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Special Rosh Hashana Edition



EARLY CHILDHOOD
PROGRAM



GIRLS DIVISION



BOYS DIVISION



Menahel's Message

New Beginnings!

In each Shemoneh Esrei throughout the Yomim Noraim and Aseres Yemei Teshuva, we ask that Hashem inscribe us in the Book of Life: *לכרינו לחיים מלאך חסיד אצלנו בספר: "חיים"* Yet only at the end of the Chazan's repetition of the Mussaf do we more fully express the nature of the life we truly desire:

כאכלנו בספר חיים, ככאלה, אלאם דצבקים כה אלקים חיים כלכם היום

"Inscribe us in the Book of Life, as it is written, 'You who cleave to Hashem your God are all alive today.'"

While we initially beseech the Almighty to simply grant us another year of life, as our davening progresses we become emboldened and eventually - right before the very end of Mussaf - we gather the courage to request not only life but quality of life. We ask that the innate and inseparable bond of every individual Jewish soul to its Maker enable a year that is both meaningful and palpably uplifting, thus ensuring a year that is spiritually and emotionally fulfilling.

As we begin an exciting new school year filled with promise and hope, let's not forget the big picture. Yes, we are certainly concerned with our children's academic and social progress, and together we will work tirelessly to maximize the potential of each and every child. But we are equally concerned with laying the foundation of spiritually meaningful lives punctuated by very personal relationships with the Ribbono shel Olam through Torah and *mitzvos*.

And when each of us prays for the well-being and success of our children this Rosh Hashanah, don't be afraid to "go for broke." Don't settle for just living, but rather daven for quality of life. Daven for the contentment, happiness and fulfillment that is the ultimate destiny of every Jewish *neshama* eternally bound to Hashem: *אלאם דצבקים כה אלקים*

Enjoy the beautiful *nachas* of watching your children continue to grow and flourish during the coming year. May it be a year of good health, prosperity and success, *לנו ולכל ישראל!*

With best wishes for a kesiva va'chasima tova and Shabbat Shalom,

- Rabbi Ari Jacobson

Menahel/Dean

Important Upcoming Events

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18-20
Rosh Hashana No School

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
Tzom Gedaliah Friday Dismissal

SUNDAY-MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27-28
Yom Kippur No School

OCTOBER 2-11
Sukkot No School

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12
Columbus Day Sessions Resume,
No Busing

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
4B-8B Sunday Program Begins
8:30AM Shacharit

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
2B Chumash Mesiba 9:30AM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
2G Chumash Mesiba 9:30AM

TUESDAY, November 3
Picture Day, 8B/G, N-1, T class

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
Picture Day Grades 2-7



Mrs. Jacqueline Borgen
Principal of Early Childhood and First Grade

In the month of Elul, we blow the Shofar each day..." The children in **Gan Esther's Early Childhood Program** have been very busy



preparing for the upcoming Chag! Our Rosh Hashana unit of study included a multi-sensory/hands-on approach to teaching all of our Rosh Hashana lessons. We integrated all of the subject areas into our unit including: social studies (the Mitzvot/Minhagim of Rosh Hashana), math (the number of days, numbers of each shofar sound, graphing and sorting apples, etc.) science (apple tree cycle and honey making), ELA (books, poems, songs, etc.), music and more! The highlight of our week was on Thursday when we had our first assembly. We celebrated the children's *Elul* and *Tishrei* Hebrew birthdays and enjoyed Morah Jackie's special Rosh Hashana presentation.

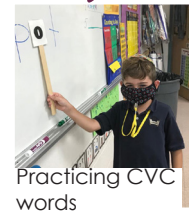
On behalf of the entire Early Childhood family, I would like to wish everyone a **Shana Tova!** A year full of good health, *bracha*, *nachas* from your children, and all good things!

Shabbat Shalom and Ktiva V'Chatima Tova!
Mrs. Jacqueline Borgen

Shana Tova



1st Grade



Practicing CVC words

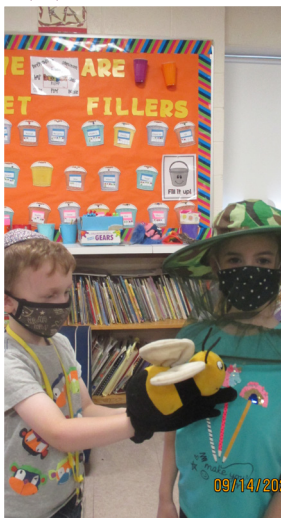


Practicing reading site words with games

Rosh Hashana learning/tashlich



Apples & bees



Learning how bees make honey

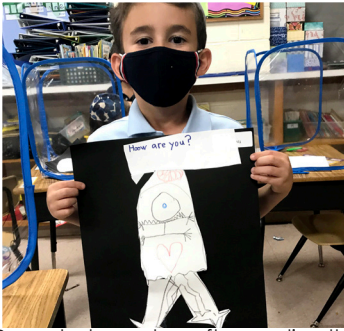


Graphing favorite color apple

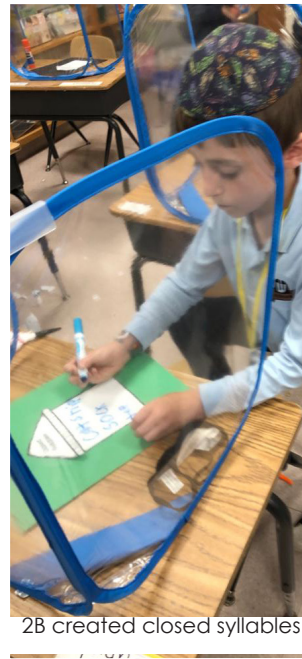
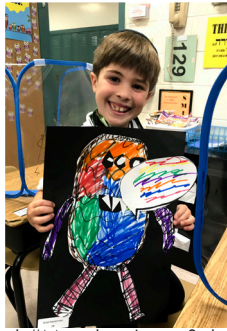




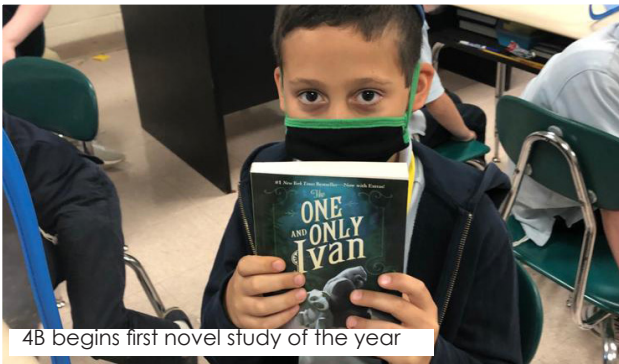
ASHAR BOYS DIVISION



2B created monsters after reading the book "Monsters Love School"



2B created closed syllables



4B begins first novel study of the year



4B working on sukkah projects



The boys minyan performed hatarat nedarim



Rabbi Spivak blows shofar for Minyan every morning



!oawaka/ 2awaka



2B receives brachot from Rabbi Jacobson

Mrs. Debby Jacobson

Principal of Girls Division



The Lubavitcher Rebbe explains that the three sounds of the shofar represent three different types of Jews. The tekiah represents the righteous Jew. The shevarim represents the Jew that is devoid of Torah and mitzvos. The teruah represents the struggling Jew. On Rosh Hashana, we never blow the sounds of shevarim and teruah unless they are surrounded by tekios. We never allow the shevarim and teruah Jews to stand alone in front of the heavenly court without being flanked by tekiah Jews. On Rosh Hashana, all types of Jews stand together ready to be judged.

This year, our girls are learning that they must stand together even when apart. They are learning to distantly forge friendships. They are learning to care for one another through words and actions.

אי רצון שיהיה כי אנחנו יחד ונאכל
כשרה מליכה ונאכל נאכל



2G making Apple projects



We baked honey cakes!



We wrote I Can sentences and made apples



Shana Tovah uMetuka!



4G reading groups started "The One and Only Ivan"

Mrs. Jennah Schuh

Assistant Principal



2G using iReady

Mrs. Mindy Reifer

Director of Curriculum



Several classes have already started using iReady on Chromebooks. This innovative online program assesses students, isolates weaknesses in core skills or gaps in knowledge, and then provides the individualized instruction necessary to reach proficiency. iReady provides instruction in both math and reading, and in addition to guiding teachers to differentiate effectively to meet the needs of their students, it is an excellent supplemental tool for whole class direct instruction. The program even rewards students with fun activities after achieving a goal! We are excited about having all of our students gain from this program in our curriculum.

A SWEET ROSH HASHANA TREAT FROM THE **ASHAR PTA**
THANK YOU!

*Wishing everyone a happy,
healthy and sweet New Year.*



Mazel Tov!

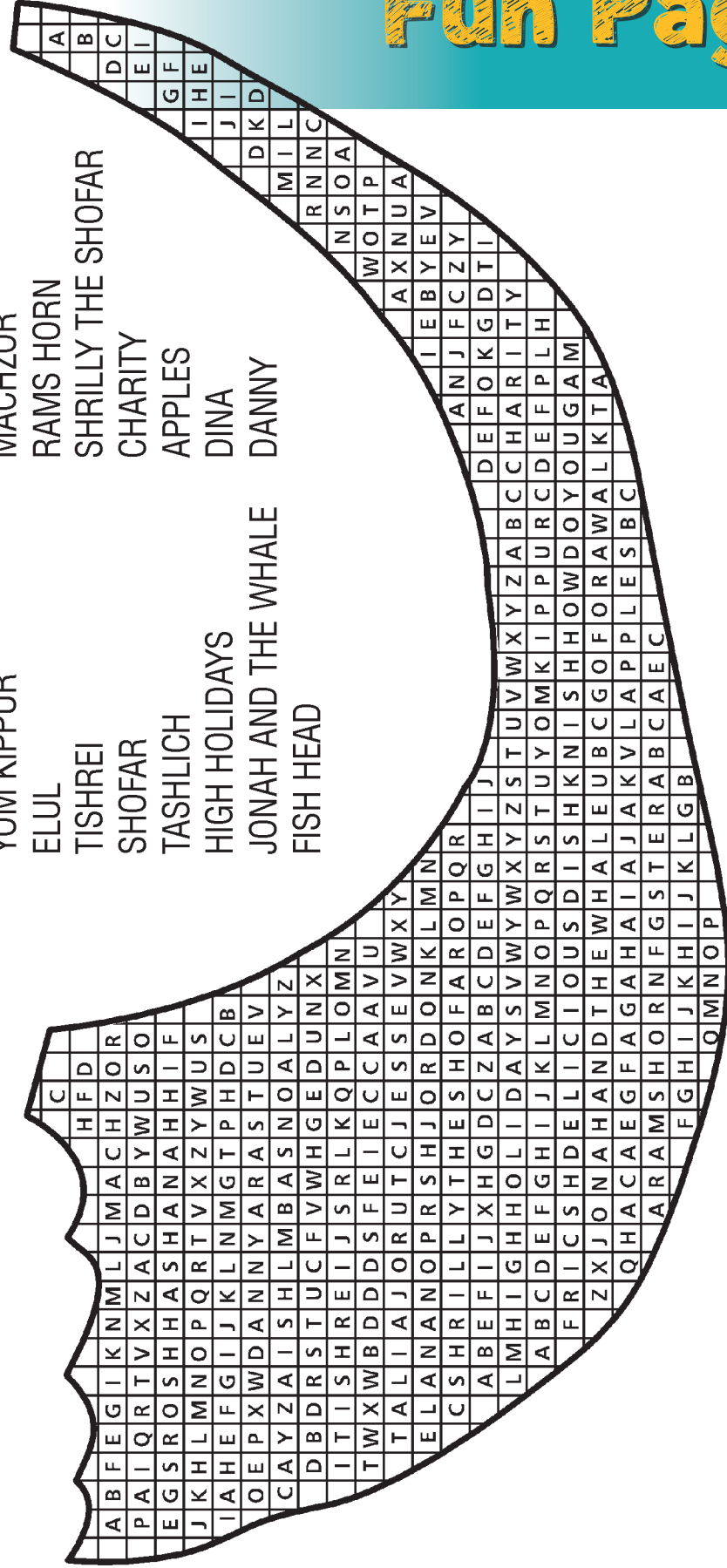
Rabbi Chaitovsky (8B)
on his new grandson

SHOFAR WORD SEARCH

Find the words going horizontally and vertically!

ROSH HASHANAH
YOM KIPPUR
ELUL
TISHREI
SHOFAR
TASHLICH
HIGH HOLIDAYS
JONAH AND THE WHALE
FISH HEAD

HONEY
MACHZOR
RAMS HORN
SHRILLY THE SHOFAR
CHARITY
APPLES
DINA
DANNY



Rosh Hashana Fun Page

May favor emanate from before You, Hashem
our L-rd, and the L-rd of our forefathers, that
our enemies shall expire.

יהי רצון מלפניך, יי אלהינו ואלהי אבותינו,
שיתמו שונאינו

*Yehi ratzon milfanecha Adon-oi E-loheinu vEi-lohei
avoseinu, sheyitamu son'einu.*

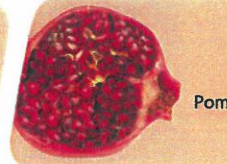


תמרים
Dates

May favor emanate from before You, Hashem
our L-rd, and the L-rd of our forefathers, that
we accrue merit in the abundance of (the seeds
of) a pomegranate.

יהי רצון מלפניך, יי אלהינו ואלהי אבותינו,
שנרבה זכיות פרימון

*Yehi ratzon milfanecha Adon-oi E-loheinu vEi-lohei
avoseinu, shenirbeh zechuyos k'rimon.*



רימון
Pomegranate

May favor emanate from before You, Hashem
our L-rd, and the L-rd of our forefathers, that
you renew upon us a good and sweet year.

יהי רצון מלפניך, יי אלהינו ואלהי אבותינו,
שתחדש עלינו שנה טובה ומתוקה

*Yehi ratzon milfanecha Adon-oi E-loheinu vEi-lohei
avoseinu, shet'chadeish aleinu shanah tovah u'mesukah.*

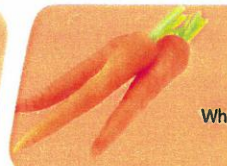


תפוח בדבש
Apple in Honey

May favor emanate from before You, Hashem
our L-rd, and the L-rd of our forefathers, that
our merits shall multiply.

יהי רצון מלפניך, יי אלהינו ואלהי אבותינו,
שירבו זכיותינו

*Yehi ratzon milfanecha Adon-oi E-loheinu vEi-lohei
avoseinu, sheyirbu zechuyoseinu.*



רוביא
Carrot/
White beans

May favor emanate from before You, Hashem
our L-rd, and the L-rd of our forefathers, that
our enemies shall be excised.

יהי רצון מלפניך, יי אלהינו ואלהי אבותינו,
שיקרתו שונאינו

*Yehi ratzon milfanecha Adon-oi E-loheinu vEi-lohei
avoseinu, sheyikar'su son'einu.*

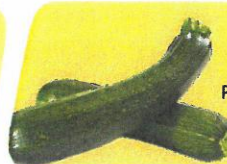


כרתי
Leek/
Cabbage

May favor emanate from before You, Hashem
our L-rd, and the L-rd of our forefathers, that
the evil decree of our judgment shall be torn
up, and our merits shall be read before You.

יהי רצון מלפניך, יי אלהינו ואלהי אבותינו,
שיקרא רע גזר דיננו, ויקראו לפניך זכיותינו

*Yehi ratzon milfanecha Adon-oi E-loheinu vEi-lohei avoseinu,
sheyikara ro'a gezar dineinu, v'yikar'u l'fanecha zechuyoseinu.*



קרא
Pumpkin/
Gourd

May favor emanate from before You, Hashem
our L-rd, and the L-rd of our forefathers, that
our foes and adversaries shall disappear.

יהי רצון מלפניך, יי אלהינו ואלהי אבותינו,
שיסתלקו אויבינו ומשטיננו

*Yehi ratzon milfanecha Adon-oi E-loheinu vEi-lohei
avoseinu, sheyistalku oy'veinu umastineinu.*

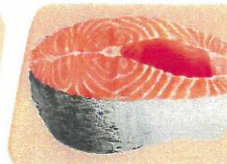


סילקא
Beets/
Swiss Chard

May favor emanate from before You, Hashem
our L-rd, and the L-rd of our forefathers, that
we increase and multiply like fish.

יהי רצון מלפניך, יי אלהינו ואלהי אבותינו,
שנפלה ונרבה כדגים

*Yehi ratzon milfanecha Adon-oi E-loheinu vEi-lohei
avoseinu, she'nifreh v'nirbeh kadagim.*



דגים
Fish

May favor emanate from before You, Hashem
our L-rd, and the L-rd of our forefathers, that we
shall be as a head, and not as a tail. (Some add for the
head of a sheep: And may there be favor that the merit of our forefather
Yitzhak shall be recalled on our behalf.)

יהי רצון מלפניך, יי אלהינו ואלהי אבותינו,
שנהיה לראש ולא לזנב

*Yehi ratzon milfanecha Adon-oi E-loheinu vEi-lohei
avoseinu, shenihyeh l'rosh v'lo l'zanav. (Vihi ratzon
sheyizkor lanu zechusa d'Yitzhak Avinu.)*



ראש
כבש/דג
Head of
Sheep/Fish



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appropriate care

CREATE A SET OF ארבע מינים!

Each student is encouraged to create an original set of Arbah Minim. Needs to include all four species. **Extra points awarded for creativity.**

*Gukkos
@ Ashar*



**Your projects should be in school
by Friday, September 25th.**

Every student who brings in an entry gets a prize!
We are looking forward to a beautiful display!