



# ASHREINews



## Menahel's Message Jewish and Proud!

Upon being informed of his brother Esau's imminent arrival, Yaakov beseeches Hashem:

"הצילני נא מיד אחי מיד עשו". On the surface, Yaakov's request to be spared "from the hand of his brother, the hand of Esau," is redundant, inasmuch as it is obvious that Esau was his brother, and his only one at that. In truth, however, Yaakov's request was very deliberate, and reflective of prescient insight *I'sha'ah u'l'doros*.

The Beis Halevi suggests that while Yaakov was obviously concerned with the physical threat posed by Esau and his entourage, he was more fearful of their potentially negative spiritual impact upon his own morally and ethically refined family. Yaakov Avinu thus dawns to be saved from the violent hand of Esau should he act as can be expected of Esau the *ish tzayid*, the ruthless hunter. But he first begs to be spared from the hand of *achi*, my brother, since the greater danger is that posed by the potential negative influence of brotherly overtures and fraternal camaraderie.

According to Chazal, the angel with whom Yaakov later struggles was *Saro shel Esau*, Esau's heavenly agent. It is thus no coincidence, notes the Kesav Sofer, that the battle is described as "ויאבק איש עמו",

for – according to Rashi- the verb "ויאבק" can be interpreted in two ways. In Hebrew, "אבק" means dust, while in Aramaic it means to embrace. Esau's representative attempted to vanquish Yaakov through two distinct strategies, the proverbial carrot and stick. In the first stage of the struggle, the angel kicks up dirt as he attempts to physically overcome Yaakov Avinu. When that doesn't work, he then tries to defeat Yaakov through embrace, bonds of love and acceptance designed to strip Yaakov and his progeny of their uniqueness. And when at daybreak Yaakov finally emerges from both challenges, the Father of Galus has successfully established a paradigm of perseverance for posterity.

Navigating the realities of a Jew's necessary and even healthy participation in general society is complex and multifaceted. A positive self-awareness of our distinctiveness and uniqueness is a critical first step.

**Shabbat Shalom!**

-Rabbi Ari Jacobson Menahel/Dean



## Important Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11  
**Scholastic Book Fair**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13  
**6B Trip to the Sterling Hill Mine Museum**

MOTZEI SHABBOS, DECEMBER 17  
**Pre-Chanukah Concert 7:30 PM**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18  
**Father-Son Learning Erev Chanukah Extravaganza 8:30-11:00 AM**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20  
**Nursery Mommy & Me Program 9:30 AM**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21  
**Kindergarten Chanukah Play**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23  
**Erev Shabbos Chanukah**  
Carpool Dismissal:  
N-1 11:00 AM (in the back)  
2-8- 12:00 Noon (in the front)

SUNDAY-MONDAY, DEC. 25-26  
**No Sessions Chanukah Recess**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30  
**First Grade Siddur Play 9:30 AM**

*This week's Torah learning  
was sponsored by  
Mrs. Sharon Freundlich Algarin*

*Monday, December 5th Torah learning  
was sponsored by  
Shoshana and Nashy Weitzman*

*Friday, December 9th Torah learning  
was sponsored by  
Reuven and Libby Goldberg*

To sponsor a day visit [www.ashar.org/parnas](http://www.ashar.org/parnas)

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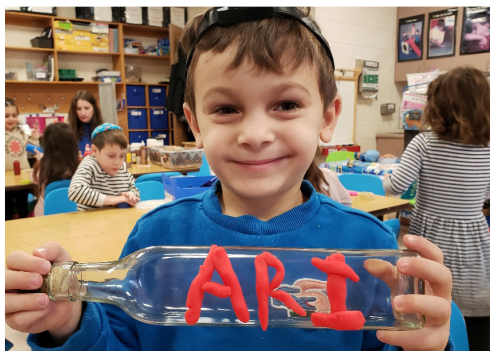
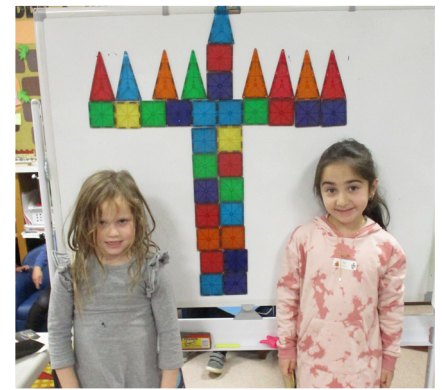
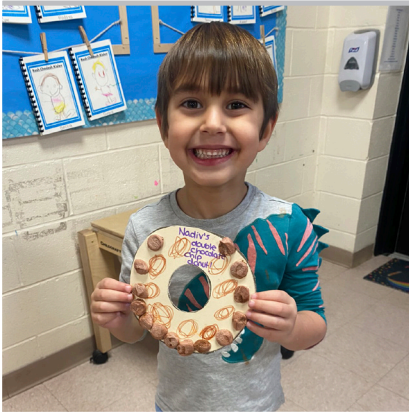
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# Chanukah Learning

In Early Childhood





# ASHAR GIRLS

## DIVISION

**Mrs. Debby Jacobson**

Principal, Girls Division

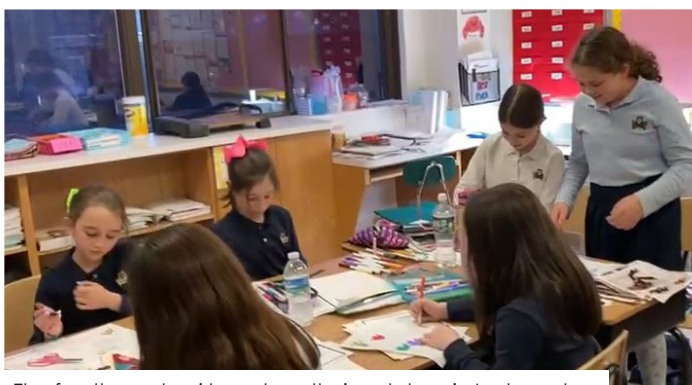


The Midrash relates that Yaakov Avinu decided to bury Rachel at a junction, despite the fact that they were so close to the city of Efrat. Yaakov Avinu foresaw his children going into a bitter exile following the destruction of the Beis Hamikdash. Yaakov Avinu knew that when their caring mother, Rachel, would see her precious children, broken and mourning, headed to the unknown, she would come out of her grave and daven to Hashem to have compassion on her beloved children.

Walking into the 3G classroom this week and listening to the girls sing about the *mesirus nefesh* of Rachel Immeinu, I couldn't help but think that she must be shining down on our girls and *shepping* much *nachas*.



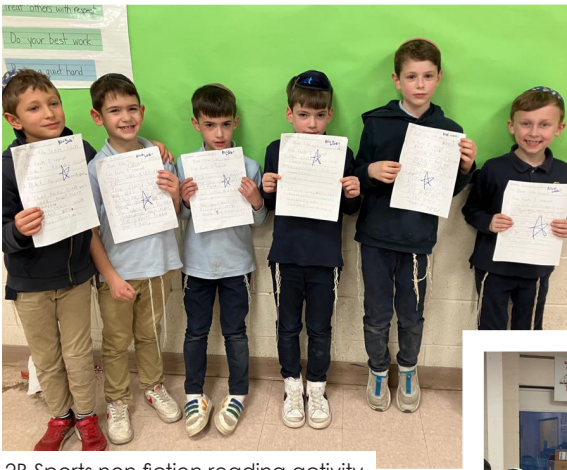
2G Enrichment book club finished their first book



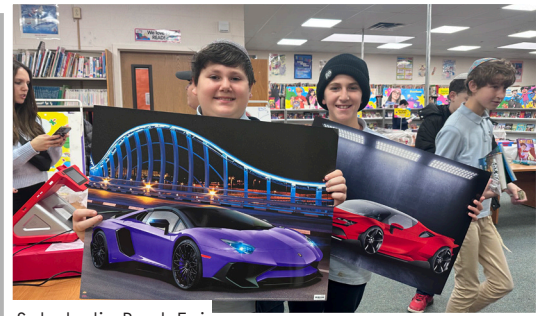
The fourth grade girls work on their catalogs in Lashon class







2B Sports non fiction reading activity



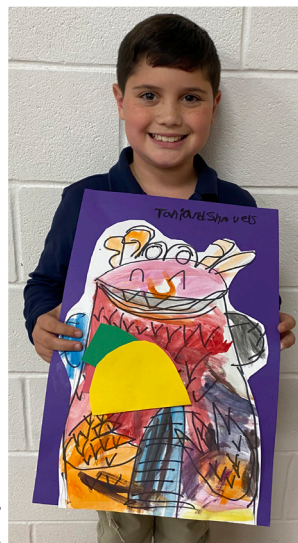
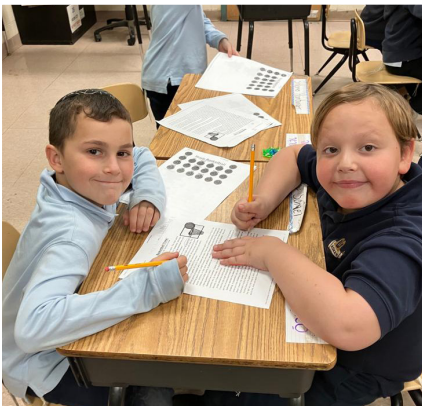
Scholastic Book Fair



2B working on fun basketball sheets



The 3rd grade begins Shemoneh Esrei!



What's

Happening  
in the  
**ASHAR  
ART  
ROOM**







# "Tails" from the ASHARK Tank

## Upcoming GAMES

### Girls Basketball

Sunday, 12/18/22  
12:30 PM  
Hillel@ASHAR

### Varsity 7th Boys Basketball

Sunday, 12/18/22  
1:45 PM  
Hillel@ASHAR

## Check out this review that went viral!

Last night my son who is in middle school went to a hockey game at **ASHAR** Yeshiva in New City, New York. We live in NJ and it was an 85 mile trip each way.

When the boys got to the school the **ASHAR** team provided them with water and snacks because they knew it was a far trip. I am so touched by this. Our team will copy this great mitzvah and do this for all our home games.

Such an easy gesture but the effects of water and snacks to a visiting team is just such an amazing example of middot.

I had to share because I was very touched by this as were the boys from our school's hockey team.

**-A Hillel Mom**

Thank you Mrs. Jennah Schuh and Coach Flo for initiating this effort!



**Mazel Tov to our Varsity 7th Boys Basketball Team on their win 37-35 against Ramaz!**

# FATHER-SON LEARNING

EREV  
CHANUKAH  
EXTRAVAGANZA

SUNDAY, 12/18/2022  
8:30 - 11:00 AM

Fourth through eighth grade boys and fathers (or other male adult) are invited to join their sons' Rebbeim for Shacharis, followed by a special program.



Register at [ashar.org/fslearn](http://ashar.org/fslearn)



TOMCHEI SHABBOS

# CANS FOR CHESED

Fill the box in your classroom  
with cans or boxes of non-  
perishable food

**DEADLINE IS:  
December 15th**

Kupas Ezra

## Clothing Sort

Sunday,  
December 11  
10:00-3:00

**ASHAR Gym**

360 New Hempstead Rd.  
New City, NY

Come help sort clothing to be  
sold at the Kupas Ezra  
second-hand store

Questions? 845-499-4025



# Mazel Tov!

Mr. and Mrs. David and Beth Katznelson  
on the marriage of their son



Morah Naomi Beller  
on the birth of a granddaughter

Mrs. Frieda Salb  
on the birth of a granddaughter

Cyporah Herschmann (Class of '14)  
on the birth of a girl

Simcha Orlansky (3B)  
on the birth of a sister

Atara Spaeth (Class of '15)  
on her engagement  
(Sister of Lilly (8G) and Netanel (7B) Spaeth,  
Granddaughter of Morah Devorah O'Brien)



Chai Lifeline Honey Engel Toy Fund

This Chanukah,  
gift a  
smile.



CHAILIFELINE  
**toy drive**

Brighten a sick child's life by donating a toy today.

Send toys to school with your child on the following days:

**When: December 1st - December 25th**



'Adopt a family' and  
make their Chanukah  
really special by  
fulfilling their wish list.

For our amazon wish list visit  
[www.chailifeline.org/toys](http://www.chailifeline.org/toys)



Send a gift for a  
sick boy or girl,  
Infants through teens,  
In any price range.  
(new toys only)



For a drop off location, information on adopt a family, to have your toys picked  
up or for any questions, Call Chai Lifeline at:  
212.699.6656 or email [TOYS@CHAILIFELINE.ORG](mailto:TOYS@CHAILIFELINE.ORG).





Please join us in showing Hakat 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>

Any questions?  
Email the PTA - [pta@ashar.org](mailto:pta@ashar.org)



# Dinner 2023

March 19th

Crowne Plaza Hotel

3 Executive Boulevard  
Suffern, New York

## THE ANNUAL ASHAR PTA

\$5 per skater  
Max \$20 per family  
cash or credit

## ICE SKATING EVENT

Questions/  
Sponsorship  
Opportunities:  
[pta@ashar.org](mailto:pta@ashar.org)

Motzei Shabbos  
Dec 31, 2022  
6:30pm-8:30pm

Sport-O-Rama  
20 College Road  
Monsey, NY 10952

Pizza & Drinks Available  
at the event for purchase  
While Supplies Last  
Preorder Pizza now: [ashar.org/ice](http://ashar.org/ice)



## Grandparents DAY

We cordially invite you to attend our Grandparents Day event where we look forward to creating beautiful Sefer Bereishit projects with you, watching a video of your grandchildren and spending this special time together!

**MONDAY,  
JANUARY 2ND  
9:30AM**

ASHAR's Carter Athletic Center  
360 New Hempstead Road  
New City, NY 10956



RSVP: [WWW.ASHAR.ORG/GRANDPARENTS](http://WWW.ASHAR.ORG/GRANDPARENTS)

PLEASE ADHERE TO THE SCHOOL DRESS CODE GUIDELINES



**REGISTER NOW!**

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*Next Level*

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PROFESSIONAL COACHES**

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# 8TH DAY THROWBACK

## CHANUKAH CONCERT

HOOLEHI!

IT'S SHABBOS  
NOW

ALL YOU GOT

YALILI

KAPAYIM

GAM ZU

TRACHT GUT

UNA MESER

AVRAHAM

MANHATTAN

LAMA BALUE

**Hillel**  
**Rockland**

MONDAY, DEC. 19, 2022  
CULTURAL ARTS THEATER  
ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
145 COLLEGE ROAD, SUFFERN, NY  
6:30PM DOORS OPEN // 7PM CONCERT

Tickets: \$36, \$72

VIP Tickets: \$180

Tickets are available online at  
[HillelRockland.org/Concert](http://HillelRockland.org/Concert)  
or contact Dov Oliver at  
845-659-2388



MOTZEI  
SHABBOS  
DEC 17  
7:30PM

× ASHAR PRESENTS

STARRING

**NEXT  
WEEK!**

ARYEH  
KUNSTLER



AKIVA & BINYAMIN  
ABRAMOWITZ  
FROM THE VIRAL  
TIKTOK HIT



# PRE- CHANUKAH CONCERT

THE CARTER ATHLETIC CENTER @ ASHAR  
360 NEW HEMPSTEAD ROAD, NEW CITY, NEW YORK

TICKETS START @ \$18  
CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

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