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Menahel's Message "One Size Does Not Fit All"



More than simply a powerful metaphor for G-d's omnipotence, the term 'אש אוכלת' – 'consuming fire' – used to describe Hashem's presence at Har Sinai, captures the extent of His relationship with man, both during Matan Torah and beyond. Fire, explains Rav Yaakov Tzvi Mecklenburg in his classic HaKesav V'Hakabbalah, uniquely reacts with each different type of wood, depending on the timber's specie, density, moisture level and a host of other factors. Similarly, the Ribbono shel Olam uniquely relates to each person in accordance with the specific attributes of the individual's particular *neshama*.

Hashem's 'specialized' connection to each and every *neshama* should serve as a paradigm for our own educational efforts. One size does not fit all, and the goals of every parent and *mechanech* must include interfacing with children on their individualized terms.

"חנוך לנער על פי דרכו", educate the child according to his way; "גם כי יזקין לא יסור ממנו", for even when he ages, *it* will never leave him ('משלי כ"ב, ו'). '*It*' will never leave, explains Rav Avrohom

Pam zt"l, refers not to content absorbed, as is commonly assumed, but to "דרכו", the child's unique learning style through which the knowledge was acquired. Knowledge bases and study skills expand and improve with maturation, but fundamental learning styles do not generally change, and hence must be reflected through differentiated instruction '*al pi darko*.'

Shabbat Shalom!

- *Rabbi Ari Jacobson*
Menahel/Dean

Mazel Tov!



Maiya Hirsch (PKA)
on a new sister

Moe (KA) & Isabelle (3G) Schiller
on a new sister



Tuesday, February 14th Torah learning
was sponsored by

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Important Upcoming Events

SUNDAY-MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19-20
No Sessions Presidents Day

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21
Mother Daughter Breakfast 4G-8G

MONDAY, MARCH 6
Ta'anit Esther
Friday Dismissal: There is busing
Grades N-PK, 1:30 pm (in the back)
Grades K-8, 1:45 pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 7
No Sessions Purim

SUNDAY, MARCH 12
Parent Teacher Conferences
Grades N-8



Mrs. Jacqueline Borgen

Principal, Early Childhood and First Grade

This week we connected *Parshat Mishpatim* to Presidents' Day. We learned all about the Mitzvot that Hashem gave us in the Torah, and know that we need to listen to the Mishpatim-laws/rules that Hashem gave to us. We discussed how we have rules from Hashem, rules from Mommy & Daddy in our house, and rules from our Morahs in school. Rules keep us happy and safe!

We then introduced our Presidents' Day unit and quickly realized that we also have rules that our President makes for our country! We learned all about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln and all the good that they did for America. We discussed what it means to be a president of a country and used our imaginations to think of rules that we would implement if we were president - rules that would keep everyone happy and safe! The children came up with great ideas. Here are a few of them:

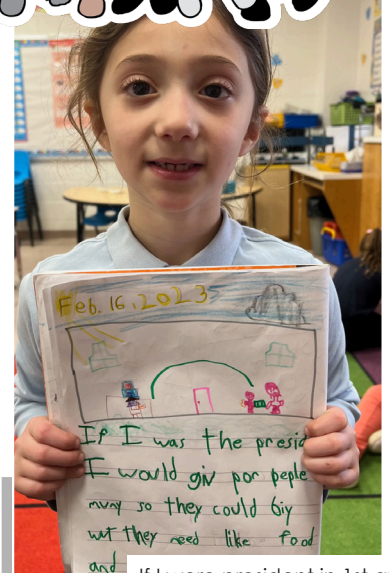
- I would make a law that everyone needs to brush their teeth.
- I would make sure that everyone has a house to live in.
- I would make a law that everyone needs to go to school and be on time.
- I would make a law that everyone needs to eat doughnuts for breakfast.
- I would tell everyone to plant flowers and trees to make America so beautiful.
- I would make a law that no one is allowed to bite or hurt other people.

Presidents Day

Have a wonderful Shabbos!



George Washington



If I were president in 1st grade

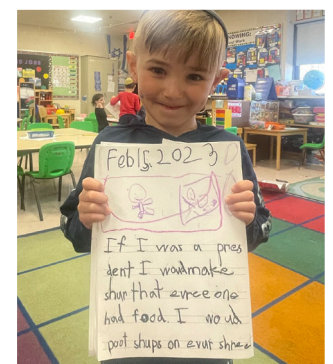
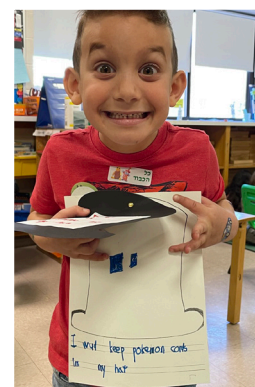
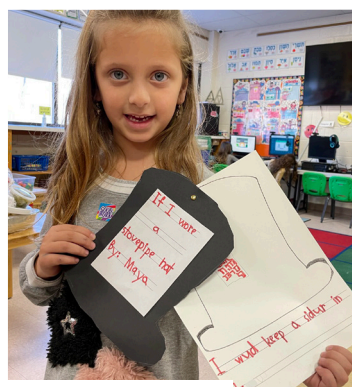
Parshat Mishpatim



If I were President in PreK



If I wore a stovepipe hat like Abraham Lincoln in Kindergarten



If I were president in Kindergarten

ASHAR GIRLS

DIVISION

Mrs. Debby Jacobson

Principal, Girls Division



Perek Shira is a collection of songs that none of us are able to hear. Written by *David HaMelech* and his son *Shlomo*, it is an assembly of verses sung by Hashem's animate and inanimate creations. The basic premise is that all elements of nature sing words of praise to Hashem in a language that we cannot understand. What is the significance of such a collection? What are the different lessons that we can learn from the elements of nature?

Perek Shira is a guide to life. It is the messages of the creatures. Each animal embodies a certain trait that we can emulate. It is the verses connected to each element that serve as our guide. It is only when we, intelligent mankind, learn from these messages that we elevate ourselves and all of the universe to perfection. By reciting *Perek Shira* we perceive the birds' chirp as not simply marking their territory but rather as a sweet song to the Creator, constantly reminding us that every day is filled with goodness and pleasantness. When we hear the croaking of a frog, we are reminded that while our service to Hashem is limited to our waking hours, the frog's ceaseless croaking can be heard day and night. The introduction to *Perek Shira* assures great reward to those that recite it daily and put forth effort to truly understand our Creator and His handiwork



In honor of our annual Mother-Daughter Breakfast that will take place next week, our middle school girls have created a magnificent depiction of *Perek Shira*. We can't wait to share it with everyone as we celebrate our children, Hashem's most precious creations!



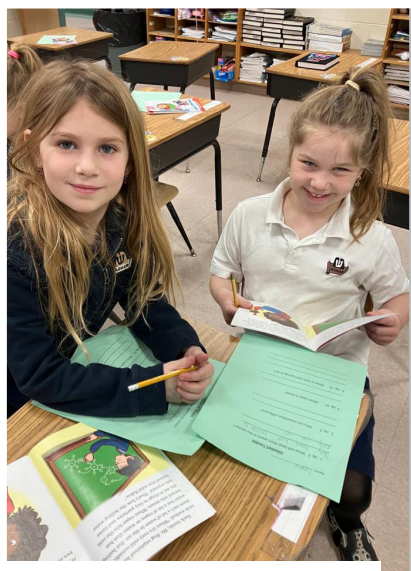
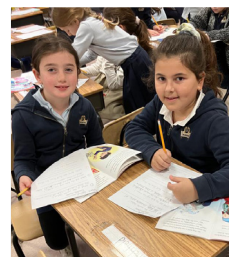
8G shabbaton



8G Melaveh Malka at Mrs. Gaisin's house with a concert by Yosef David



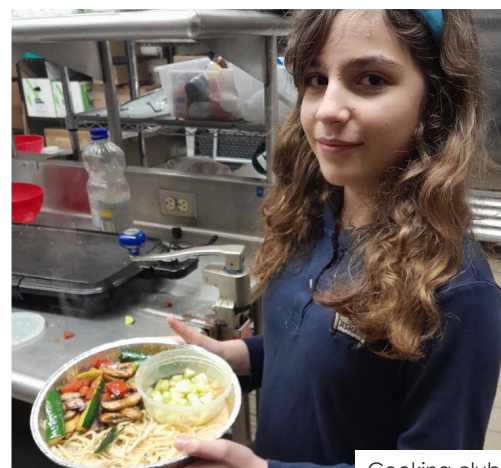
2G writing winter stories



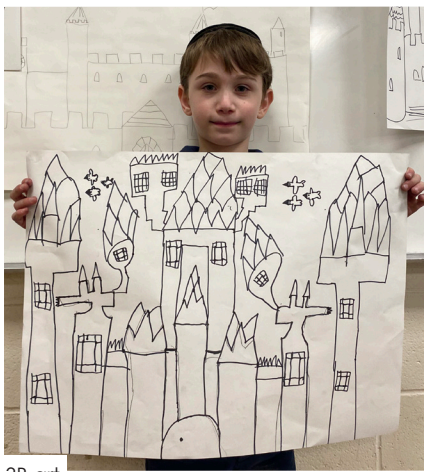
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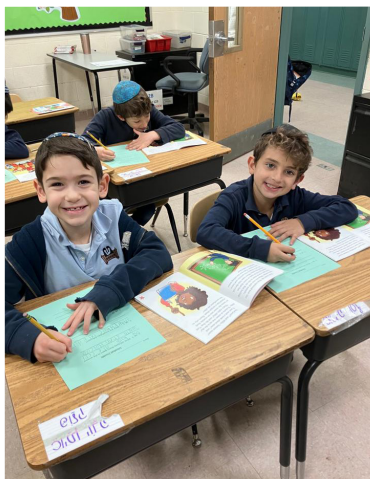
2G art



Cooking club



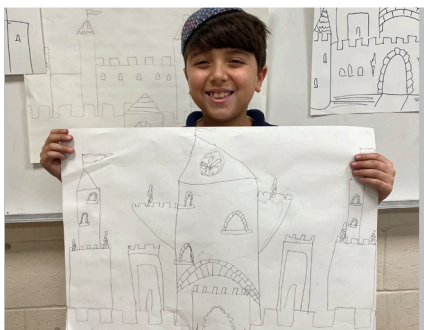
3B art



Grade 2 works on reading activities



1B dictation assignment.



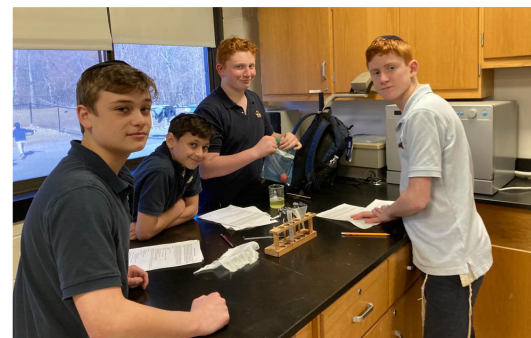
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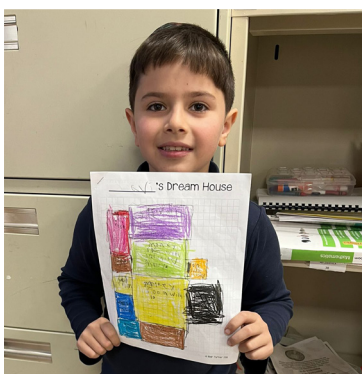
8B science - DNA extraction lab



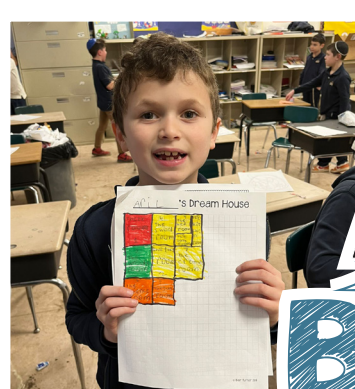
8B with Holocaust survivor Faye Skala



8B with Holocaust survivor Shmuel Gross



3B dream house area project in math



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Chaim & Nechama Friedman

Teacher of the Year
Florence Zelcer

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