



ASHREINews



Menahel's Message The Biggest Test



Chazal refer to the book of Bereishis as *Sefer Hayashar*. The meaning of 'Yashar' in this context is best captured by the Yiddish term *ehrllich*, and speaks to the sterling character and integrity embodied by the Avos and Imahos. While Bereishis contains few specific *mitzvos* and little instruction on ritual observance, it is *Sefer Hayashar*- the book that recounts the exceptional behavior of our ancestors, and thus establishes the parameters of refined character and *derech erez* for eternity. One such example is the description of Avraham's acquisition of Me'aras Hamachpela as a burial site for Sarah.

In enumerating the Asarah Nisyonos of Avraham Aveinu referenced in Pirkei Avos, most commentators consider the tenth and most difficult challenge met to be Akeidas Yitzchak. After all, can one imagine a more gut wrenching test than obeying G-d's request to sacrifice a beloved son? Rav Samson Raphael Hirsch (following the approach of Rabbeinu Yonah's commentary to Avos), however, disagrees, claiming that the tenth and most difficult *nisayon* was what ensued.

After returning from the Akeidah, Avraham informs Sarah that Hashem had requested the sacrifice of Yitzchak, whereupon

Sarah immediately passes away in shock and agony, not realizing that Avraham was about to describe how Hashem then instructed the angel to intercede and accept a ram in Yitzchak's place. Avraham is forced to plan his beloved wife's burial, whose death was precipitated by blind faith in Hashem. G-d had promised Avraham the length and breadth of Canaan, but now even a simple cave for burial proves elusive, as he has no choice but to negotiate with the charlatan Ephron HaChitti.

The level of Avraham's stress and pain was indescribable; under the circumstances, impatience and short-temperedness would be quite understandable. Yet note how he interacted with B'nei Ches: "*im yesh es nafsh'chem*"- please. "*Va'yishtachu Avraham lifnei am ha'aretz*"- thank you. Avraham maintained self-control throughout, and acted as a perfect gentleman, thus establishing a paradigm of *menschlichkeit* and composure for generations of *yesharim*!

Shabbat Shalom!

- Rakhi Ari Jacobson
Menahel/Dean

Important Upcoming Events

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



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



MONDAY-FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8-12
PTA Scholastic Book Fair

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2
6B-7B Chesed Trip

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7
2B Chumash Mesiba 9:30AM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14
2G Chumash Mesiba 9:30AM



- 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

Another wonderful week has passed! Our Parshiot in Sefer Bereishit are full of life and include important lessons for us to learn. The children sit enthralled and



engaged as they listen to Morah teach Parshat Hashavua every day. We dramatize the Parsha and extend the lessons into the children's everyday lives within their classrooms here in ASHAR. This week, we spoke about being kind and doing Chesed, just like Rivka. The children discussed different ways they could be kind to their friends, Morahs and families. We should all internalize the lessons from these Parshiot and use it as an opportunity for our own personal growth in middot.

We also discussed the three nissim in Sara and Rivka's tent: the Shabbos candles stayed lit from Shabbos to Shabbos, Hashem's shechina rested on the tent, and the challah was always plentiful and fresh. We used this opportunity to bake delicious challah with the children. The building smelled amazing as class after class participated in the special mitzvah of making challah for Shabbos.

Here are some pictures from our busy week.

Feelings



Letter "E"

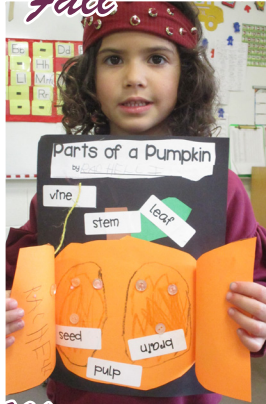


We went on an "Exit Hunt"

Aleph Bet



Fall



Math



Parsha



Chalav U'Dvash



Music and Movement



We love to hear your feedback!
Nachas Notes

“ Dear Morahs,
Daniel Herman (KA) did the mitzvah of hachnosas orchim and was nice to the guests! Thank you! He also knew the Parsha amazing!
- Bubby ”

“ Dear Morah,
Daniel knew all of his parsha questions at the shabbos table! He is so smart! Yay Daniel! ”

“ *Ari* is such a smart boy! He knew all about the parsha and Avrohom and Sara's Guest. When asked what he learned in school today, he always answers "Torah" 😊 ”

Center Play



Shabbos Party



ASHAR GIRLS

DIVISION

Mrs. Debby Jacobson

Principal, Girls Division

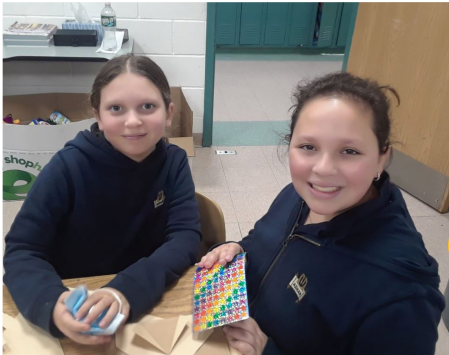


One of the most beautiful customs in Jewish life is for parents to bless their children on Friday night. Girls are blessed to be like the *imahos*; Sarah, Rivka, Rachel and Leah. Boys, meanwhile, are blessed to be like Ephraim and Menashe.

What happened to the avos; Avraham, Yitzchak and Yaakov? Why are Ephraim and Menashe instead the subjects of this important tradition?

Ephraim and Menashe grew up with no sibling rivalry. Yaakov wished to emphasize the point and purposely switched his hands, blessing the younger Ephraim before the older Menashe.

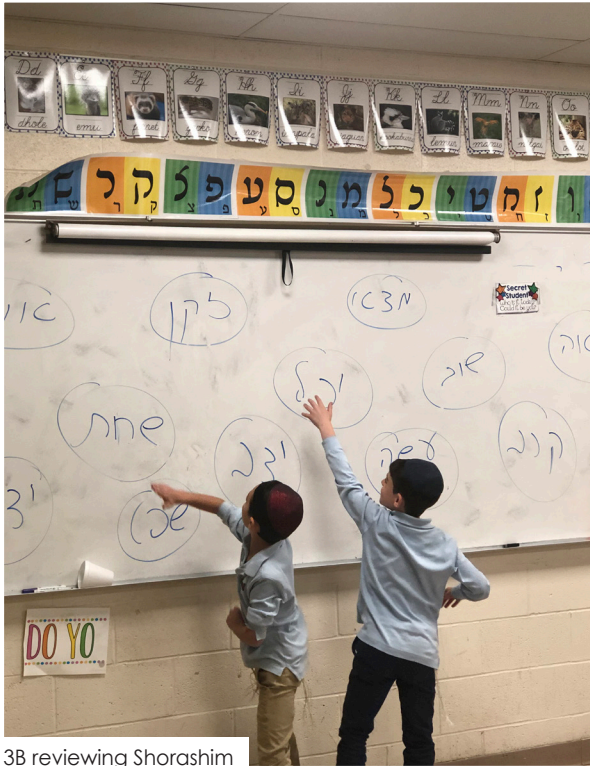
Indeed, there is no greater blessing than peace among siblings. With this in mind, this week, we reintroduced our big sister/little sister program. Middle school girls were excited to meet their little sisters and work together on several wonderful projects. I couldn't help but think of the words of Dovid HaMelech that so appropriately rung true, *הנה מה טוב ומה נעים שבת אחים גם יחד*.



BIG
Sister
LITTLE
Sister



We kicked off our Big Sister Little Sister Program this week. Girls in 5th-8th grades were assigned as Big Sisters to girls in grades 1-4 as Little Sisters. After meeting their sister, the girls made a project and baked challah together.



3B reviewing Shorashim in a game of Mad Dash



3B Bachurei Chemed

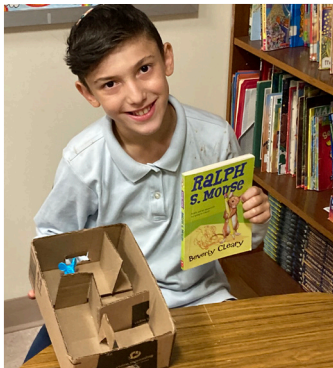


Bachurei Chemed

This recognition is accorded by rebbeim to those boys who demonstrate exceptional effort in their Limudei Kodesh.



As part of our month of chesed, our 7th-grade boys had the opportunity to participate in a music video produced by Rabbi Benzion Klatzko of shabbat.com promoting Tomchei Shabbos and their Shabbos boxes.



Fourth grader Binyamin created a diorama for his book report.



Extra Extra

Read All About It!

SIXTH GRADE EARTH SCIENCE IN THE NEWS With MRS. TENCIC



Pearl Sabel



Yisrael Levin



Chaim Schuh



Tsirel Ogince



Minna Van Halem



October 26 • כ' מרחשון

Tuesday's learning is sponsored by
Rabbi & Mrs. Ari & Debby Jacobson and family
לעילוי נשמת

הרב ישראל בן ר' יעקב ז"ל
Rabbi David Rapp

Beloved brother and uncle

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



October 27 • כ"א חשוון

Wednesday's learning is sponsored by the Yaniv and Samuels families
לע"נ

רב שמואל בן אריה ל"ב ז"ל

Great-Grandfather of Mimi (7G) and Shmuel (3B) Yaniv,
and Shmuel (3B) and Benjiy (PKB) Samuels

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



Mazel
Tov!

Donny and
Danielle
Greenberg
(nee Levin)
Class of 2006
on the birth
of a baby girl.

Cans
for
Chesed!



Last day
to bring in
cans for Chesed
is Wed., Nov. 3rd!





Please join us in showing Hakarat HaTov to our amazing faculty by participating in this project to provide gifts to our teachers and staff! We are collecting money for Chanukah for one low suggested donation per child:

N-4: \$18/child

5-8: \$25/child

Fill out the form online at:

<http://www.ashar.org/staffgifts>

Want to pay via Zelle, PayPal, Check or any other questions?

Email the PTA - pta@ashar.org

**Important
2022-2023
School Year
Information**

Baruch Hashem, many new families have already expressed interest in our Yeshiva for the upcoming 2022-23 school year. Existing families will have the opportunity to enroll **additional** children, prior to opening registration for new families, **until December 1, 2021**

If you are interested in enrolling a child who is not currently in ASHAR, please go to **www.ashar.org/apply** and follow the online application instructions. Our application is digital, and must be filled out online. **Please submit your application as soon as you are able, as the registration process will be opened to new families after December 1st**

Picture Day Reminder!



Tuesday, Nov 2nd:
8B/G, Nursery-1, T class

Wednesday, Nov. 3rd:
Grades 2-7



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For more information please visit us at www.ashar.org



SCHOLASTIC

Scholastic Book Fair is
November 8-14

Every class will get a chance to go.

Stay tuned for more details.

Questions? PTA@ashar.org

