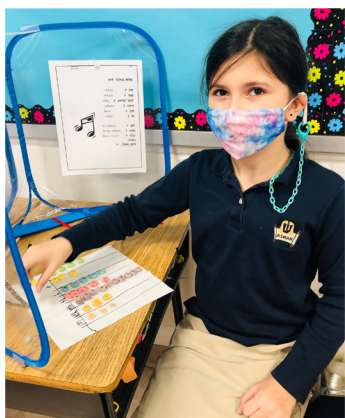


Folk Art by: Gitty Weinberger

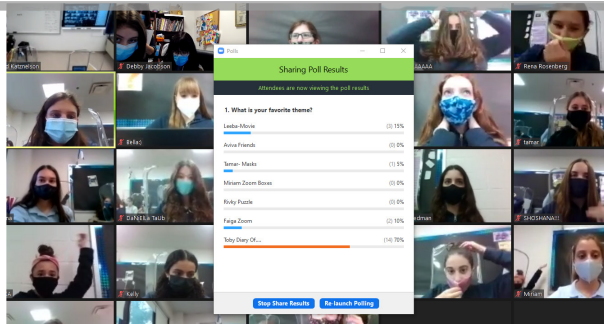
from Sarah Imeinu and be *zocheh* to build homes where the *shechinah* can dwell, and merit seeing the *brachos* of Sarah Imeinu in our lives as well.

May Hashem bless our community and our world with tranquility, healing and health.

Sara Imeinu's tent was a home for the *shechinah*. Her home was a true microcosm of the *Beis HaMikdash*. May we learn



4G created bracelets to enforce their learning of place value in Math.



8G used Polls in school on their chromebooks to vote for their 8th grade yearbook theme.



2G gets ready for their Chumash play



3G had a picnic for lunch.

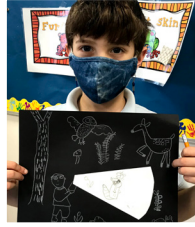


Students in 5G created their own maps of their rooms with keys and scales. Map by: Minna VanHalem

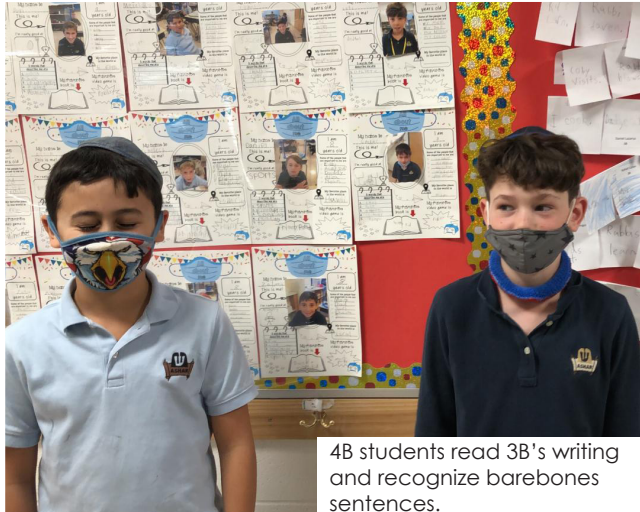


6G learned about always putting Hashem before them.

3B learning contrast and using black and white media to create artwork of a flashlight in the dark.



Mazel tov to our Grand Prize winner for this Sunday's boys program!

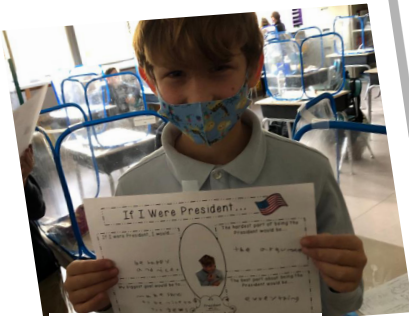


4B students read 3B's writing and recognize barebones sentences.

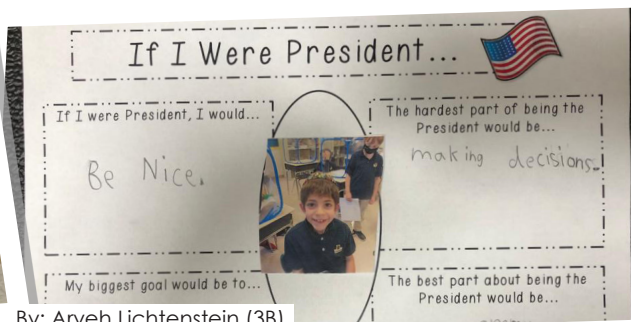


8B playing math games

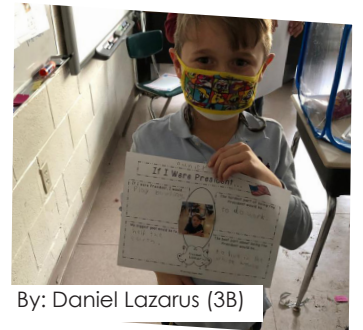
If I were President...



By: Avi Klein (3B)



By: Aryeh Lichtenstein (3B)



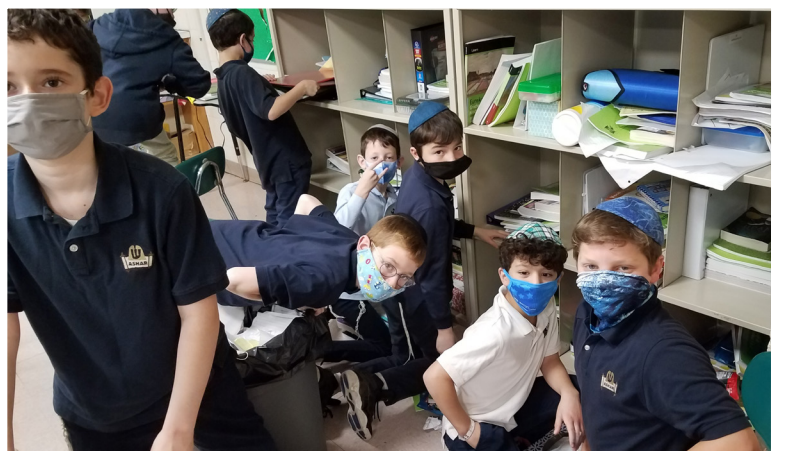
By: Daniel Lazarus (3B)

ASHAR boys began learning Yediot Klalot this week. Watch your inbox for study guides and test dates!

ספר בראשית				
קקז	10	ויצא	7	
ויקח	11	וישלה	8	
ויחזר	12	וישב	9	תקרות

ספר שמות				
ויקח	10	תרוקח	7	קשלה
קקדי	11	תענה	8	יחזר
		כי תשא	9	משקטים

ספר ויקרא				
בחווקתי	10	קדושים	7	תקרוץ
		אמר	8	קצוץ
		בני	9	אחרי מות



4B Learning middot tovot by cleaning up their cubbies in the classroom.

Mrs. Mindy Reifer

Director of Curriculum



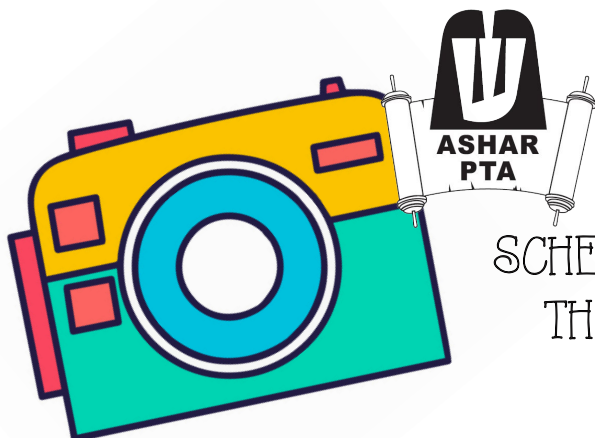
Mrs. Jennah Schuh

Assistant Principal



The AshreiNews is filled each week with pictures of students enjoying school. Whether they are crafting bracelets out of Fruit Loops to study place value, writing about a topic they connect with in language arts, or conducting hands-on laboratory experiments in science class, our children are engaged in imaginative and creative activities that encourage them to regard school favorably. Do these activities result in more than just fun lessons during an otherwise tedious school day? Do the projects and programs we present to our students actually increase the impact of learning in the long run? Obviously, troves of data exist to demonstrate the value of student engagement in the classroom, but recent encounters in ASHAR's very hallways provide anecdotal, yet obvious, insight into the

potential impact of activities that engage and motivate students. One occurrence from this past week involved two fourth grade boys examining the third grade bulletin board in the hallway near their classroom. They read the posted student work and proceeded to discuss what they were reading. They commented on the beautiful writing the younger boys produced. They recognized what the students were learning and reminisced about their own assignments from their third grade experience. The rendezvous was not just adorable; it was uplifting. Witnessing students remembering lessons, applying their knowledge, and seeming to enjoy the entire process reassures us that the time and effort spent planning and implementing engaging lessons is well worth it.



THANK YOU TO THE **ASHAR PTA** FOR
ARRANGING PICTURE DAY.
THERE WILL BE A SECOND DAY
SCHEDULED FOR ANY CLASS OR INDIVIDUAL
THAT WAS QUARANTINED ON THURSDAY.

pta@ashar.org



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

**THIS
MOTZEI
SHABBOS!**



ASHAR

invites you to the virtual premiere screening of

https://youtu.be/sqmz_W-fvSg

NAMES, NOT NUMBERS®

A Movie in the Making

Sunday

MORNING

Virtual Learning Program

@ASHAR



10:00 - 10:45am

4B - 8B - Learning with your Rebbe
(Zoom IDs on website)

10:45 - 11:30am

4B - 7B

Play Ashar's Get-Rich-Quick Gameshow
for a chance to win \$30
(Zoom ID on Website)

8B - Continue learning with Rabbi C



10:00 AM - 11:30 PM
SUNDAYS @ ASHAR

See the ASHAR school calendar for specific date details

Mazel Tov!

Mrs. Jacqueline Borgen
on the birth of her first grandson

Mrs. Francie Brinn
on the engagement of her son Stevie to
Avital Goldblatt (Edison, NJ)



COVID-19

- ASHAR's health procedures and guidelines are in place. Please make sure to fill in the daily health screening through ParentLocker.
- If you have traveled to any quarantine states, please be sure to stay home for 14 days following your return home. Quarantined states: <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.



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ר' נחום יואל הלפרן ז"ל
נפטר בשם טוב ליל ש"ק
ו' מנחם אב תשע"ז תנצבה

**DON'T
STAY
OUTSIDE!
COME
IN

TAKE
PART
LEARN**

זהירים לשומר

אבות ובנים



**FEEL FULFILLED
AND BENEFIT!**

THE LEARNING WILL TAKE PLACE

At: Bais Avigdor 57 Lime Kiln Rd

At:

2 Hours after neta (sunset) on gal'at
This Week
6:45

for more information please call your local supervisor

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Pizza, Raffles, Grand Prize Week, Over \$2000 in Prizes