



ASHREINews



Menahel's Message Growing Up



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(י"א)

We have already been taught: (שם, י"ב) "ויגדל משה" - the boy grew up; yet, the *pasuk* reiterates "ויגדל משה". Rashi explains that while the first reference is to Moshe Rabbeinu's physical development, the second is to his accomplishment:

"הראשון לקומה והשני לגדולה, שמינהו פרעה על ביתו."

The specified "גדולה" is an appointment as Pharaoh's Chief-of-Staff, but we dare not forget the associated circumstances and conditions that served as the basis of Moshe's emotional and spiritual maturation and thus allowed for such lofty achievement.

The true mark of maturity is the ability to see beyond one's self. Legitimate גדלות entails first recognizing others, then identifying with their plight, and finally, acting accordingly on their behalf. It is no coincidence, explains the Lubavitcher Rebbe zt"l, that the Biblical allusion to Bar Mitzvah is the verse describing the selfless actions of Shimon and Levi on behalf of their sister Dina:

"ויקחו שני בני יעקב שמעון ולוי אחי דינה איש חרבו" (בראשית ל"ד, כ"ה).

According to Chazal's calculations, Levi, the younger of the two, was thirteen, and yet he is described as "איש" a man, indicating that a thirteen year old boy is already considered an adult. Hashem chooses a context of self-sacrifice to define adulthood, for true maturity demands empathy and action for the sake of one's fellow Jew.

And so too in the case of Moshe. "ויגדל משה" - Moshe matured. How?

"ויצא אל אחיו וירא וירא בסבלותם" - by going out and seeing the suffering of others, and finally, acting accordingly, as described in the ensuing *pesukim* detailing Moshe Rabbeinu's response to the Egyptian's beating of a Jew.

Chinuch has many components, but perhaps the most fundamental is teaching our children to see beyond themselves, the ultimate definition of *gadlus*.

Shabbat Shalom!

-Rabbi Ari Jacobson
Menahel/Dean

Important Upcoming Events

MOTZEI SHABBOS, DECEMBER 25
PTA Ice Skating Event 7:30PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31
1st Grade Siddur Play 9:30AM

MOTZEI SHABBOS, JANUARY 8
General Parent Meeting 7:45PM
BINGO Parents Night Out 8:00PM

MONDAY-TUESDAY, JANUARY 17-18
Midterms Grades 7-8

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19
PreK Brachot Fair 9:30AM

THURSDAY-SUNDAY, JANUARY 20-30
Mid-Winter Break

MONDAY, JANUARY 31
Sessions Resume





Mrs. Jacqueline Borgen

Principal, Early Childhood and First Grade

What a busy and exciting week! While it feels like the season of winter has been here for a while, this week was the official start of this season. Our classes became Winter Wonderlands as the children created snowmen with "snow" (shaving cream and glue mixture), played in snow tables, experimented with freezing water, played hot cocoa and marshmallow math, created snowflakes, learned all the Hebrew winter words, wrote Winter Barebone sentences, and so much more!

We also were very busy learning Parsha this week. We opened the second book of the Torah and were completely captivated as Morah dressed up and used many props to teach us. We were so excited when we realized that this week's Parsha tells the story of Pesach, one of our favorite holidays! We can't wait to hear what happens next week!

Have a wonderful Shabbos!



Parsha



Music & Movement



Chalau U'duash



Writing



Kindergarten writes barebone sentences



Winter



Brachot Unit



First Grade



1st grade read about Louis Braille's development of a way for the blind to read with only variations of 6 dots. They made cards for their parents in Braille letters.

Brachot Unit



בורא פרי העץ



בורא מיני מזונות

ASHAR GIRLS

DIVISION

Mrs. Debby Jacobson

Principal, Girls Division

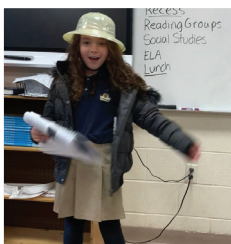
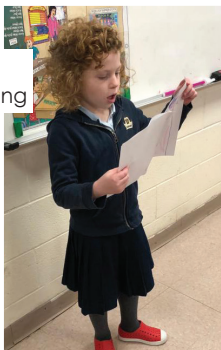
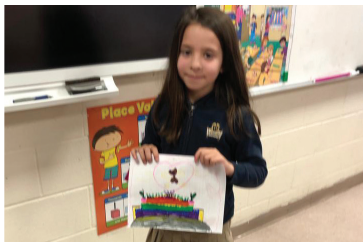


I walked into a classroom this week as the children were listening to the story of the *sneh*, the burning bush. At that point Hashem gave Moshe the responsibility of saving the entire Jewish Nation. In a panic, Moshe tells Hashem that he cannot complete this mission because of a speech impediment. Hashem responds, "Who is it who makes a person clear of speech or lame in speech, hearing or deaf, seeing or blind, but I myself Hashem." Hashem is explaining to Moshe that only He has the power to create people. Hashem gives each individual abilities and disabilities. It is our mission as His nation to see the value in each and every person. Hashem is teaching us that no matter what a person's talents and challenges, we must respect them and treat them kindly.

The ASHAR Girls Division works tirelessly to transmit this *middah* to our students. By modeling and reinforcing this behavior, we are confident that our girls will grow, flourish and bring much *nachas* to Klal Yisrael.



2G reviewed the skill of sequencing and writing sequence paragraphs through baking



3G made skits after learning about Morocco



In the ASHAR Art Room with 2G



Tsirel Ogince, Grade 6, Ashar Hebrew Academy, Rockland County, NY

WHY I LOVE CHANUKAH: THE PARTY

The year is going by very slowly. Finally, Chanukah and its parties are coming. On the fifth night, my family gathers at my grandparents' house. I'm counting down the hours. Time to go.

Sluggish engines grumble in the still silence of the afternoon. Black rubber wheels turn and screech madly as families rush to be on time. The wooden doors open. Good-smelling and tired women hug and smile while hungry children laugh at the small table where they sit. Men in black jackets and vests shout for more chairs.

Time to eat.

My aunts bring out trays of pizza with soft, doughy crusts and gey warm cheese topped with salted mushrooms and fresh green olives; lasagna with fried eggplant and stretchy mozzarella; fluffy donuts with sugary vanilla frosting and milk chocolate drizzle. And many, many crisply fried latkes.

With a full stomach, my favorite part of the night finally comes. As my grandfather sets up the menorah with candle wicks and olive oil, my family quiets down and listens to the bracha. Then we start to sing beautiful songs. I feel awkward, warm, and safe while the little children clap.

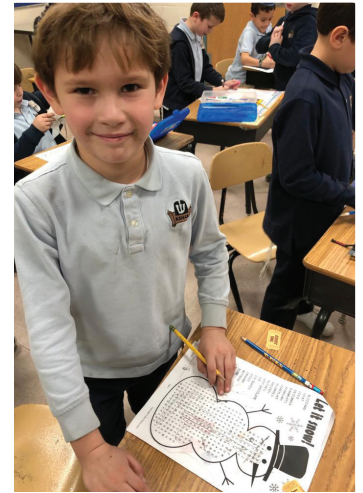
So many memories. One uplifting night.

Congratulations to sixth grader, Tsirel Ogince, upon winning the Jewish Press Chanukah Art and Writing Contest.

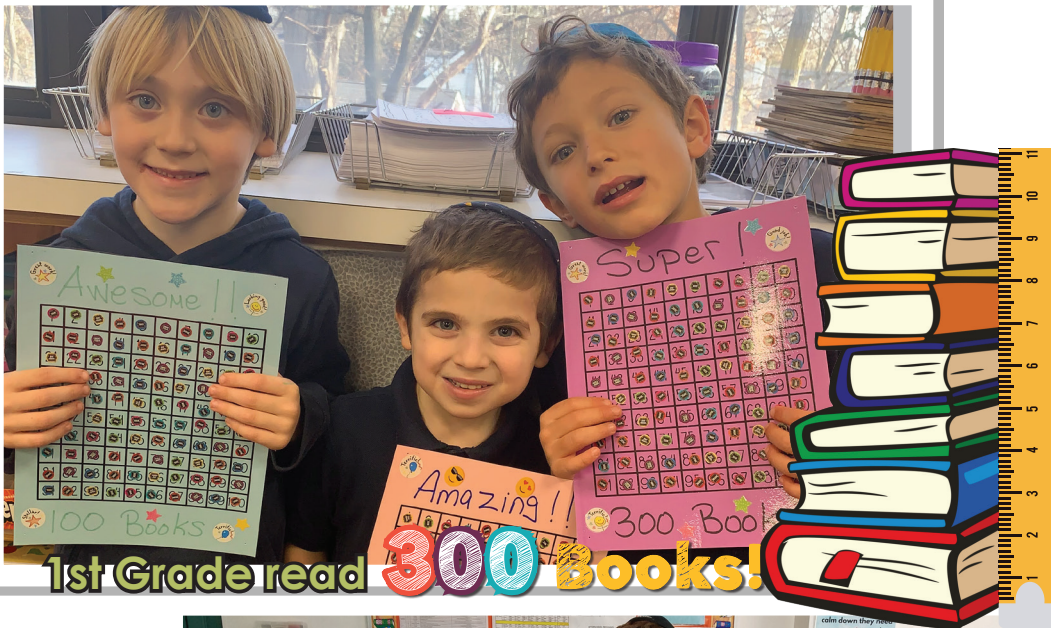
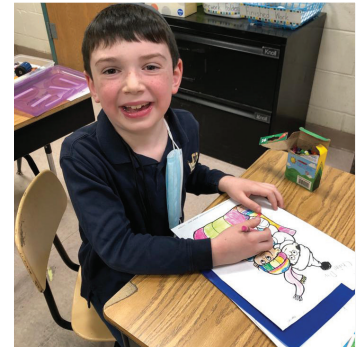




The boys in grades 4B-5B celebrated finishing Parshat Vayeitzei with a special trip to American Dream Mall. Thank you to our parent volunteers who chaperoned!



2B welcomes winter with fun winter activities



4B coding with Ozobots robots



As part of our Emunah and Tefilah Initiative, The boys are winning "Amen" raffle tickets.



What We Are Writing

ASHAR Sharks Basketball News

By: Ari Frankel (8B)



On Wednesday night, December 8, the ASHAR basketball team, the ASharks, played against the MDS (Manhattan Day School) Mavericks in the ASHAR gym, with the final score being 37-30 in favor of the Mavericks. With that loss,

ASHAR falls to 0-1 on the season.

ASHAR played a good game receiving contributions from key players such as Dovy Schreiber, Ari Frankel, Moshe Baitz and Yehuda Taub but still could not take home the win. ASHAR has a tough schedule ahead of them, as they are playing some talented teams such as Hillel, WDS, and RAMAZ with the Sharks' next game scheduled against Hillel on December 26. Each team plays ten games, five at home and five away and each game is exciting, and competitive.

Noey Taub, the starting point guard for the Sharks, complained after the loss, "I am upset because I believe the refs missed some calls but anyway, we still were not playing as a team."

Ezzi Hamburger was equally disappointed,



"We did not have enough practice, and the refs missed a few key calls."

Be that as it may, it is all water under the bridge, leaving only one thing for sure. The Sharks plan on giving it their all in the next game. You can count on it.



THE ANNUAL ASHAR PTA

THIS Motzei Shabbos!

FREE Admission
Skate Rental Included!

Pre-Order Pizza:
ashar.org/ice

ICE SKATING EVENT

Questions?
pta@ashar.org

Suggested
Donation \$10

Motzei Shabbos
Dec 25, 2021
7:30pm-9:30pm

Sport-O-Rama
20 College Road
Monsey, NY 10952

Pizza & Drinks Available
at the event for purchase
While Supplies Last



PLEASE ADHERE TO THE SCHOOL DRESS CODE GUIDELINES



PARENTS NIGHT OUT



Saturday Night
JANUARY 8

ASHAR Gym
8:00pm-10:00pm

RSVP Required
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Questions?
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Mazel Tov!

Gavi Weinstein (7B)
on his Bar Mitzvah

Ariella Sontag and
Yehuda Hammerman (Class of 2013)
on the birth of a baby girl



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**Saturday nights
@ 7:00 pm**

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SAVE THE DATE

GAME
Night
2.26.22

ASHAR ANNUAL DINNER