



ASHREINews



Menahel's Message "Substance over Style"



Each time Moshe Rabbeinu approaches Pharaoh, he is accompanied by his brother Aharon, who serves as his spokesman. As we know, Moshe was *k'vad peh*- he had difficulty speaking- and his older brother was selected by Hashem to serve as his mouthpiece. Why couldn't Hashem have made Moshe physically perfect? If G-d can split the Red Sea, would it have been so difficult to make sure that the greatest of prophets was also articulate?

Rabbeinu Nissim, in his classic *Derashos HaRan*, suggests that G-d purposely selected a leader and *navi* who was not an eloquent orator in order to ensure that the Children of Israel gravitate to Moshe solely based on their belief in Hashem and their recognition of Moshe's innate righteousness rather than being attracted to a charismatic showman. The leader destined to lead us out of slavery and bring down the Torah would per force have to be appreciated for what he was and not for how he presented himself. Moshe, as the Chumash later reports, was "*anav mi'kol ha'adam*," as *anivus* encompasses not simply humility in the limited sense but more broadly, substance over style.

When initially approached by Hashem to lead B'nei Yisrael out of Mitzrayim, Moshe demurs: "*mi anochi ki eilech el Pharaoh*." Hashem responds "*v'zeh l'cha ha'os ki anochi shlachticha*." Your ever-present reluctance born out of humility will serve as a constant indication that I have sent you. One who is truly humble and understated, explains the Meshech Chochma, best represents Godliness and is most likely to enjoy an especially close relationship with the Ribono Shel Olam.

Contemporary society embraces charisma and typically overlooks those who do not promote themselves- and by contemporary society, I refer to the Jewish world as well. Teach your children to pay attention to all, and to learn especially from those who get more points for substance than for style. Those are the people cut from the mold of Moshe Rabbeinu.

Shabbat Shalom!

-Rabbi Ari Jacobson
Menahel/Dean

Important Upcoming Events

MONDAY, JANUARY 3
ECP Rosh Chodesh Assembly
Dress your child in a white top & dark bottom

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 17
Nursery Tu B'Shvat Mommy & Me
9:30AM

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

Another busy and exciting week! Parsha, Brachot, Winter, Aleph Bet, ABC's, math, and so much more!

The highlight of our week was the first grade Siddur play on Friday. The children put on a beautiful play and delighted their parents, grandparents and teachers with their wonderful performance! They then received their special school siddur and made beautiful velvet art to decorate their siddur cover. As the children daven from their siddur each day, we look forward to watching them develop a strong connection to Hashem which they will, IY"H, continue to hold onto throughout the years. Mazel Tov!



Mazel Tov!



First grade received their siddurim

Winter



Using tweezers to put ice cubes in a jar



Eric Carle



Parsha



We built pyramids



Hebrew name pillows

Music & Movement



Frogs were jumping in the parachute like they did in מצרים!

ABC



Brachot



We made vegetable soup!



Soil sensory bin

Math



East Ramapo Central School District—Universal Pre-K Feedback Form—ASHAR

Themes covered include: Fall, apples, All About Me, patterning, feelings, shapes

Glad ASHAR is back with our UPK program. This PreK is directed by Jackie Borgen, a very smart educator! Besides the photos requested, 3 excellent videos, one per class, were sent, showing wonderful child-initiated Center Themes with busy, involved and happy players/learners. Computers are an added popular center! Circle Time includes daily message, teacher-led discussion involving theme, sharing among students. Self-portraits look wonderful. Fall theme—bulletin board displays children's work and shows outdoor leaf picking, sorting/recognizing, leaf rubbings. "Our Brightest Work" is original shape pictures with circles, squares, and triangles. Feelings theme—many individual pictures exhibited throughout the rooms. Excellent! Patterning, duplo building, creative art all around. Dramatic play—Thanksgiving prep, shopping and a list.

I know ASHAR from past years. Outstanding educational and fun program. Smart kids and great guidance!

- UPK Staff Program Specialist, **Arnie Warmbrand**

ASHAR GIRLS

DIVISION



6G learning the middah of hakaras hatov baked challah for the ASHAR staff



Congratulations to the ASHAR Girls basketball team on their win last night against Yeshivat HeAtid. In the very first game of the season, the girls displayed athletic prowess and excellent team work. Led by five eighth graders; Michal Benovitz, Blimi Farkas, Esther Weinstein, Shaina Kirsh and Ahuva Remez, the girls played hard and ended up with a nail biting 35-33 win. Shoutout to our Coaches, Coach Feuer, Coach Jamal and our athletic director Flo!



2G enjoying winter themed activities with Mrs. Kurtz

Mrs. Debby Jacobson

Principal, Girls Division



In this week's *sparsha*, *parshas Vaeira*, the Torah describes the lineage of Moshe and Aharon. The Torah begins to their genealogy in the order of birth from Reuvain. Why is it necessary to trace and record their *yichus*?

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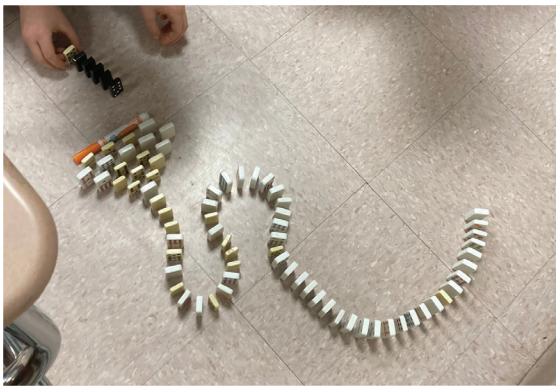
The *Maayanah Shel Torah* explains that the Torah wants to emphasize that a Jewish leader is not one who is born with supernatural powers. He is a normal person who has a father and mother and who has elevated himself spiritually to be worthy of his rank. Every Jewish boy has the potential to become a *Moshe Rabbeinu*. Every Jewish girl has the potential to become a *Miriam Haneviah*. At ASHAR we work hard to help each child reach that potential. We look forward to sharing much *nachas*!



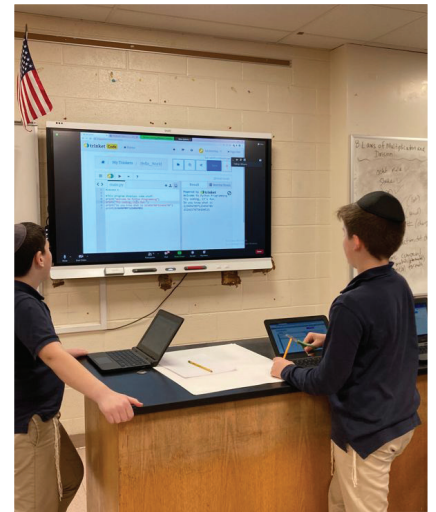
The fourth grade girls created winter clothing catalogs in Hebrew



4G sets up aero gardens growing cherry tomatoes



Fifth grade boys investigate cause and effect using dominoes



As part of their *Emunah* and *Tefillah* initiative, boys in 7B collect their prizes from Rabbi Jacobson after receiving scratch off raffle tickets. The raffle tickets were awarded to boys who said "Amen" for a bracha.



7B starts Python Programming



3B used oil pastels to create Eiffel Tower at night artwork



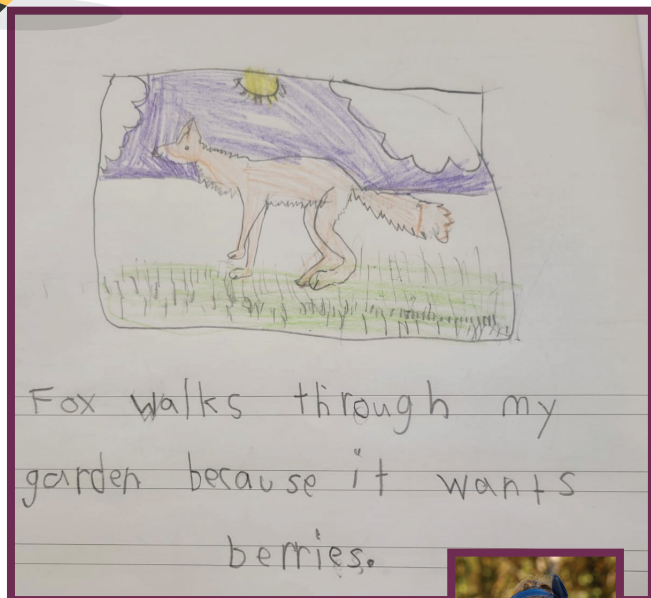
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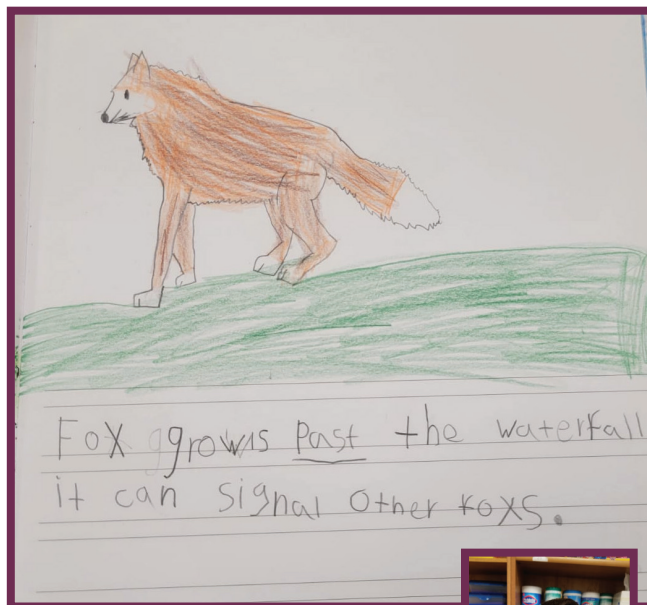
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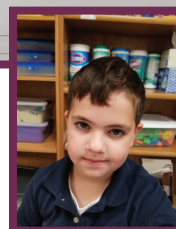
What We Are Writing



By: Ahuva Auslander (T-Class)



By: Ari Zlotnick (T-Class)



ICE SKATING EVENT



THANK YOU TO
ASHAR PTA
FOR A FUN NIGHT



PARENTS NIGHT OUT



Saturday Night

JANUARY 8

ASHAR Gym
8:00pm-10:00pm

RSVP Required
www.ashar.org/bingo

Questions?
events@ashar.org

COCKTAILS FROM BAR SIMCHA
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

REGISTER for your chance to **WIN!**

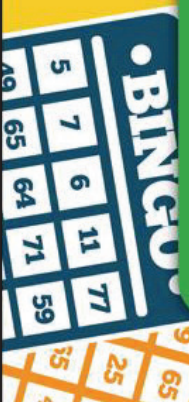
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PARENTS NIGHT OUT

B I N G O

JAN 8
8-10 PM



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פרנס השבוע ♦ כ"ה טבת - ב' שבט December 29 - January 4

This week's Torah learning is sponsored by Mrs. Maralyn Friedman

לעלוי נשמת

Saul Friedman z"l

Saul's (Class of '93) yahrzeit is the 18th of Tevet.

He is remembered as a loving son, grandson, father and brother.

He was as scholar at the Jewish Theological University where he was beloved by the Dean and professors.

May our children's learning serve as an aliya for his neshama.

**Mazel
Tov!**

Rabbi Zheutlin
on the birth
of a new grandson

Sara Richland (6G)
on her bat mitzvah

Mrs. Miri Vekselberg
on the engagement of
her daughter



פרנס השבוע ♦ כ"ו טבת - ג' שבט December 30 - January 5

This week's Torah learning is sponsored by the Pincus Family

לעלוי נשמת

Bernard Yadlovker z"l ברוך בן יחזקא-ל ז"ל

Uncle of Miriam (Class of '10), Avi (Class of '11) & Rocky (Class of '12) Pincus

May our children's learning serve as an aliya for his neshama.

Mrs. Rena Kanarek
on the marriage
of her son



פרנס היום ♦ כ"ז טבת December 31

Friday's learning is sponsored by Reuven & Libby Goldberg,
לע"נ

דבורה הדס בת צבי חיים הלוי

שבת קודש ♦ כ"ח טבת January 1

Great Grandmother of

Maor (7B), Chovav (3B) and Asaf Goldberg (1B)

May our children's learning serve as an aliya for her neshama.