



ASHREINews

and

Early Childhood Newsletter

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Menahel's Message

Only Berachah!

Savo, the Alter Rebbe was away and an able substitute read the Torah in his place. When the new *ba'al koreh* reached the portion's *klalos*- the Torah's very graphic curses reserved for consistent disobedience- the young Dovber promptly fainted. It took some time, but eventually the precocious boy was revived. "What happened? Why did you faint? Didn't you hear the same curses last year?" asked his fellow worshippers. "Not really. When my father *leined* them, they came across as *berachos*, blessings."

Remaining consistently positive is paramount to successful child-rearing, not to mention one's own sanity and *simchas ha'chaim*. And doing so requires the ability to identify *berachos*, including those not readily apparent.

Perhaps, then, the greatest blessing is the ability to appreciate one's manifold *berachos*: "*U'vau alecha kol ha'berachos ha'eleh v'hisigucha*." We are often blessed without realizing so, explains the Chidushei HaRim of Ger. "*V'hisigucha*" represents Hashem's promise that His *berachos* "catch up" to us, and we eventually realize His infinite goodness and our good fortune.

The first few days of school have been a whirlwind, but our children are learning, smiling and off to a great start. We are confident of continued *siyata dishmaya* as we navigate new waters and set the stage for a year filled with good health, *nachas d'kedusha* and *beracha*!



Shabbat Shalom! - Rabbi Ari Jacobson

Important Upcoming Events

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Labor Day No School

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 DISMISSAL

N-K 2:45 PM

GRADES 1-4 3:45 PM

GRADES 5-8 4:40 PM

Early Drop-Off and Aftercare begins

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

First Day of Bus Transportation

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FRIDAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18-20

Rosh Hashana No School

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Tzom Gedaliah Friday Dismissal

Don't forget to send in your bus pass

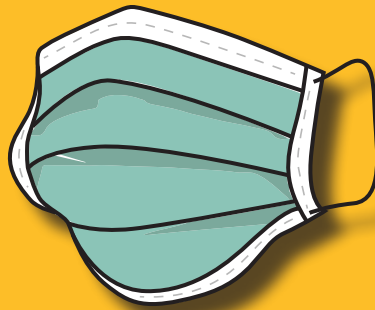
ASHAR IS BACK AND BETTER THAN EVER!

- New detailed nightly cleaning and sterilization procedures, and intense, ongoing sanitizing during the school day
- Purell sanitizing dispensers throughout the building



DISINFECT DAILY

PPE



- Desk sneeze guards
- Face mask protocol for all staff and students
- Face shields for staff as needed

- Daily screening by parents, submitted via ParentLocker
 - Staff and student temperature checks
 - Isolation room for individuals not feeling well



HEALTH SCREENING



DISTANCING & COHORTS

- Multiple lunch and recess locations to facilitate distancing
- Outdoor activities as feasible
- Single homeroom classrooms as feasible

Early Childhood



Mrs. Jacqueline Borgen

Principal of Early Childhood and First Grade

“ Welcome to ASHAR's Gan Esther Early Childhood Program. The school year has begun, and we are off



to a great start. It was so nice to see so many parents join us at our Back to School Night on Zoom. Student Orientation was held outside in shifts and the first few days of school were amazing! The children are coming to school with smiles on their faces and are truly enjoying their school experience. They are acclimating to their new surroundings, learning the routine of the day and making lots of new friends. The children learned the classroom rules and know that we have rules to keep everyone safe and happy! The children are busy playing in their class centers, making projects, and learning the routine of the day. We played outside in the playground and had our first Shabbos Party. We can't wait to welcome the children back to school next Tuesday!



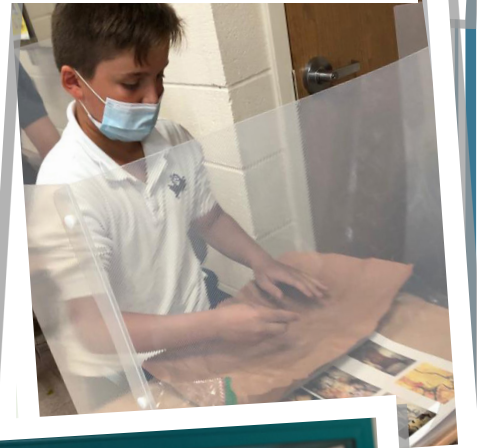
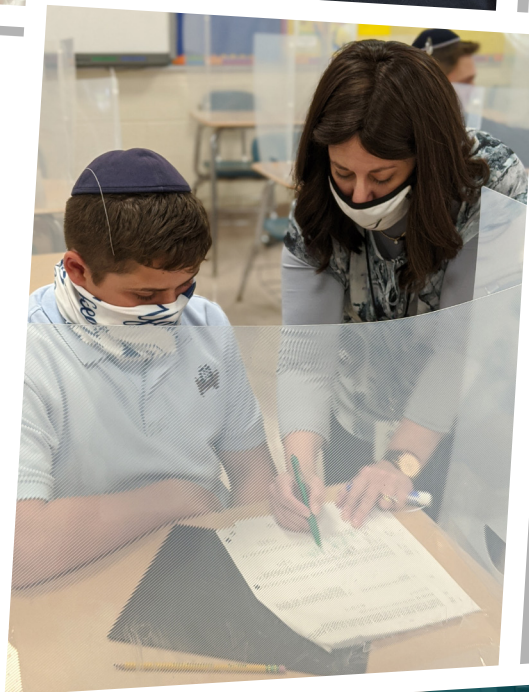
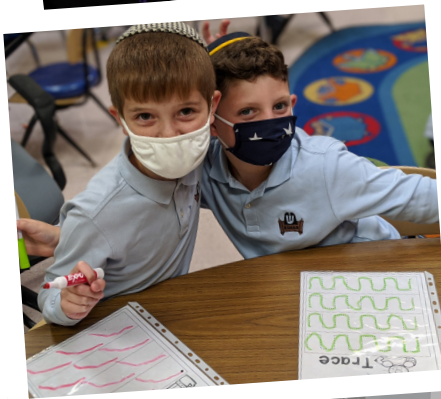
Have a wonderful Shabbos!
Mrs. Jacqueline Borgen



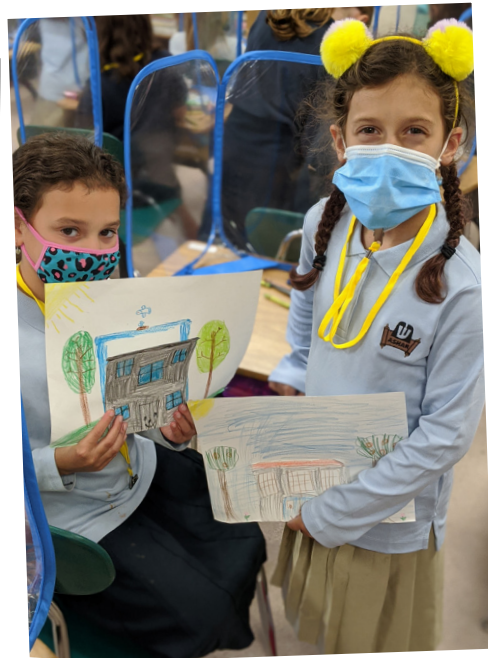
Elementary and Middle School Boys



Check out the caveman art the 6th Grade boys are working on with Mrs. Markowitz.



Elementary and Middle School Girls



“We are so happy to be back in school!”



Come join us in traveling the world one door at a time!! Use your creativity to best represent your country!



Ready set....
DESIGN YOUR DOOR!!!

- ✓ each class will be assigned a country
- ✓ cover your door fully
- ✓ you will be judged based on creativity, organization and class participation
- ✓ over the next week your class will have 15 minutes a day to work on there door

**GOOD LUCK!
HAVE FUN!**

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Mrs. Debby Jacobson
Principal of Girls Division



ASHAR's Girls Division is going places!! School started on Wednesday and our girls are ready to travel the world! Girls in grades one through eight were each given a country of origin. Over the next week, they will decorate their classroom doors to reflect these countries. Stay tuned for many fun activities.

The excitement and *ruach* permeated from room to room as the girls delved into their studies. A glimpse into second grade found the girls getting to know each other. It was amazing to see the girls speaking to one another in Hebrew! Our third graders were found singing about the process of *teshuvah*. Our fourth grade girls learned about the importance of the month of Elul. Our middle school girls were mesmerized as they were introduced to the rich curriculum by their many teachers.

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IN NEED OF
UNIFORMS!**
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Call a new friend

You can find your child's Class list in ParentLocker under School Directory. Find a new friend to call and make them feel welcome!



ParentLocker Connect App

This year, we are using ParentLocker Connect to facilitate student and staff health screening daily to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff. Each student/parent and staff member is required to complete the health survey each morning before coming to school.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL TIMES

beginning Tuesday, September 8

N 9:00-3:00

PK 9:30-3:20

K-4 8:30-3:45 PM

5-8G 8:30-4:40

5-8B 7:50-4:40



Mazel Tov!

Rabbi Zvi Allman (2B)

on the birth of triplets

Rabbi and Mrs. Jacobson

on their triplet grandchildren
and new grandson

Chaya Moldaver

on the engagement of her daughter

Toby Rabinowitz

on the marriage of her daughter,
Stacie

Tali (Spier) Pfeiffer and family

on making Aliyah this summer

Stacy Jacobs

on the marriage of her daughter

Rabbi Auslander (3B)

on the birth of his baby boy

Rabbi Chaitovsky (8B)

on his new grandson

Lisa Weber

on her new grandson