



# ASHREINews

## Sukkot Edition



### Menahel's Message

#### Almost Perfect

The Bobover Rebbe was once sent an exceptionally beautiful esrog. Its shape, color, and texture were stunning, the *pitam* and stem absolutely flawless. Yet, to the surprise of all, the Rebbe insisted on using a different esrog for his *beracha* that Sukkos morning. Though no one had the audacity to ask for an explanation, the Rebbe's strange behavior raised more than a few eyebrows, and piqued the interest of one overly curious young man.

During the lengthy *Shacharis* prayers, the young man, unable to contain his curiosity any longer, snuck into the Rebbe's *sukkah* to sneak a peek at the prize esrog. Hands trembling with excitement, he removed the esrog from its box—and watched with horror as the perfect specimen slipped through his shaking fingers and fell to the floor. Terrified, the *bochur* quickly returned the esrog to its box and fled.

After davening, the Rebbe noticed that someone had moved his esrog box. As a precaution, he re-inspected his perfect esrog. Imagine his shock when he noticed the *pitom* attached by a thin needle! The needle had originally

been hidden, but had been slightly displaced in the fall, and was now exposed.

Smiling, the Rebbe explained, "For all its incomparable perfection, I refused to make a *beracha* on this esrog. Though I was unaware of the precise deficiency, I instinctively knew that it was *pasul*. It was just too perfect, and nothing in this world is absolutely perfect, only Hashem!"


No object, person, family, community, or institution is perfect. Only Hashem is perfect. While we may strive for perfection (and perhaps get that much closer to achieving this goal than had we not done so), we must at the same time appreciate all that we have, despite inherent imperfections. Keep striving, but also make sure to savor your *berachos* as currently constituted. Appreciate your family, value your community yeshiva, and most importantly, set aside some quality time over Sukkos to enjoy your children. Imperfect is just perfect!

With best wishes for a Chag Sameach,  
-Rabbi Ari Jacobson  
Menahel/Dean

## Important Upcoming Events


SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19  
**PTA Bake Sale**

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20-29  
**Sukkot** No Sessions

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30  
**Sessions Resume**   
Grades K-8: 8:30AM start time,  
Reg. dismissal times

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3  
**4B-8B Sunday Program Begins**  
8:30AM Shacharit

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7  
**Chopped, Girls Division**   
Regular Sessions

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11  
**Columbus Day**   
Grades K-8: 8:30AM start time,  
Reg. dismissal times



## Mrs. Jacqueline Borgen

Principal, Early Childhood and First Grade

The school year has begun, and we are off to a great start. It was so nice to welcome all the children and parents to Student



Orientation. Even though we have only had a handful of school days, it is amazing how quickly the children are adjusting! Children come to school with smiles on their faces and are truly enjoying their school experience. They are acclimating to their new surroundings, learning the routine of the day and making lots of new friends. The children learned the classroom rules and know that we have rules to keep everyone safe and happy! The children are busy playing in their class centers, making projects, and learning about all of the *Tishrei Chagim*. We played outside in the playground and in the Indoor Playroom as well. We already celebrated all together at our first assembly, where we reviewed everything that the Morahs taught us about Rosh Hashana. We also sang and gave birthday claps to all the Elul and Tishrei birthday children. We met Mitzvah Man and enjoyed several lessons with Mitzvah Man and Morah Jackie. What a busy and exciting start to the year!

On behalf of the entire Early Childhood family, I would like to wish you and your families a *Gmar Chatima Tova*. May Hashem answer all of your Tefillot and bless us all with a year filled with health, *simcha*, *hatzlocha* and *nachas*.

## Rosh Hashana Assembly

We love to hear your feedback!



### Early Childhood Hours

**Nursery:** Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-3:00pm  
(gate opens at 3:00pm)  
Friday: 9:00am-1:30pm  
(gate opens at 1:00pm)

**Pre-K:** Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-3:20pm  
Friday: 9:00am-1:30pm  
(gate opens at 1:00pm)

**Kindergarten:** Monday-Thursday: 8:30am-3:45pm  
Friday: 8:30am-1:30pm  
(gate opens at 1:00pm)

If you arrive closer to the time that the gate opens, there is no traffic. If you wait, you will be sitting in the traffic flow from the elementary school age carpools.

Early drop off is at 8:00am in the indoor playroom. Please bring your child to the front of the building and an educator will walk your child to the playroom.

Late pick up is at 4:00pm in the indoor playroom. Please pull to the back parking lot and knock on the first door. Pickup must be by 4:00pm. There is no one to watch the children after 4:00pm.

### Center Play





## First Day of School



## Making Friends



## Indoor Playroom



## Learning



## Project Time



## Center Play





# ASHAR GIRLS

## DIVISION

**Mrs. Debby Jacobson**

Principal, Girls Division



Sukkos is an exciting holiday when we all leave our homes for a week, and move into small, beautifully-decorated outdoor sukkos. The reason we do this is not for a change of scenery. It is to remind ourselves that it's not our homes, our possessions, or anything else that really says who we are, but our character

and what kind of people we are on the inside that counts.

Every person is unique. There will never be two people exactly alike. No one but me can achieve my purpose in life; no one but I can fulfill my particular role in *klal Yisrael*. An important lesson that we try to impart upon the girls is to be yourself. Take all of your positive attributes and all your great qualities, and work on them until you become the best you can be.

I feel privileged to be a part of this process and I look forward to sharing much *nachas* with you!

Chag Sameach!



2G is busy in the art room and "Reads the Room: for words that begin with consonants."



3G made challah for the Yom Kippur Seuda.



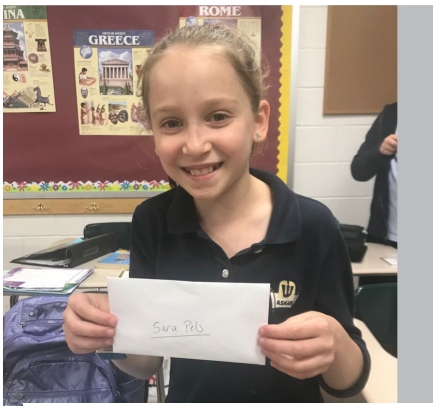
4G made sukkah decorations.



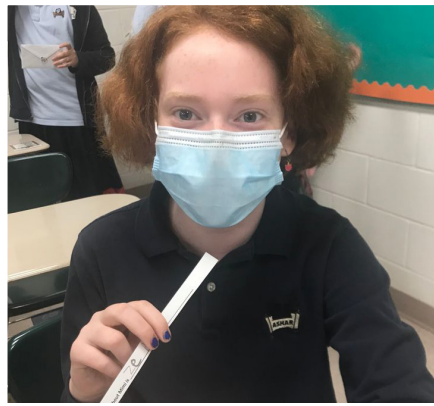




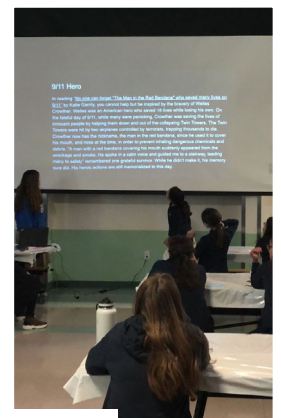
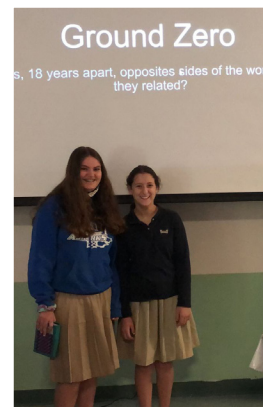
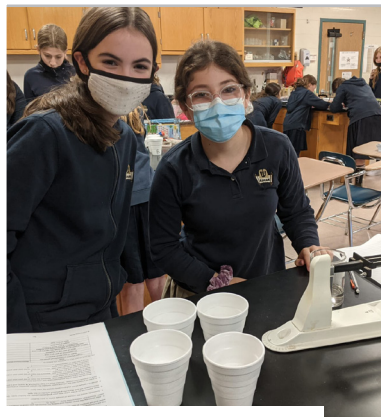
5G used straws to blow alcohol ink on their sukkah decorations in art.



6G opened envelopes containing individual positive characteristics written by classmates.



7G practiced using lab tools and metric units to measure mass, volume, and temperature.

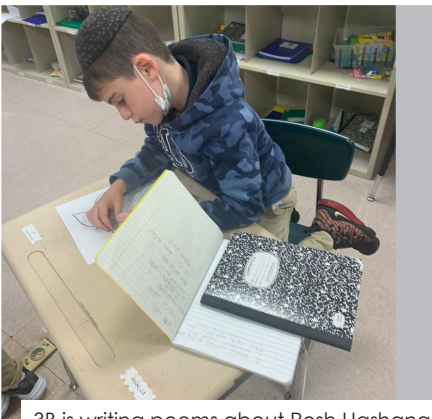


8G made candy apples for Rosh Hashana and read a book about September 11th and presented a slideshow to grades 6-7.





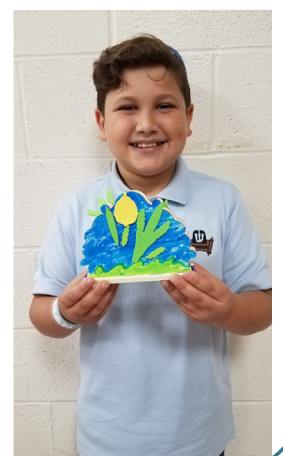
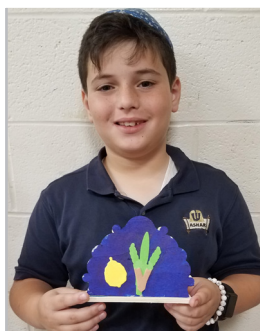
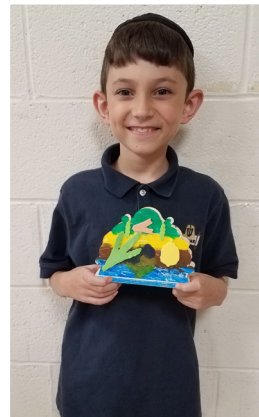
2B is davening and learning all about the shofar, and creating sukkah decorations.



3B is writing poems about Rosh Hashana and playing math games to review facts.



4B is busy in the art room getting ready for sukkot.







6B created a stem project in art.



# ASHAR BOYS

## DIVISION



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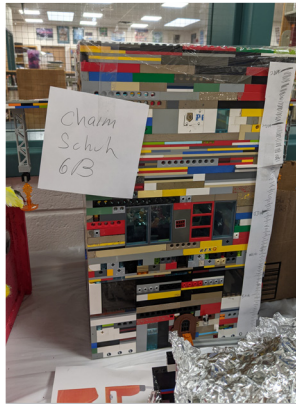
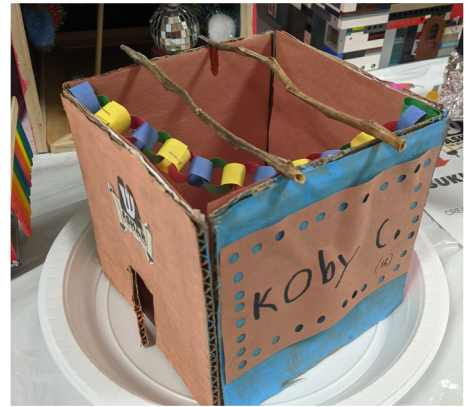
ASHAR's bi-weekly Matnas Shabbos program, coordinated and led by Rabbi Shmuel Freedland, Boys Division Programming Coordinator. Through song, stories and treats, we hope to inspire minds and warm hearts, thus strengthening our talmidim's appreciation of Hashem's gift of Shabbos: Matnas Shabbos.





# What's Wrong With This Sukkah???

Students from ASHAR built their own sukkahs, but something is wrong here, can you figure it out?






# Sukkot Poetry

## Bees

 Michal Benovitz (8G)

The bees buzzing in my ears  
In swift painful stings  
That put an end to the joy  
The ongoing obstacle  
Of those pesky bees  
Interrupting the peaceful atmosphere  
Of my Sukkos meals

## Lulav and etrog

 Mimi Yaniv (7G)

the lulav and etrog  
you shake them up  
you shake them down  
and all around  
make a bracha  
the sweet smell of the etrog  
put them down  
and wait for Sukkot to come once again

## Lulavim

 Sophia Landau (7G)

Flipping through all the memories of shaking the lulav years ago  
Feeling of the branches when you shake it  
Smelling the Hadassim and Aravim  
Listening to the noise it makes when it shakes  
Seeing how high it can grow  
Just like how every year you shake it, so do you.

## The Lulav

 Aviva Zelcer (7G)

The lulav,  
Waiting to be bought,  
Shaking in my hands,  
Tickling my face,  
Holding the Haddasim and Aravot,  
Sitting with the esrog.

## The Sukkah

 Sarah Kaller (7G)

Decorated beautifully  
Full of singing voices  
Delicious smells  
Of yummy foods  
Sounds of laughter  
Filling the air  
Cold and breezy  
But all worth it  
For sitting in the Sukkah

## One of my favorite holidays is Sukkot

 Nava Schechter (7G)


Decorating the סוכה  
Shaking the lulav  
Smelling the esrog  
Sitting in the סוכה  
Enjoying great food  
Saying many brachot  
Learning through the night  
Bonding with family  
Enjoying the holiday.

## Special Clothing

 Malky Mintz (7G)

My new clothing are special to me  
I wear my new dresses with delight  
The new wardrobe my mother bought me  
With love and warmth  
Making my day  
Full of Happiness and joy

## My Happy Place

 Rena Boss (7G)

Fours walls that surround me  
A special holiday that happens once a year  
Feel safe surrounded by holy walls  
These walls with the name: Sukkah  
A time to spend inside these walls with family for eight days  
I walk inside the sukkah and instantly smile  
Think to myself how happy I am inside these walls  
Walk inside the Sukkah to shake the Lulav and esrog  
End sukkot with a thought  
I will come back next year to have the same smile  
It will never get old  
Makes me feel connected to Hashem  
Sukkot is a special time

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 “*7*  
*built  
myself  
a sukkah  
with four walls  
and a door...*”

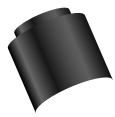
  






## A black and white line drawing of a dense, abstract pattern. The pattern consists of numerous overlapping, rounded, and somewhat rectangular shapes, some of which are further subdivided into smaller, irregular sections. The lines are thick and black, creating a high-contrast, graphic effect. The overall composition is tightly packed and fills the entire frame, suggesting a textured surface or a complex geometric design.





# SPOTLIGHT ON



The school year started off with our annual Family Fun Day. It was a huge success while many new and old ASHAR families met with each other and enjoyed the entertainment and goodies. Thank you to all the Parents who volunteered to help organize and run the event.



**★ THE SECOND GRADE BACK TO SCHOOL ICE CREAM PARTY! ★**

SECOND GRADE BOYS AND THEIR PARENTS:  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 19TH

AT THE JACOBSON HOME:  
48 NORTH QUINCE LANE, MONSEY

6:45-7:30

★ ENJOY A PRE-YOM TOV CRAFT ★ SPEND TIME WITH YOUR CLASSMATES!

★ MEET THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

Before the school year began, our second graders and their parents met with the elementary school administrators and enjoyed some ice cream and back-to-school crafts!





# Now you can view your children's class pictures through our shared Google photo albums!

Albums

Create album Album title



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24 items · Shared



1G Class Pictures  
37 items · Shared



2B Class Pictures  
25 items · Shared



2G Class Pictures  
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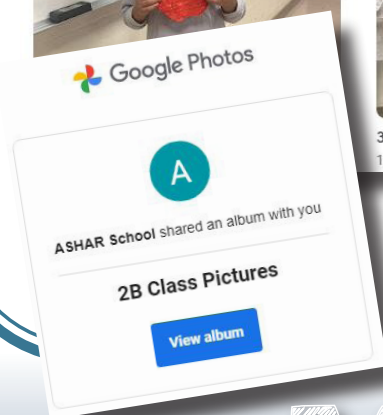
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## Mazel Tov!

**Rabbi Chaitovsky**  
on the birth of a grandson

**Morah Aviva Halpert**  
on the birth twin boys

**Dr. and Mrs. Kass**  
on the engagement of their daughter Atara (Class of 2013) to Sruly Lieberman

**Morah Zahara Wealcath**  
on her engagement

**Yonatan (3B), Zohara (1G) and Leora Mytelka (NB)**  
on the birth of a new baby sister

The ASHAR family had a special surprise visit from **The Halper family**, formerly of New Hempstead, currently living in Ramat Beit Shemesh. They came back to celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of Shai. Mazel Tov to the Halper's.

