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Menahel's Message "I'm Proud of You!"

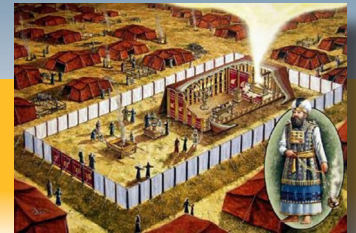
Upon completing the construction of the various components of the Mishkan, Moshe Rabbeinu proffers a *beracha*: "ויברך אותם משה". The purpose of this blessing, according to the Ralbag, was to encourage similar positive behavior in the future. Moshe Rabbeinu realized that B'nei Yisrael had invested much effort and resources in fashioning the Mishkan and its various *keilim*, and though they had participated willingly and enthusiastically, a little positive reinforcement would go a long way towards ensuring similar future efforts. And note, adds the Ralbag, that Moshe didn't even give them anything tangible as an inducement: by offering a *beracha*, he simply indicated his pleasure with their actions. The knowledge that the individual B'nei Yisrael most admired was pleased with them was itself a reward.

The late *mashgiach*, Harav Shlomo Wolbe, zt"l, would note that the proverbial *shevet-rod* of "חושך שבט", colloquially translated as "Spare the rod, spoil the child," need not be understood as strictly a rod of punishment, but may rather be interpreted as a metaphor for any provision of direction, including—and primarily—positive reinforcement.

Widespread research indicates that by and large, children most admire their parents. If that's the case, the best (and least expensive!) means of positive reinforcement may be for parents to simply tell their children how proud they make them. Give it a try.

Shabbat Shalom!

-Rakhi Ari Jacobson
Menahel/Dean



Important Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

Parent Teacher Conferences

At ASHAR (not on Zoom) 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

**ECP Purim Puppet Show
Boys Division Hat & Tie Day**

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

4B-8B Pre-Purim Extravaganza

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

Friday Dismissal, Taanit Esther
N, PK, 1:30 PM; K-8, 1:45 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

No Sessions, Purim

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

Shushan Purim, Costume Day
Please send your child to school in costume.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

Start Time: K-8 8:30AM

**Dismissal: ECP 11:00AM in the back
Grades 1-8: 12 noon in the front**

MONDAY, March 21

General Parent Meeting 8:00 PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

ASHAR Annual Dinner



Please don't forget to send in your מתנות לאביונים envelopes



Mrs. Jacqueline Borgen
Principal of Early Childhood and First Grade

This week, we learned about one of the children's favorite authors, Dr. Seuss, as he liked to be known. Theodor Seuss Geisel published 44 children's books and signed them with one of his two pen names, Dr. Seuss or Theo LeSieg. With his birthday on March 2nd, the teachers took this opportunity to celebrate the writings of this funny and entertaining author. We delved into rhymes, both with real and silly words, and connected it with our month of Adar and Purim. During the month of Adar, we are filled with happiness and Dr. Seuss liked nothing more than making children happy with silly, rhyming story books. His imaginative characters and rhyming stories are both entertaining and educational. We spent the week learning word families, playing rhyming games and reading lots of Dr. Seuss books.

On Wednesday, Morah Jackie met with all of the classes dressed up as The Cat in the Hat, Dr. Seuss's most popular book and character! We made our own Cat in the Hat masks and Morah even gave us whiskers! We also rhymed to Morah's words as we left the lesson.

"Mishenichnas Adar Marbim B'Simcha!" On Friday, we gathered together for our Rosh Chodesh Adar Bet assembly and "Simcha" was had by all! As we walked down the hall to the playroom, we noticed festive Purim signs and smiley faces. We were so excited to see what was in store for us this Rosh Chodesh. The celebration began with Morah singing, "When I think of Purim, I think of fun!" and all the children joined in merrily. Several children dressed up and helped us act out the song. We celebrated birthdays, reviewed the Purim story and sang lots of Purim songs! We can't wait for Purim to arrive!

Rosh Chodesh Adar Bet



Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!



Purim



Music & Movement



First Grade



My clown is laughing
in a restaurant while
eating at 4:50 &
listening to music!

Journal Writing "My clown is laughing in a restaurant while eating at 4:50 and listening to music!"

ASHAR GIRLS

DIVISION

Mrs. Debby Jacobson

Principal, Girls Division



The number seven is extremely significant in the Torah. Beginning from creation through the seven weeks leading to the giving of the Torah, the number seven, a special number, plays an integral role in our culture and religion.

In celebration of the current *Shmita* year, on Rosh Chodesh Shevat we challenged our 4th through 8th grade girls to brainstorm as many occurrences of seven throughout *Tanach* and *halacha* as they could come up with. The results were impressive: our students created lists of up to 75 concepts that related to this special number.

Using the results of their brainstorming activity, the girls organized their ideas into different styles of poetry and created visual arts displays that represented the number 7 and its relationship to our customs and tradition. The results of their collaborative efforts are presented here in this literary and visual arts journal, a combination of spiritual, historic, and emotional expressions of the importance of 7 in our lives.

Our annual Mother-Daughter breakfast that took place this week was a celebration of their collaborative efforts. We are so proud of our girls!



Chodesh tov!! 2G paraded through the hallways of school with song and smiles!



4G-8G collaborated to create this special keepsake book for the Mother-Daughter Breakfast. Check it out at www.ashar.org/studentpublications.



6G baked challah on Rosh Chodesh



Mother-Daughter Breakfast



4G Social-Emotional Discussion Prompts



Dr. Seuss birthday celebration with 2G



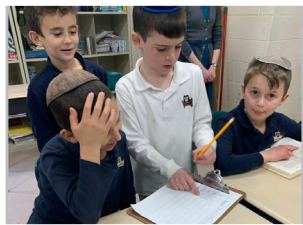
4G Area dice game in Math



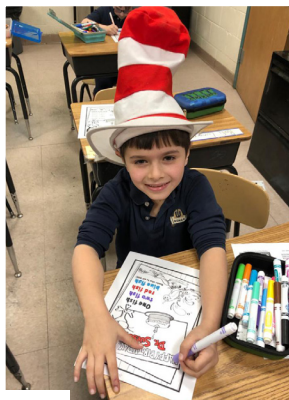
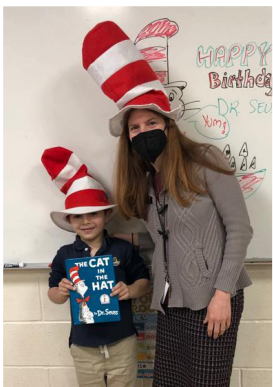
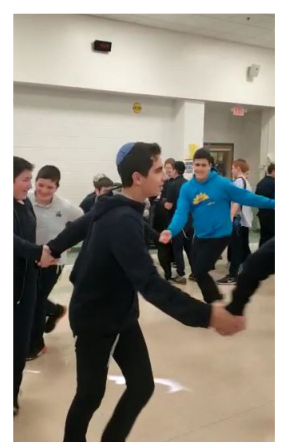
3G learns how to collect data and display it in graphs. They interviewed 7G!



Rosh Chodesh Adar Breakfast



3B created surveys for 4B to complete as part of their data and measurement unit



Dr. Seuss birthday celebration with 2B

Sunday 4-8 boys

Pre-Purim Extravaganza!

March 13, 2022 • 8:30 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



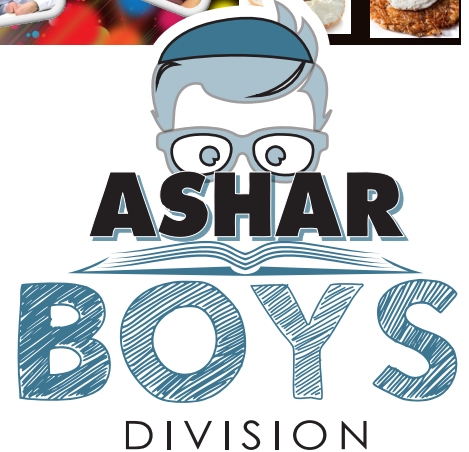









Congratulations on their hard earned ice cream treat!



MOUNTAINS OF FIRE!

Volcano
Research
Project

**SIXTH
GRADE
SCIENCE**
With
MRS. TENCIC



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

**DEADLINE:
FRIDAY,
MARCH 11**

Mazel Tov!

Moshe (5B) and
Leah Miriam Hayman (2G)
on a new baby sister

Malka Johnson
on her son's
upcoming marriage

Shira Kurz Cohen Scali (Class of
'84) on the birth of a baby girl
to her daughter Hadassah Illouz.
Mazel tov to the great grand-
mother **Joyce Kurz** (former
preschool director at ASHAR)

Parents of the Year
MOTTY AND MALKY SAMET

Teacher of the Year
RABBI LEIBLE CHATOVSKY

ANNUAL DINNER
Game Night

SUNDAY / 3.27.22 / 6:00PM

To RSVP, place an ad in the journal, or learn more, visit:

www.ashar.org/dinner

It's not too late to donate mishloach manot to soldiers in Elon Moreh!



<https://www.ashar.org/elonmoreh>



ל"א אדר א' ♦ March 3

Thursday's learning is sponsored by Mrs. Sarah Pollack
לע"נ

Joseph Altman z"l יוסף בן יהושע העשל ז"ל

Grandfather of Abby (Class of '15), Shira (Class of '18), Sam (8B),
Rebecca (3G) and Ethan (1B)

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



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AMAZING MAGIC SHOW & END OF YEAR ICE CREAM PARTY!!
PIZZA OF COURSE!



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BOYS Monsey

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PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE
Saturday night Mar 5TH
@8:00 pm

FINAL WEEK OF THE SEASON!

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