



ASHREINews



Menahel's Message Days Are Coming



לשנה הבאה בירושלים

The Gemara in Ta'anis relates that during the destruction of the first Beis Hamikdash, the youngest *kohanim*, the *pirchei k'huna*, cast the keys to the burning Temple heavenward, lamenting their inability to serve as proper guardians for the holy site, whereupon a palm-like figure reached out from the sky to accept the keys.

While there is no doubt as to the sincerity of these pure young souls- to wit, the emergence of the miraculous palm- Rav Ahron Soloveitchik z"l suggests that their willingness to return the keys was misplaced. Doing so constituted an act of hopelessness, and while a Jew surrenders to the will of the Almighty, he doesn't give up. Ever. Perhaps, suggests Rav Ahron, the Beis Hamikdash would have been more quickly rebuilt had the *pirchei k'huna* not returned the keys.

When the first translated, hardcover editions of Kinnos were published several decades ago, a number of senior

Rabbonim were perturbed: why invest in a publication that is inherently irrelevant? Don't we believe that last year's Tisha B'Av was in fact the last one? And if no, why not?

Our current reality has ranged from tragic to challenging, but a Jew is fundamentally optimistic. When one reaches the *beis din shel ma'alah*, the Heavenly tribunal, after a life (hopefully) well-lived, he is asked whether he looked forward to Redemption, *tzipisa l'yeshuah*, not *tzipisa l'Tisha B'Av*.

Shabbos Nachamu celebrates the fact that while we unfortunately did not merit Redemption this Tisha B'Av, we believe that better times await, and look forward to the Yom Tov our collective *teshuvah* and *tefillot* will undoubtedly warrant. *L'alte l'teshuva, l'alte l'geulah!*

Shabbat Shalom!

-Rabbi Ari Jacobson
Menahel/Dean

Important Upcoming Events

TUESDAY-FRIDAY, AUG. 30-SEP. 2
Faculty Meetings

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
1B/1G, 2B/2G, 5B/5G Orientations

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
Family Fun Day!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
**First Day of School: Grades 1-8
Back-to-School Night:
Grades N, PK and K 8:00PM**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
Student Orientation N, PK and K

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
**First Day of School: Grades N, PK, K
12:00 dismissal: N, PK, K - no lunch**

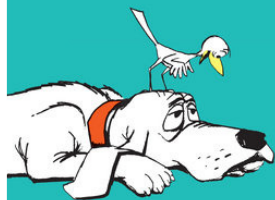
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
Regular Sessions, N-8

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
**Back-to-School Night:
Grades 1-8 7:00PM**

SUNDAY-TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 25-27
No Sessions, Rosh Hashana

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
**Tzom Gedalia Friday Dismissal:
N, PK - 1:30 pm
K-8 - 1:45 pm**

Are You My Mother?



by P. D. Eastman

PTA is looking for Class Parents! If you would like to be more involved in your child's class, become a class parent for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year! Please text **Chani Reich** at 845-653-1683 and include your name, phone number and email address.

Don't forget to complete your summer davening, learning & homework!

ashar.org/summer



Our very first ASHAR Kick-off Event was a big success! Dozens of women came and enjoyed the camaraderie with friends, new and old, as they created their own Playa Bowl. They were given the opportunity to sign up and volunteer to help with school wide events throughout the year. A special thank you to Mrs. Civia Schwartz for hosting the Kick-off Event.



Kudos to **Moshe Yosef Bernstein** (8B), **Yonatan Jacobson** (8B), **Donny Katz** (Class of 2022), **Chaim Kleinberger** (8B), and **Aron Sabol** (Class of 2020) for volunteering at Grandview Elementary School for students with disabilities this past Friday. They helped run field day. In March 2022 ASHAR's seventh graders visited the Elmwood Elementary School and presented tactile books and cards to the children with disabilities. They enjoyed reminiscing and meeting again with their new friends. Thank you to Mrs. Jennie Jacobson for encouraging our boys to share in this wonderful mitzvah.



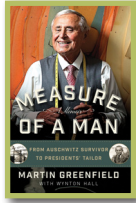
What We Are Reading

Faculty Edition



By: Mrs. Lisa Weber

I enjoyed reading *Measure of a Man*, a memoir by Martin Greenfield, an Auschwitz survivor, he utilized his talents and skill, working his way up to become one of the most sought-after tailors of this generation.



By: Rabbi Boruch Greenwald

I am currently reading *Lekutey Sichos* from the Lubavitcher Rebbe. The Rebbe discusses various questions in the pesukim regarding the Menorah in the Bais Hamikdash and explains how the Menorah must have seven different branches, yet must nonetheless be made from one piece of gold, and cannot be joined together from separate pieces. This is meant to teach us how every single Jew is unique and special in how each of us fulfills Torah and Mitzvos in our own way. While at the same time we are all connected to the ONE Hashem, the ONE Torah, and the ONE Jewish nation. May we see the arrival of Moshiach speedily in our days!



By: Morah Ellen Pincus

One book that left an impression on me was *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee - a book I borrowed during the pandemic but finally read this summer. It is a historical fiction, about Koreans in Japan from early 1900's - 1989. They immigrated for opportunity, but found they were subjected to discrimination and racism for generations. It was interesting to read about another culture.



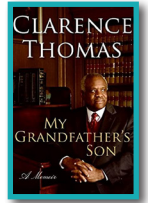
By: Rabbi Ari Jacobson

I'm reading *Otzar HaBayis Hashlishi*, by Rabbi Menachem Makover. It addresses various aspects of the third Beis Hamikdash, focusing in particular on the detailed blueprint contained in the last eight chapters of Sefer Yechezkel. May we speedily merit visiting it in the very near future!



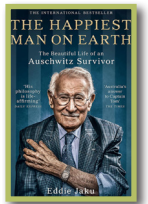
By: Mrs. Karen Rosenthal

I am currently reading *My Grandfather's Son* by Clarence Thomas. This is the memoir in which Justice Clarence Thomas recounts his journey to the Supreme Court.



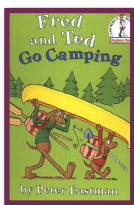
By: Mrs. Malky Blachorsky

I recently finished *The Happiest Man on Earth* by Eddie Jaku. I was in awe of Eddie's strength and positive attitude, which never faltered in the face of Nazi atrocities.



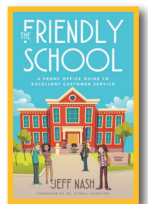
By: Morah Itta Lazarus

I recently read *Fred and Ted Go Camping* by Peter Eastman to my children. It's a story about two lovable dogs that are good friends, although they are very different. We see them work through their differences on a camping trip. This was a perfect summer-time book!

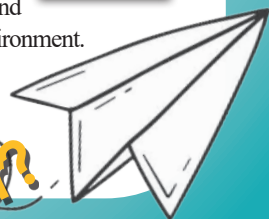


By: Mr. David Katznelson

The Friendly School: A front office guide to excellent customer service by Jeff Nash. This is a wonderful guide to help build a warm and friendly school environment.



Where has reading taken you this summer?



ASHAR Calendars

☒ ASHAR Calendar

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Calendar Setup

Embed on website

**Subscribe to
our calendar
online and
automatically
sync to
your own
calendar!**



<https://ashar.parentlocker.com/calendar.php>

It's Time Order Uniforms!

Before you know it, we will be back to school. We understand that due to delays from Lands' End, it is difficult for parents to receive uniform orders in a timely fashion. In order to better assist you, ASHAR has placed a bulk order of uniform shirts from Lands' End. Please use this link to preorder shirts:
<https://www.ashar.org/form/uniform-preorder> (limit two shirts per student)

Pants and skirts should still be ordered directly from Lands' End using the [school code 900114737](#). Please note that the feminine fit short sleeve shirts are no longer acceptable as part of ASHAR's uniform.

The uniform exchange is open. Please email uniforms@ashar.org if you would like to make an appointment. Please state what size and gender you will need for, and if you would like short sleeve or long sleeve.

If you have any uniforms that you would like to donate, please drop them off at 5 Pearl Dr., Monsey, NY 10952.



www.landsend.com

FAMILY FUN DAY



BBQ

Rita's

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 4
11:00-1:00



- Inflatables
- Back-to-school arts & crafts
- Every family will receive an ASHAR calendar!



Sign up for
School lunches
ashar.org/lunchprogram



**School
Supplies**
are up on
our website
ashar.org/supplylist

Coming Soon!



חוג עברית

AFTER-SCHOOL CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW CLUB
for MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS

Mazel Tov!



Rabbi Chaitovsky
on his son Akiva's engagement

Morah Malky Lehman
upon the engagement of her son
and birth of her granddaughter

Morah Ora Koenig
upon the birth of a granddaughter

Morah Eliana Korn
on her marriage

Morah Ellen Pincus
on her son Avi's upcoming marriage in Israel

Mrs. Tehila Chesir
on the engagement of her son

Hadas Dahan
on her marriage

Peri Rothman
on her marriage

Mrs. Andrea Korn and Albert Korn (Entering 8B)
on Albert's upcoming Bar Mitzvah

Shney Hecht (Entering 8B)
on his Bar Mitzvah

Gitty (Entering 6G) **and Suri** (Entering 4G) **Elbaum**
on the birth of a baby sister

Yehuda Brinn, (Class of 2013)
son of **Mrs. Francie Brinn** (former ASHAR teacher)
upon his engagement to Sari Herskowitz of Lawrence.