



# ASHREINews



## Menahel's Message "The Right Message"

It has become almost fashionable in some quarters to minimize the greatness of Noach. Though described by the Torah as a *tzadik*, and singularly worthy of salvation, Noach was a '*tzadik in peltz*'—an insular *tzadik*, figuratively wrapped in a heavy coat. Rather than reaching out to his generation and attempting to encourage *teshuva*, Noach focused on his own spiritual well-being and ignored those around him.

This approach is founded on several *midrashim* and a comment by the Zohar attributing the floodwaters to Noach's passivity, but, according to Rav Yaakov Kamenetsky z"l, fundamentally misunderstood. Noach *did* in fact attempt to encourage his generation to mend their ways. At issue was not whether he chastised them, but rather the content of his *mussar*.

"ריקים, אתם מניחים מי שקולו שובר ארזים, ומשתחוים לעץ יבש" (בראשית רבה ל"א, ג)

According to the Midrash, Noach rebuked his generation for the sin of idolatry: "Fools, why do you abandon the

Omnipotent One whose voice shreds cedar trees and worship idols of dry wood?"

This, explains Rav Kamenetsky, was a mistake. While *avodah zara* is a cardinal sin and was certainly present at the time of the Flood, the Torah states that Hashem destroyed the world not because of idolatry, but rather due to the proliferation of theft and other forms of monetary injustice between man and his fellow: "כי מלאה הארץ חמס מפניהם". By focusing on *avoda zara* rather than theft, *gezel*, Noach's rebuke failed to address the generation's primary misdeeds.

When addressing behaviors, it is important for parents and educators to identify root causes and employ correctives that target the specific issues at hand. Interventions, including, on occasion, old-fashioned rebuke, are only effective to the extent that they address the primary problem.

*Shabbat Shalom!*

- Rabbi Ari Jacobson  
Menahel/Dean



## Important Upcoming Events

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

**Columbus Day**

Grades K-8: 8:30AM start time,  
Reg. dismissal times

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

**ECP Back to school night, 8:00PM**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

**8th grade meeting, 7:15PM  
Kindergarten apple picking trip  
to Lawrence Farms**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

**8G Trip to Holocaust Museum at RCC**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

**8B Trip to Holocaust Museum at RCC**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

**2B 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](mailto: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

We returned to school after Yontif with such excitement. We began teaching the children Parsha and all the corresponding units.



Our week of learning included: Parsha, science experiments (color mixing, sink & float, etc.), Handwriting Without Tears, ABC's, Aleph Bet, and so much more! Not only was our learning in full gear, but all of our specialties began as well. We had so much fun meeting Morah Nofar and Bentzi in Chalav U'Dvash, and exercising with Morah Malky in Music & Movement!

We were also delighted to come to school dressed in our favorite color and celebrate Rosh Chodesh together with the entire Early Childhood family. As the children entered the indoor playroom, Morah was singing, "Tzva'im Yafim Yesh Lanu, all the colors of the rainbow..." "Adom is red, adom is red..." We went through the colors of the rainbow and then asked the children to stand up as we named their favorite color. We gave birthday claps to the Cheshvan birthday children and sang, "Yom Huledet Sameach!" We learned that Hashem gave us (people) a gift that He did not give to anything else He created, the gift of speech. We spoke about how we need to speak nicely and kindly so that we put smiles on people's faces and not frowns. We will be discussing this Mitzvah of using "Lashon Tov" with the children all year. Please reinforce it at home as well.

Please enjoy the pictures from our exciting first full week of school!

### Parshat Noach



Thank you Morah Jackie for the yummy rainbow and for the Lashon Tov stickers.



Color Mixing



Our chalk rainbow.



### Waterford Reading Science and Math



### Aleph Bet



### Chalav U'Dvash



### Music & Movement



### 1st Grade



After reviewing everything we know about writing sentences correctly, the children each created their own sentence buddy.

### Handwriting Without Tears



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### Learning Shapes





# ASHAR GIRLS

## DIVISION

**Mrs. Debby Jacobson**

Principal, Girls Division



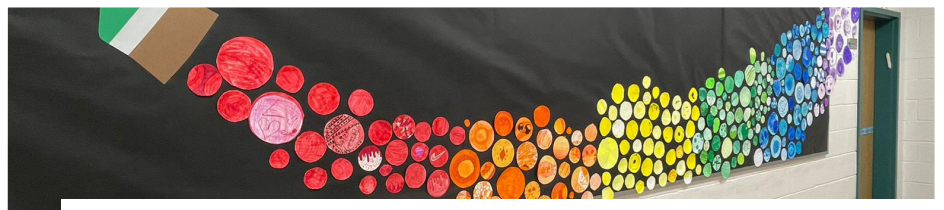
Towards the end of this week's parsha, Noach leaves the teivah and reenters a barren, silent world. Noach is met by a world of complete destruction and unspeakable desolation. Noach and his family immediately get to work. They begin by bringing a korban to Hashem and then they start the rebuilding process.

In the midst of this darkness, Hashem sends a rainbow as a sign that he will never bring total destruction to the world again. In the midst of darkness, there is light. When things look bleak, Hashem sends hope. During our darkest times, Hashem teaches us to look for the bright rainbow peeking through the clouds.

The Zohar teaches us that before Mashiach comes, an especially bright and colorful rainbow will appear. May it be speedily in our days!



4G began learning electromagnetism. They used magnets to tell which poles would attract and which poles would repel.



Inspired by the book, The Dot by Peter Reynolds, our girls created a rainbow mural out of colorful dots. Chodesh tov from the ASHAR Girls Division!!



5G lyrical learning - the girls highlighted pronouns in the lyrics of a song while listening to the song.

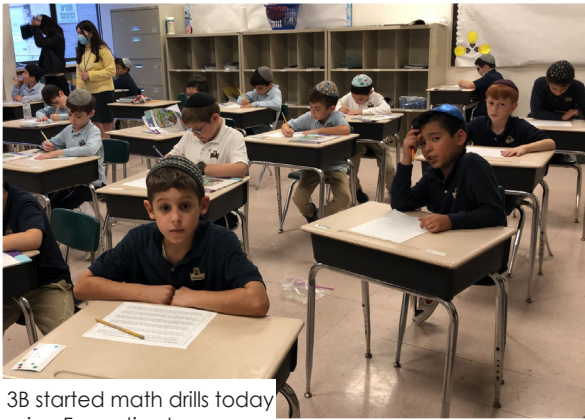


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with Naomi Nachman!  
Thank you to all our  
Parent Volunteers!







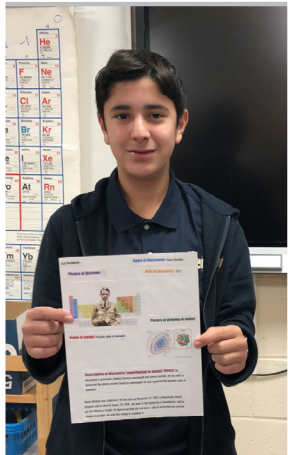
3B started math drills today using Formative Loop.



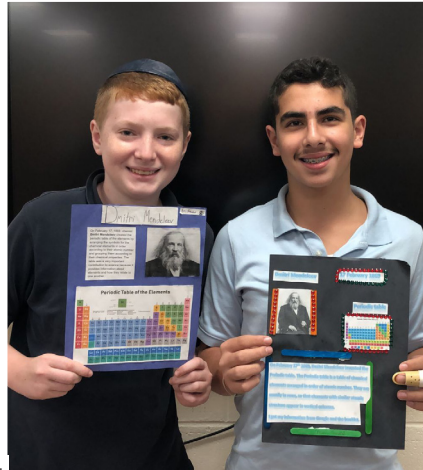
2B reviews Kriah



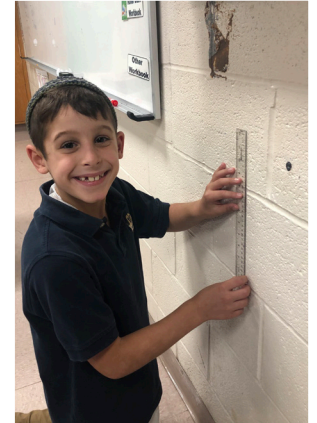
2B scavenger hunt for nouns



8B atomic theory timeline project



ASHAR is 391 feet long, can you believe that the teiva was 209 feet longer?! This was a very exciting exploration for 3B.



6B doing an experiment in Lashon class for Rosh Chodesh



Through song, stories and treats, we hope to inspire minds and warm hearts, thus strengthening our talmidim's appreciation of Hashem's gift of Shabbos: Matnas Shabbos.





Our Extra Curricular  
After School  
Programming  
is in full swing!  
It's not too late to  
sign up!

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# Basketball

Skills, drills and scrimmages with Coach Matt. Boys: Grades 3-4 Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00. Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 8, 15, 22, 29, Jan. 5, 12.  
Girls: Grades 3-4 Mondays, 4:00-5:00. Oct. 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27, Jan. 3, 10, 17. <https://www.ashar.org/basketball.html>



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# KARATE



8-week session of after-school karate classes! Boys: Grades K-4, Tuesdays, 3:55-4:40. Oct. 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, Dec. 7. Girls: Grades K-4, Thursdays, 3:55-4:40. Oct. 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 18, Dec. 9, 16, 23. <https://www.ashar.org/karate>

# Guitar Lessons



8-week session of after-school guitar lessons! Girls: Grades 3-4, Tuesdays, 4:00-4:45. Oct. 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, Dec. 7, 21. Girls: Grades 5-8, Tuesdays, 4:45-5:30. Oct. 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, Dec. 7, 21. Please reach out to [mreifer@ashar.org](mailto:mreifer@ashar.org) if you are interested in boys guitar lessons on Mondays 4:00-4:45. <https://www.ashar.org/music>





## Fall 2021 After-School Enrichment

**Welcome to Challenge Island® - Where Engineering Meets Imagination!**  
Challenge Island is one-of-a-kind enrichment on the cutting edge of S.T.E.A.M. education and 21st century learning.

Challenge Island, an innovative STEAM after-school enrichment club, is starting at ASHAR. Boys and Girls: Grades 1-4, Thursdays, 3:55-4:40. Girls: Grades 5-8, Thursdays, 4:45-5:35. Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4, 18, Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30. Register at [tinyurl.com/cirocklandbergen](https://tinyurl.com/cirocklandbergen)



Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:40- 5:15 PM, 6th-8th grade boys are invited to join Rabbi Jacobson for extra Torah study as part of our Masmidim program. It began Tue. Oct. 5, and will continue each Tuesday and Thursday throughout the year. <https://www.ashar.org/masmidim-program.html#>



Each year, a group of boys and girls in grades 5-8 try out to join our elite Torah Bowl Teams. Competing in a Torah Bowl requires a lot of dedication. Throughout the season, the students meet once a week with their winning Coach, Rabbi Leible Chaitovsky, to study the material. They compete against other local schools: Yeshiva North Jersey, Ramaz, SAR, and JEC. Please contact [LChaitovsky@ashar.org](mailto:LChaitovsky@ashar.org) for more information.



# Mazel Tov!

**Morah Shevi Frank**  
on the birth of a grandson

**Esther (Pomeranz) Schwartz Ivgy (Class of '82)**  
on the birth a baby boy to her children Moshe and Miriam in Israel

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

**Elissa Rothman Brodsky (Class of '80)**  
on the engagement of her daughter Tamar to Efraim Klecky

**Elissa Rothman Brodsky (Class of '80)**  
on the marriage of her son Adam to Yedida Holzer

**Gabby Fetman (Class of '13) to Aaron Kurtz**  
on their engagement

**Zachary Rosenthal (Class of '08)**  
on his marriage to Hadar Tzarum

**Bruce and Jill Minsky**  
on the birth of TWO grandchildren on Yom Kippur,  
a boy born to **Elisheva (Class of '10)** and Yoni,  
and a girl born to **Calev (Class of '12)** and Atara

**Morah Debbie Spier**  
on the birth of a grandson to her children Jessica (Class of '01) and Aryeh Lazarus

**Mickey and Rochel Leah Marinelli,**  
**big brother Noey Marinelli (PKA), and aunt Morah Shoshi Frydman (3G)**  
on the birth of a baby girl Yakira Hodaya, born on Shemini Atzeret!

**Beth & Avi Morell, Yona and Tamar Morell (8G)**  
on the upcoming marriage of their daughter

**Morah Shiffy and Moshe Abboudi (7B)**  
on his Bar-Mitzvah

**Mrs. Mindy and Shlomo Reifer (7B)**  
on his Bar-Mitzvah

**Maor Goldberg (7B)**  
on his Bar-Mitzvah

**Ezzy Rudner (7B)**  
on his Bar-Mitzvah (Sukkot)

**Noah Levine (7B)**  
on his Bar-Mitzvah

**Gavi Lerer (7B)**  
on his Bar-Mitzvah (Parshat Eikev)





# ASHAR's Early Childhood BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

Tuesday, October 12th

8:00pm sharp

In the school lunchroom

All Nursery, Pre-K and Kindergarten parents are invited to meet your children's teachers and hear about the exciting year ahead!

Please bring a mask, to be worn upon request. Thank you for your cooperation.



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

[uniforms@ashar.org](mailto:uniforms@ashar.org)

Drop off at 5 Pearl Drive