



ASHREINews

Chanukah Edition



Menahel's Message

"Just Do It!"



In describing the requirements of properly lighting Chanukah candles, the Gemara concludes that *hadlakah osah mitzvah*. In order to fulfill the mitzvah, one must physically light the candles each evening. A candle still burning from yesterday may be a modern-day Chanukah miracle but must nonetheless be extinguished and relit in order to receive *mitzvah* credit. On the other hand, properly lit candles that were unexpectedly extinguished prior to burning the required half hour need not be relit. The *mitzvah* is simply to light, and having done so, one's obligation is discharged, regardless of subsequent outcome.

The Shem MiShmuel of Sockatchov suggests that Chazal's strong emphasis on physically lighting *neros Chanukah* stands in stark contrast to the *chochmas Yavan*- Greek wisdom- embraced by both Greeks and Hellenized Jews of the time. Classic Greek philosophy placed pure intellect on a raised pedestal, to the exclusion of deed and morality. Chanukah celebrates not simply

the miracle of the *menorah* but rather the victory of Torah over Aristotle. Creed and abstract theory are important, but only to the extent that they elicit inspired behavior.

Knowledge, and even faith, do not automatically create ethical and moral behavior. Study after study confirms the degree to which children look up to parents, and to a somewhat lesser extent teachers, as role models. One of the terms sometimes employed is "vertical learning," a reference to a child looking up to adult figures directly involved in his or her life, rather than being "horizontally" influenced by peers. The real-life behaviors modeled by parents and teachers are thus infinitely more impactful than even the most eloquent classroom lesson or parental lecture.

Shabbat Shalom, and a lechtige Chanukah!

- Rabbi Ari Jacobson
Menahel/Dean

8 PAGES OF EXCITEMENT AT ASHAR FOR 8 DAYS OF CHANUKAH

Important Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5
4B-8B Chanukah Extravaganza! 8:30AM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12
PTA Movie Night 5:30PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16
1st grade Trip to Challenger Center

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7
8G Trip to Regeneron DNA Learning Center

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14
Asara b'Tevet Friday Dismissal,
N, PK 1:30 p.m.; K-8, 1:45 p.m.

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

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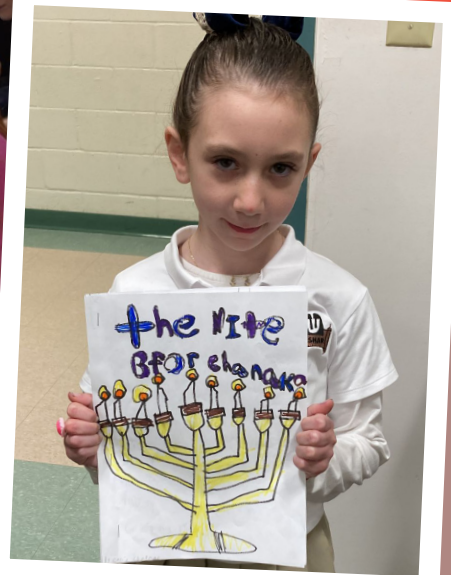




When you walk into a dark room to find something that you're missing, and you turn on the lights, you can suddenly see everything around you. But if you would walk into the same dark room with a candle, you would only see the small area illuminated by the fire of the candle.

Everything in the world has two parts – the outside and the inside. When you first look at something, your eyes tell you what's on the outside. But if you would look at something deeply, in order to understand what's "inside" of it – you can find its beauty. The soft and subtle light from the fire reminds us to look hard at what's around us, in order to find the beauty in everything.

Chanukah is always at the darkest time of the year – because the things we can see easily when it's light outside, aren't necessarily as real as what we can find when we look inside.





Mrs. Jacqueline Borgen

Principal, Early Childhood and First Grade

simchadike environment for all our guests!

Thank you to the PTA for all the fun Chanukah enhancements: Sufganiyot, Chanukah cookies, and a Magic Show!

On behalf of the entire Early Childhood family, we would like to thank you for the thoughtful and generous Chanukah gifts.

Mazel Tov to our Kindergartners on their amazing Chanukah performance. The children sang so beautifully and created a



It is the month of Kislev, and Chanukah is here,
"Chanukah is our favorite Chag!" all the children cheer!

The children learned all about this special holiday,
When Hashem performed miracles, and showed us His love in every way

The children learned the story of Yehudah Hamaccabee,
And much, much more, as you will surely see.

Chanukah learning in progress, is our newsletter this week,
So into your children's classrooms, you will have a peek.

The children enacted the Chanukah story and made projects galore,
Dreidel people, menorahs, wrapping paper, and more.

They are excited to share their projects and knowledge with you,
So have a Happy Chanukah and a good Shabbos, too!





By: Gitty 3G and Yisroel Kaller 6B

$1+2+3+4+5+6+7+8 \times 8 = 44$
candles all together for 8 nights!



By: Avigail 1G and Isabelle Stern PKA



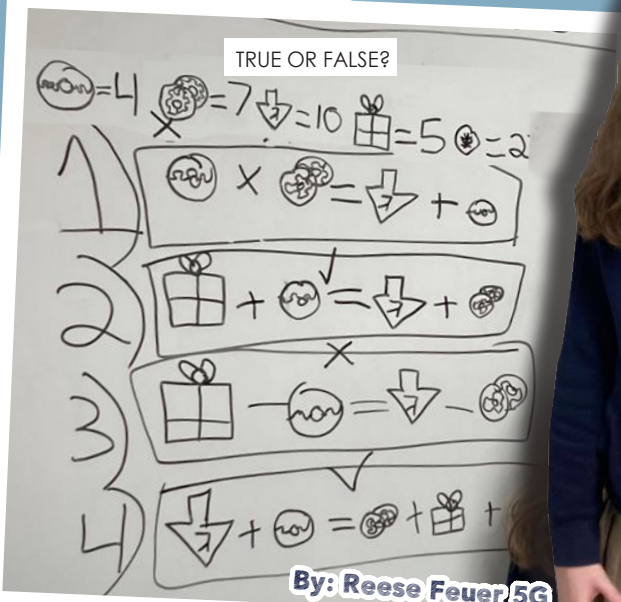
By: Yonah Weitzman 3B and Aryeh Weitzman 1B

We have two buckets of dreidels that we have collected over the years. One bucket had 73 dreidels and the other had 49. $73 + 49 = 122$ dreidels!



By: Akiva Benovitz 4B

The shamash = $\frac{2}{10} = \frac{1}{5}$ of all the dreidels in the menorah.



By: Reese Feuer 5G



By: Ella Schwartz 2G

I was allowed to have 1 whole doughnut for dessert but I wanted 3 flavors. I took a half of a blue doughnut, a quarter of a vanilla sprinkle doughnut, and a glazed doughnut and I made a whole doughnut.



Shamesh is 22.5 cm, which is 7.5 gold chocolate coins
Regular candles are 21cm, which is 7 silver chocolate coins

By: Ari Zlotnick T-Class



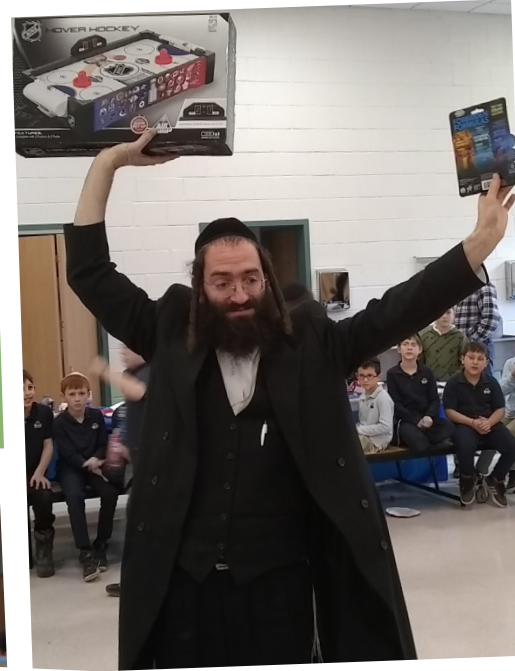
By: Simcha Orlansky 2B

- 1 trip to Home Depot
- + 5 aisles walked down
- + 9 spray paint cans
- + 8 building materials
- + 1 awesome Abba who took me

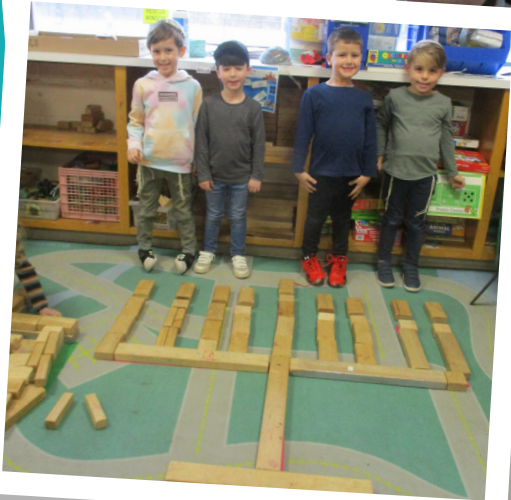
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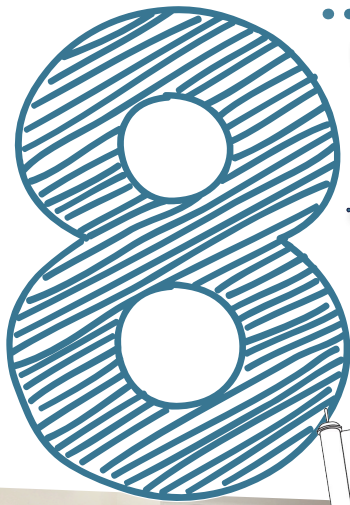
CAN YOU FIND MATH HIDING IN YOUR HOME DURING CHANUKAH?



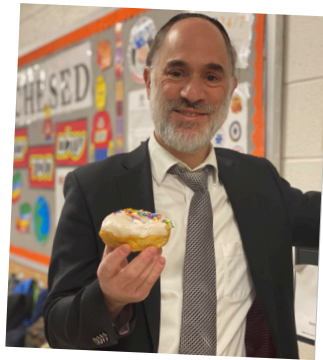


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ASHAR PTA PRESENTS

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FREE EVENT

Nursery-
4th Grade

KIDS MOVIE NIGHT
SUN - DEC 12TH 5:30PM

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ACCOMPANY THEIR
CHILDREN**

SNACKS & DRINKS PROVIDED
BRING PILLOW, BLANKET &
MAKE SURE TO COME IN YOUR
PAJAMAS!

Mazel Tov!

Karen Rosenthal
on the birth of a new granddaughter

Moshe Yosef Bernstein (7B)
on his bar mitzvah



Sunday 4-8 boys

Chanukah Extravaganza!

December 5, 2021 • 8:30 –11:30 a.m

All fourth through eighth grade boys and their fathers (or other male relative) are invited to join us for Shacharis, followed by a special morning program.



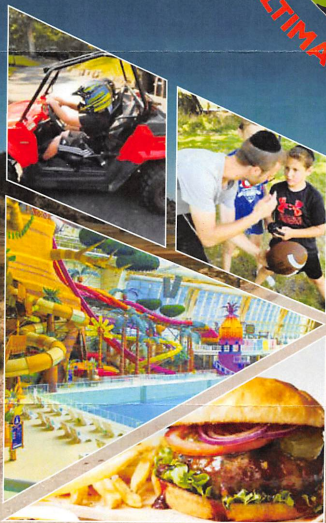
- hot breakfast
- learning
- kumzits with live music
- raffle



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