



ASHREINews



Menahel's Message Happy Birthday!



A devout chassid once approached the Tzemach Tzedek with the idea of relocating to Eretz Yisrael.

Conscious of the perilous conditions then prevalent in nineteenth century Palestine, the Rebbe advised to instead "make this place Eretz Yisrael." Though we live in a generation fortunate enough to be able to make *aliyah* with relative ease, the Rebbe's message remains equally relevant.

Much more than a place, Israel represents a plethora of all-encompassing ideals to be carried within the Jewish heart regardless of one's physical location. Most notably, the Torah portrays Eretz Yisrael as a land meriting the highest levels of Divine Providence: "Eini Hashem Elokecha ba."

The "eyes" of Hashem focus especially on those fortunate enough to dwell in the King's Palace, and allow Him to provide accordingly.

But they also focus on each and every living being, "mi'beitzei kinnim ad karnei r'eimim." Acknowledge His constant providence in speech ("b'ezras Hashem," "im yirtzeh Hashem") and deed. And be grateful for His manifold *berachos*- not least of which is a flourishing homeland pulsating with vibrant Jewish life and Torah study as never before. Happy Birthday Israel!

Shabbat Shalom!

-Rabbi Ari Jacobson
Menahel/Dean



Friday, April 28th Torah learning
is sponsored by
The Benovitz Family

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Important Upcoming Events

MONDAY, MAY 1
3B Trip to Bronx Zoo

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3
**4G/5G Trip to Ellis Island
and the Statue of Liberty**

THURSDAY, MAY 4
**4B/5B Trip to Ellis Island
and the Statue of Liberty**

TUESDAY, MAY 9
Lag Ba'Omer Regular Sessions

THURSDAY, MAY 11
2B/2G Trip to Stepping Stones Museum

SUNDAY, MAY 14
Names, Not Numbers Premiere

TUESDAY, MAY 16
3G Trip to Bronx Zoo

THURSDAY, MAY 18
**8B/8G Trip to Jewish Home
Family Living**

FRIDAY, MAY 19
Yom Yerushalayim Regular Sessions

THURSDAY-SATURDAY, MAY 25-27
Shavuot No Sessions

SUNDAY-MONDAY, MAY 28-29
Memorial Day No Sessions

TUESDAY, MAY 30
7G Philadelphia Trip

It's allergy season and we are having a tissue issue, please send in tissues!





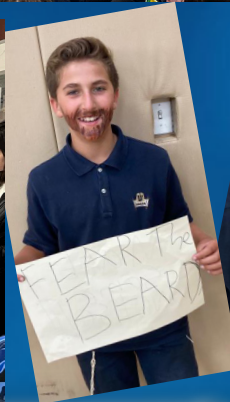
Israel

1st Grade

Writing

"The people are standing at the Kotel during a Bar Mitzvah. The Kotel is special because it was a part of the Beit Hamikdash."
- Tova Adams

"The Kotel stands in Israel while the people pray. The Kotel is so special because it protected the Beit Hamikdash."
- Atara Landau



יום העצמאות שמי



בן הכבוד!
to the girls in 8G,
and Morah Nofar
for staying late
& setting up the
school for all the
festivities!
Thank you!



THANK YOU TO
ASHAR PTA
FOR THE CUPCAKES!



Mrs. Jacqueline Borgen

Principal, Early Childhood and First Grade

On Wednesday, the entire Early Childhood family took a pretend trip to Eretz Yisrael. After learning so much about Eretz Yisrael, the children arrived in school excited and ready for this day. We took off on an El Al airplane, with passports and luggage in hand. We landed in Eretz Yisrael and went to daven at the Kotel. We visited many special places in our Holy Land and had a blast experiencing different activities all over Israel. We even watched the BIG degel shel Eretz Yisrael outside as the children helped raise it up high. We sang, "Hatikva, Hashem Melech- Hashem Malach...", and Thank you Hashem" as we danced all together! We truly love the special land that Hashem gave us.

Throughout the day with a Rav Kav Kartis in hand, the classes joined Morah Nofar and Bentzi as they visited Beer Sheva, Yerushalayim and Tzfat!

The children also joined "MJ Tours" (Morah Jackie Tours) and learned more about Eretz Yisrael. After finding Eretz Yisrael on the globe and tracking their trip from New York, the children discussed our journey with our land of Israel from the times of Avraham Avinu until today. We learned how the Jews fought to win back our country 75 years ago and then rebuilt the land. They then watched a Nefesh B'Nefesh video of three different groups of Olim making Aliya! It was extremely exciting and emotional! We are looking forward to Mashiach coming and all of us once again returning to our homeland!

Please enjoy the pictures and video from our special day:

<https://youtu.be/Slah9E1ggFs>



Welcome to MJ Tours



Airport security



Refreshments on the plane



Passports



Morah Jackie's Lesson



Davening at a shul in Tzfat



Sand Art in Tzfat



Davening at the Kotel



Mearat Hamachpela



Planting in a Kibbutz



Archeological dig



Avatiach in the shuk



Morah Malky's Gan workout



ECP End Of Year Play Performance Dates:

Tuesday, June 20th: Kindergarten Graduation, 9:30

Wednesday, June 21st: PreK Aleph Bet Siyum, 9:30

Thursday, June 22nd: Nursery End of Year Presentation, 9:30 (Nursery children will be dismissed straight from the play.)



ASHAR GIRLS

DIVISION

Mrs. Debby Jacobson

Principal, Girls Division



This past Tuesday was Yom Hazikaron, Israel's Memorial Day, honoring its fallen soldiers and victims of terror. The very next day, our students returned to school for Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day.

Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'Atzmaut are juxtaposed. A sad and difficult day is immediately replaced by a day of joy and celebration. Why are these days linked?

On Yom Ha'Atzmaut we celebrate and thank Hashem for the bracha of Eretz Yisrael. We are grateful for the gift that he has given us. However, at the height of our simcha we must remember those who died *al Kiddush Hashem*. We remember the soldiers that gave their lives so that we could have the precious gift of Eretz Yisrael. If not for these soldiers, we would not be celebrating.

We pray for the day when there is peace in *artzeinu hakedosha* and no new names are added to the myriad of soldiers remembered on Yom Hazikaron. *Shalom al Yisrael!*



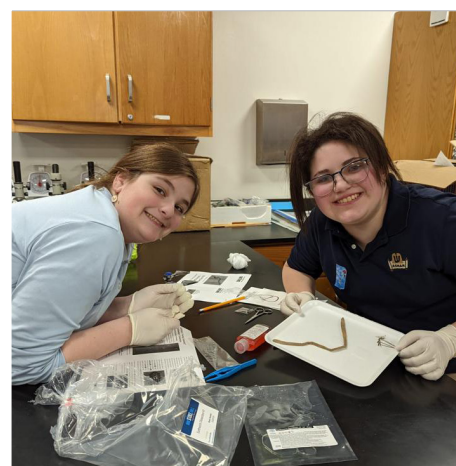
3G uses slap rulers to learn measurements.



3G raising caterpillars



5G learns to read and analyze nutrition labels as part of their science unit on Health and Nutrition.



7G Earthworm dissection lab.

Our flag lowering ceremony for Yom Hazikaron

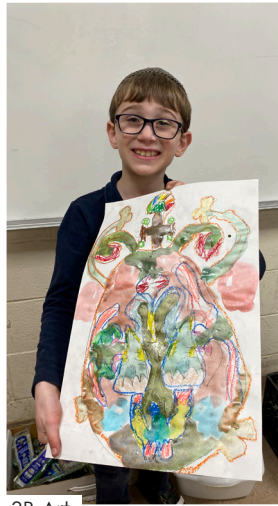




5B learns to read and analyze nutrition labels as part of their science unit on Health and Nutrition.



4B working on their social studies biographies



3B Art



These budding b'nai Torah in 4B went on a trip to Cobeca as a reward for great learning and attendance in the Sunday program.



Our Yom Hazikaron program started with a video presentation commemorating our fallen brothers in the IDF, followed by a flag lowering ceremony outside.



Yom HaZikaron
יום הזיכרון



What We Are Writing



Dear Diary,

This has been a crazy month. First I found out I was going to be the KING (like omg). I worked for THE שָׂאוֹל to play music (to calm him down because being a king is stressful) but he started looking at me with a רֹחַ רָעָה because I was going to be the next king instead of his son: וַתְּהִי רֹחַ ה' רָעָה אֶל-שָׂאוֹל וְהוּא בְּבֵיתוֹ יֹשֵׁב וַחֲנִיתוֹ בְּיָדוֹ וְדָוִד מִנִּגֵּן בְּיָד:

Three times Shaul tried to throw a spear at me while I was playing music, but it didn't hit me. After the third time I ran home to my wife Michal (the king's daughter). When we heard a knock at the door, we knew it was the king's guards to take me to Shaul. Michal helped lower me out the window, so that I could escape from them. וַיִּשְׁלַח שָׂאוֹל מַלְאָכִים אֶל-בֵּית דָּוִד לְשָׂמְרוֹ וְלִהְיוֹתוֹ בַּבֶּקֶר וַתִּגְדַּל דָּוִד מִיָּכָל אִשְׁתּוֹ לְאִמֹּר אֵינֶכָּ מִמֶּלֶךְ אֶת-נַפְשִׁי הַלַּיְלָה מִחָר אֶתָּה מוֹמֶת:

Michal answered the door and said that I was sick and he can't come. The guards went inside our house and saw I wasn't there, so Michal went to the palace and said her lie (which was not true, but she did not want her father to be angry with me.) Meanwhile, I ran to Shmuel, the only person I knew that I could trust! <the end of this crazy adventure>



Ms. Benovitz's sixth grade Navi class wrote diary entries as if they were David HaMelech. Here Rikki writes about the events in perek yud tet in Shmuel Aleph.

By: Rikki Kleinberger (6G)

Signed,

דָּוִד בֶּן יוֹסֵף



invites you to the
premiere screening of

Names, Not Numbers[©]

A Movie in the Making

A Holocaust Memorial Film Project
by Members of the Class of 2023

Sunday, May 14, 2023
7:00 PM



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**CELEBRATE
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LUNCH MENU – ELEMENTARY

5 DAY / FLEISHIG / MAY - 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5
	Sicilian Pizza Potato Knish Egg Salad* Baby Carrots, Cux Sticks & Grape Tomatoes Thousand Island dip Fresh Oranges Bread Milk	Hotdog & Buns Steak Cut French Fries Chickpeas Cole Slaw Pickles Mustard Ketchup Fresh Banana, Bread, Apple Juice	Fettuccine Alfredo Noodles String Cheese Caesar Salad Caesar Dressing Tuna Salad* Ketchup Fruit Cups – Mandarin Bread, Milk	Assorted Bagels Tuna Salad Egg Salad American Cheese Cream Cheese Sliced Cucumber and Tomato Fresh Apples Bread Milk	Yogurt Muffin Baby Carrots Fresh Apple Chocolate Milk Chickpeas Bread
May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11	May 12
Waffle or Pancakes Vegetable Soup Assorted Yogurts Egg Salad* Baby Carrots, Cux Sticks & Grape Tomatoes Honey Mustard Dip Pancake Syrup Fresh Apples, Bread, Milk	Del Baguette Roasted Potatoes Pickles Mustard Ketchup Chickpeas Fresh Banana Apple Juice, Bread	Pizza Bagel Spicy and Regular Fries Spicy Mayo Egg Salad* Ketchup Fresh Oranges Bread Milk	Penne Alla Vodka Noodles Nish Nash Salad Salad Dressing Mozzarella Cheese Sticks Tuna Salad* Ketchup Fruit Cups - Mixed Fruit, Bread, Milk	Yogurt Muffin Baby Carrots Fresh Apple Chocolate Milk Chickpeas Bread	
May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18	May 19
Fish Sticks Orzo Hot Vegetable Baby Carrots Dijon Mustard Fresh Oranges Bread Milk	Hotdog & Buns Steak Cut French Fries Chickpeas Cole Slaw Pickles Mustard Ketchup Fresh Banana Bread, Apple Juice	Macaroni and Cheese Noodles String Cheese Tuna Salad* Caesar Salad Caesar Dressing Ketchup Fruit Cups – Peaches Bread, Milk	Chulent Potato Kugel Pickles Dinner Roll** Fresh Apples Bread Milk	Yogurt Muffin Baby Carrots Fresh Apple Chocolate Milk Chickpeas Bread	
May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24	May 25	May 26
Mini Cheesy Twists Spicy Mayo Vegetable Soup Assorted Yogurts Egg Salad* Baby Carrots, Cux Sticks & Grape Tomatoes Italian Dressing Fresh Apples, Bread, Milk	Chicken Nuggets Rice Green Beans Ketchup Roasted Chickpeas Fresh Banana Bread Apple Juice	Pizza Bagel Hash Browns Corn Egg Salad* Fresh Oranges Bread Milk	EREV SHAVUOS	SHAVUOS	
May 28	MEMORIAL DAY May 29	May 30	May 31		
	NO SCHOOL				
					

* For Allergen ** For Program Only -Menu subject to change

