



ASHREINews



Menahel's Message Just Because

The holy Rav Chaim of Tchernovitz, author of the classic Sefer Be'er Mayim Chaim and early Chasidic master, had a son who at one point could have been charitably described as spiritually challenged. The more contemporary term would be "off-the-derech." Yet, the Be'er Mayim Chaim continued to love his son unconditionally and shower him with unbridled affection. And when the father davened, he would beseech the Ribbano shel Olam to similarly continue loving the Jewish people unconditionally, just as he always loved his sometimes wayward son under all circumstances.

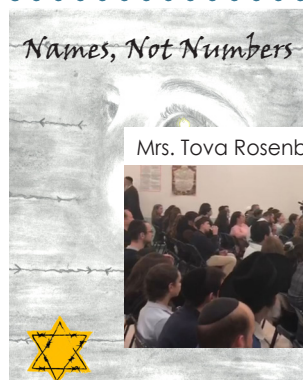
Parashas Lech Lecha opens rather suddenly, as Hashem commands Avraham to leave his home and travel to an as of yet undisclosed destination. While it soon becomes apparent that G-d's directive represented the first tangible manifestation of a specifically Jewish destiny in His chosen land, at no point does the Torah articulate why Avraham or his descendants were chosen.

Unlike Noach, who is introduced as a *tzaddik, tamim b'dorosav* and therefore worthy of salvation, the Torah omits any mention of a basis for Avraham being chosen by Hashem- and for good reason: Avraham was certainly righteous, explains the Maharal of Prague, but that is not

the reason that Hashem chose us. We were chosen as Hashem's special children simply because He desired to do so. And by doing so, our Father in Heaven established a paradigm of parents' unconditional love of their children, no matter what the circumstances.

Shabbat Shalom!

-Rakhi Ari Jacobson
Menahel/Dean



Mrs. Tova Rosenberg introduces Names, Not Numbers.



Eighth grade students and their parents were invited to join us for an informational meeting regarding the eighth grade experience. The high school application and interview process, yearbook, "Names, Not Numbers", Washington trip and graduation.

Best wishes for a fantastic senior year!

Important Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20
8G Trip to Holocaust Museum at RCC

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28
7B Trip to Tomchei Shabbos

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2
Picture Day, Grades: 8B/G,
Nursery-1, T-Class

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21
8B Trip to Holocaust Museum at RCC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31
2B Chumash Mesiba 9:30AM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3
Picture Day, Grades: 2-7



- If you have any carpool messages or need to bring your child to a doctor's appointment, email dismissal@ashar.org
- For any students that are unable to attend school, we offer grab and go lunches. Pickup daily at the front door. Mon-Thurs 1:00-2:00 PM, Fri 12:30-1:30 PM.



Mrs. Jacqueline Borgen

Principal, Early Childhood and First Grade

It was very nice to see so many parents at our Early Childhood Back to School Night. We enjoyed sharing our goals and curriculum with you, as well as all the

fun educational programs we have in store for your children this year.



This week, the children continued along with their learning and fun! Parsha, Aleph-Bet, ABC's, math, Fall, apples and so much more! Our centers are all open and the children are enjoying them. We also began our Waterford Computer program, which tracks the children in reading, math and science. The children are learning how to use a mouse and sharpening their computer skills. Once the children have all completed the placement exams, we will send an email home allowing you to have Home Access.

After completing a unit on Fall and learning about the life cycle of an apple through the seasons, the Kindergarten children enjoyed a wonderful trip to Lawrence Farms Apple Orchards. The children learned how to pick an apple from a tree safely, went on a tractor ride around the farm, played in an adorable mini-village (with replicas of an old school house, jail, firehouse, ice cream parlor and more), went through a hay maze, and enjoyed a picnic lunch. They left with bags of the apples they just picked. Thank you to our class chaperones for assisting us on this trip.

Here are some pictures from our busy week.

Parsha



I am one of Avraham Avinu's stars.



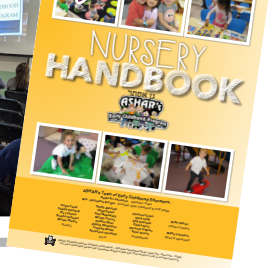
Centers



Aleph-Bet



Back-to-School Night



Fall



Scavenger Hunt for Fall items.



Kindergarten went on an apple picking trip to Lawrence Farms.



Art



Painting like Piet Mondrian.



Music & Movement



Shabbos Party



ABC's



All About Me



ASHAR GIRLS

DIVISION

Avraham to enable him to become superior. By Avraham choosing correctly he put his potential into action and made himself into a greater person.

As we fall into the routine of school and its expectations, our girls are learning to take any challenge that comes their way and view it as an opportunity for growth.

I look forward to sharing much growth-oriented nachas with you.

Have a wonderful Shabbos!

Mrs. Debby Jacobson

Principal, Girls Division



Parshas Lech Lecha begins with the first test given to Avraham Avinu. Avraham was to let go of his past follow Hashem to a new land. Why did Hashem feel the test Avraham?

and need to

Hashem was looking for an opportunity to help Avraham become a better person. Hashem knew that Avraham would pass the test. He still tested



3G is learning about the country of Mexico this week in Social Studies.



4G experiments with magnets!



7G plays math game to review order of operations



2G created flowers inspired by folk art.

What's



1G is working on quilt squares inspired by the Quilts of Gee's Bend, created by a group of African-American women in Gee's Bend, Alabama.



3G created modern trees.



8B began learning programming in Python



Scavenger hunt to collect different chesed bricks



Mazel tov to our scavenger hunt winners!



Special Chinese Auction for boys that participated in the Sukkos break davening and learning chart. Kol Hakavod boys!



Would you Rather...

be Ferdinand Magellan or Vasco da Gama?

**SEVENTH
GRADE
SOCIAL STUDIES**
With
MRS. GRANATA

I would rather be Vasco da Gama because although Ferdinand Magellan circumnavigated the world, Vasco da Gama was more famous at the time because he traveled all the way to India. Magellan also didn't technically make it all the way around because he got killed in the Philippines.



Gavi Lerer

I would rather be Vasco Da Gama because he was the first person to sail around the Cape of Good Hope. He found a quicker way to go to the other side of Africa and be able to trade.



Ezra Markowitz

I would rather be Vasco Da Gama because he didn't die in the middle of a war. Even though he didn't circumnavigate the world, he did discover the Cape of Good Hope.



Yishai Moscovitz



Rena Boss

I would rather be Ferdinand Magellan. I would rather be him, because he was the first one to circumnavigate Earth. He sailed over three oceans!



Elisheva Mandel

I would rather be Ferdinand Magellan because although Vasco da Gama sailed around the tip of southern Africa, he was not the first to discover it. Ferdinand was the first to circumnavigate the Earth, meaning he sailed completely around the world. He also probably got to see all types of amazing places that a bunch of people had not discovered yet.



Aviva Zelcer

I would rather be Vasco de Gama. Reason being, Ferdinand Magellan and his crew had to eat biscuit powder infested with worms and drink yellow spoiled water for three months and twenty days. They also often ate sawdust.



Preserve the past, ensure the future
Become a Parnas Hayom

Commemorate a
yahrtzeit, birthday, anniversary
or any other special occasion
or accrue a *zechus*
for a *refuah shleimah*,
by sponsoring a day or week
of learning at ASHAR.



**The ASHAR UNIFORM EXCHANGE
IS IN NEED OF UNIFORMS!**

uniforms@ashar.org

Drop off at 5 Pearl Drive



ט' חשוון ♦ October 15

Friday's learning is sponsored by Chaim and Jennie Jacobson and family
in memory of

Aryeh Yoel ben Chaim Gavriel z"l

Father of Chaim Jacobson
Grandfather of Yonatan Jacobson, Class 7B

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



י"ג - י"ט חשוון ♦ October 19-25

This week's Torah learning is sponsored by Roberta Dahan
in memory of her beloved husband

לע"נ

שמעון בן רחל ז"ל

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

Mazel Tov!

Moshe and Mindy Schiller and JJ Schiller (8B)
on the engagement of their son Sruly to Esther Slomovics

We stand corrected*

*Mazel Tov to
Mark and Elissa Rothman Brodsky (Class of '80)
on the birth of a boy to their children Donny and Jordana

ASHAR is proud to once again
partner with **Tomche Shabbos**
in a **Schoolwide Food Drive**

Cans *for* CheSED!

Fill the box in the
back of your classroom
with **cans or boxes of
nonperishable foods.**



Tomche Shabbos
assists **500** families with
weekly food packages
which are delivered
discreetly to families
who would not be able
to prepare for Shabbos
without them.



Important: All foods
must have a proper
hashgacha and be
parve.

The class that collects
the **most items*** will
get a **pizza party!**

*The point value of packages with small
items will be determined by a Rebbe.

**Tuna fish cans
count double!**

