



ASHREINews



Menahel's Message Getting it Right the First Time

Who knows?



Not appearing for work on Saturday usually meant no job on Monday, and who is to say how even the more pious among us would have reacted under such trying circumstances. A smaller group steadfastly clung to Shabbos, and with heroic *mesirus nefesh* would leave work Friday knowing that in all likelihood a new means of sustenance would have to be found the next week. Unfortunately, most of these precious souls did not merit children with similar levels of religious commitment: I recall my grandfather z"l relating how his father was the only member of their Brownsville *shtetle* able to eat in his children's homes.

One reason for the next generation's lack of interest in *Yiddishkeit* in general and Shabbos in particular was the lack of joy associated with observance. Their parents observed Shabbos, but often in misery. For their children, Shabbos represented abject deprivation and sadness. The Yiddish adage "s'is shver tzu zein a Yid," observed Rav Moshe Feinstein z"l, killed a generation.

While still on the mountain, Moshe Rabbeinu is informed by

Hashem that Bnei Yisrael had formed and worshipped the Golden Calf. Yet, upon reaching the crime scene, Moshe appears surprised, and in his wrath breaks the *luchos*. Sefermo explains that although Moshe was aware of his nation's grievous sin, he was nonetheless shocked upon witnessing the degree of joy with which the Calf was worshipped: "Va'yar es ha'egel u'mcholos" - "He saw the Calf and the revelry."

It's not just what one does- it's how one does it. It's one thing to sin, but quite another to savor the *aveira*. And the same applies to *mitzvos*. One can marginally perform a *mitzvah* and technically fulfill his or her obligation, but if the *mitzvah* is to positively impact children, it must be done joyously and wholeheartedly.

The Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim begins by reminding us of the paramount importance of always- *tamid*- being aware of Hashem's existence: "שויתיה לנגדי תמיד." And the Rema, at the very end of the Orach Chaim section, teaches that the only way to assure that this is indeed the case is by constantly- *tamid*- serving Him joyously: "טוב לב משתה תמיד."

Shabbat Shalom!

-Rakhi Ari Jacobson
Menahel/Dean

Important Upcoming Events


SUNDAY-MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20-21
No Sessions, President's Day

THURSDAY, MARCH 3
Mother- Daughter Breakfast

SUNDAY, MARCH 6
Parent Teacher Conferences
9:00AM-2:00PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16
Friday Dismissal, Erev Purim
N, PK, 1:30 PM; K-8, 1:45 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 17
No Sessions, Purim

FRIDAY, MARCH 18
 **Start Time:** K-8 8:30AM
Dismissal: ECP 11:00AM in the back
Grades 1-8: 12 noon in the front

Students who will be 5 years old by December 1, 2022 are eligible for bus transportation from the school district in which they reside.

If you live in **East Ramapo Central School District**, send the printed form, copy of birth certificate, and proof of residence to the ASHAR office by **Friday, 3/25/22**. If you live in one of the **other school districts**, send the form and documents directly to that school district by **Friday, 4/1/22** as per their instructions.

If you need replacement forms, go to ashar.org/transportation



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This week we celebrated *Purim Katan* on Tuesday. The children were so excited when Mitzvah Man showed up in their classes dressed in a clown costume. We reviewed that this year is a Hebrew leap year and there are 2 Adars, two months of simcha and happiness. 'י"ד אדר א' is Purim Katan (small) and we remember that if there was only one Adar, it would have been Purim. The children decorated clown masks to commemorate this occasion. We can't wait to celebrate Purim next month!

We were also very busy learning about our Presidents. In connection with the upcoming Presidents' Day, we learned all about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. We discussed what it means to be a president of a country and used our imaginations to think of rules that we would implement if we were president. The children came up with great ideas. Here are a few of them:

- I would make sure that no fighting is allowed
- I would tell everyone to keep Shabbos
- I would make everyone healthy and not be sick in bed
- I would put all bad people in jail
- I would make everyone be happy all the time
- I would give money to all the poor people

Have a wonderful Shabbos!

Presidents Day



Purim Katan



Morah Malky



Chalav U'Dvash



Playtime

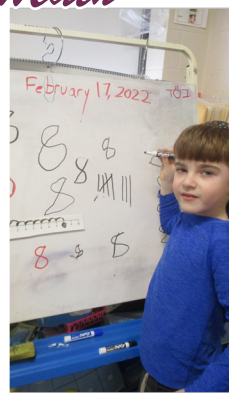


Dr. Fogel, the dentist, visits the PreK children for the letter "D"

Aleph Bet



Math



Center Play



ASHAR GIRLS

DIVISION

Mrs. Debby Jacobson

Principal, Girls Division



How do you teach events that defy knowledge, experiences that go beyond imagination? How do you tell children, big and small, that society could lose its mind and start murdering its own soul and its own future? How do you unveil horrors without offering at the same time some measure of hope? Hope in what? In whom? In progress, in science and literature and God? - Elie Wiesel

First person accounts by survivors find a dimension in Holocaust study not found in any other form. Hearing a story that was lived, as opposed to reading it in a book, deeply touches children. In reflection essays written by our eighth graders after this week's survivor interviews emotionally expressed the very personal impact the combined experience had on them and the life-long lessons they learned about faith, hope, and resilience.

We are excited about once again giving our eighth graders the opportunity of participating in the Names, Not Numbers program and are confident that the skills developed and the knowledge acquired will undoubtedly last a lifetime.



Baking challah

8G SHABBATON



Erev Shabbos at the Jacobsons



8G enjoyed a melave malka at Mrs. Gaisin's home with divrei chizuk from Zusha and a kumzits by Levi Robin



2G Art



4G learns about static electricity





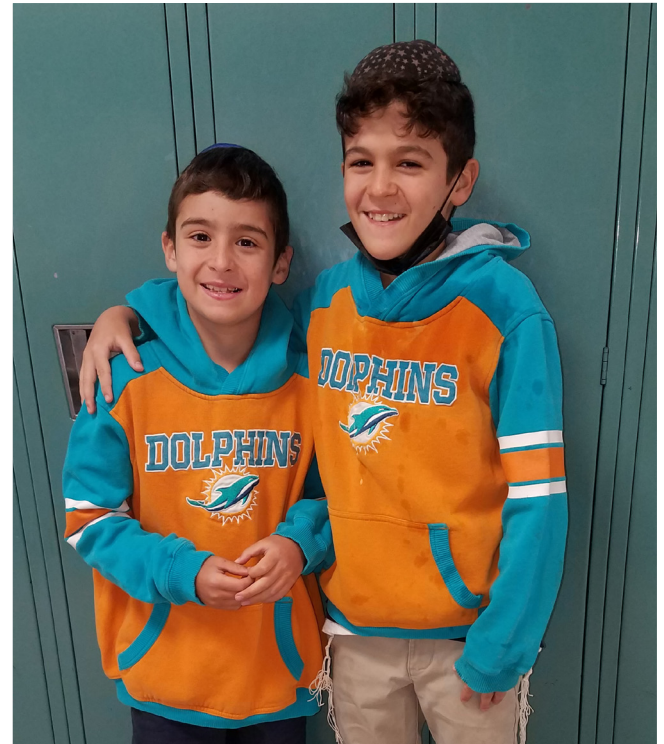
Mazel tov Fourth grader, Michael Frommer upon his siyum of Maseches Berachos!



1-3B getting into the Shabbos spirit at Matnas Shabbos



Third Grade makes Agam Art



Fourth graders, Sholom Sachs and Yaakov Abboudi asked super insightful questions on the Chumash that they are learning. Rabbi Jacobson had such nachas, especially with the continuing discussion as they tried to figure out answers.



Fifth Grade STEAM



Names, Not Numbers

ASHAR eighth-graders have begun work on the school's annual Names, Not Numbers Holocaust Studies curriculum. Names, Not Numbers is a project which bequeaths the memories, stories, and lessons of the Holocaust to students.

Over the course of the year, students will research, interview, film, edit, and produce their own documentaries with Holocaust survivors. At the end of the unit of study, eighth-graders will work together to produce a professional-grade documentary of interviews with survivors telling their individual stories.



Filming techniques with Names Not Numbers filmmaker



invites you to the
premiere screening of

Names, Not Numbers

A Movie
in the Making

A Holocaust Memorial Film Project
by Members of the Class of 2022

Sunday, May 15, 2022
7:15 PM

360 New Hempstead Road
New City, NY 10956

Names, Not Numbers® is an interactive, multi-media Holocaust oral history film project, created by educator Tova Fish-Rosenberg.
Names, Not Numbers® is generously supported by a prominent national foundation.

Artwork by: Tamar Koneff

Happy Purim!

FROM THE ASHAR PTA

Send Mishloach Manot to the entire ASHAR Administration & Staff

\$54 - I am a current ASHAR Family

\$18 - I am a Current ASHAR Staff Member

\$72 - Alumni / Non-Current Family

ashar.org/purim

Mazel Tov!

Minna Van Halem (6G)
on a new baby sister

Hadassah Remez (6G)
on her Bat Mitzvah



February 17 & 18 ♦ ט"ו - י"ז אדר א'

Thursday and Friday's learning is sponsored on the occasion of שלושמים by
the O'Brien, Spaeth, Shollar, Israel, Shinensky & Nagel families,
לע"נ

משה יצחק בן זאב ז"ל

Martin Levy z"l

Father of Devorah O'Brien; Great-Grandfather of Lilly (7G) & Netanel Spaeth (6B)
and Leah Israel (3G)

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

Parents of the Year

MOTTY AND MALKY SAMET

Teacher of the Year

RABBI LEIBLE CHAITOVSKY



ANNUAL DINNER

Game Night

SUNDAY / 3.27.22 / 6:00PM

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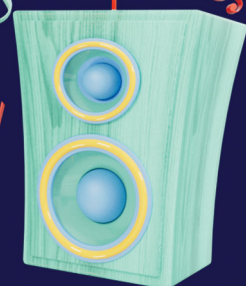


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FEBRUARY 26

7:30-10:0PM

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SUNDAY MARCH 27

11:00-1:00PM

31 LIME KILN

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