



ASHREINews



Menahel's Message Celebrate the Process

While opting for the path of least resistance or the proverbial "easy way out" may yield pleasant short-term results, sustainable long-term growth is likely compromised when doing so. Growth is a process, a process that is sometimes even more critical than the ensuing result.

The late Gerrer Rebbe zt"l would point out that whereas the *halacha* allows any Jew to light the *menorah* of the Mishkan and Beis HaMikdash, only a Kohen was permitted to perform the requisite *hatava*- removing the used wicks and preparing the *menorah* for the new lighting. Apparently, the preparatory process is more highly valued by Hashem than the actual *mitzvah*, and thus requires a Kohen.

In a similar vein, the Torah at the beginning of Parshas Terumah enumerates the various donations solicited towards the construction of the Mishkan in descending order of value: gold, silver, copper, *techeiles*, *argaman*.

Only at the very end, notes the Or Hachaim Hakadosh, does the Torah mention the *avnei shoham* and *avnei miluim*, precious gem stones used for the Kohen Gadol's vestments. Though clearly more monetarily valuable than most, if not all, of the preceding metals, hides, and timbers, they are intentionally listed last, for according to Chazal, these stones miraculously originated from the *ananei hakavod*. The earlier listed items, however, were all earned or otherwise acquired through human endeavor, and are thus more greatly valued by Hashem, regardless of price.

Acknowledge your children's accomplishments, but perhaps even more importantly, embrace and celebrate the process!

Shabbat Shalom!

-Rabbi Ari Jacobson
Menahel/Dean



Tuesday, February 21st Torah learning
was sponsored by
The Pincus Family

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was sponsored by
Mrs. Sarah Pollack

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Friday, February 24th Torah learning
is sponsored by
The Spaeth Family

Important Upcoming Events

Wednesday, March 1
ECP Purim Puppet Show

Thursday, March 2
ECP Dr. Seuss Day

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

Wednesday, March 8
Costume Day Shushan Purim

SUNDAY, MARCH 12
Parent Teacher Conferences
Grades N-8



Mrs. Jacqueline Borgen

Principal, Early Childhood and First Grade

"Mishenichnas Adar Marbim B'Simcha!" On Wednesday, we gathered together for our Rosh Chodesh Adar assembly and "Simcha" was had by all! As we walked down the hall to the playroom, we noticed festive Purim signs and smiley faces. We were so excited to see what was in store for us this Rosh Chodesh. The celebration began with Morah singing, "When I think of Purim, I think of fun!" and all the children joined in merrily. Several children dressed up and helped us act out the song. We celebrated birthdays, reviewed the Purim story and sang lots of Purim songs! We can't wait for Purim to arrive! Please enjoy this recap video from our assembly:

<https://youtu.be/L4G2A2M9jzg>

Rosh Chodesh Adar

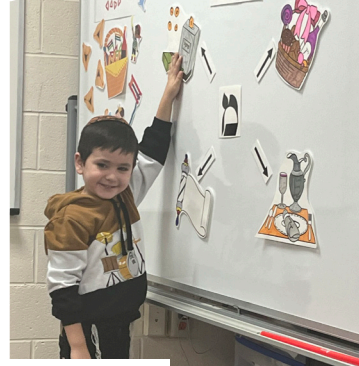


Birthday children

Purim



Chalau U'dvash

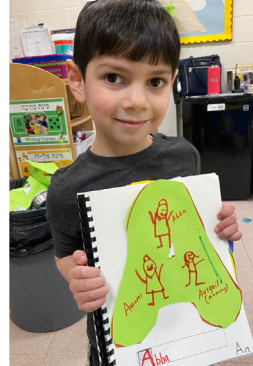


4 mem mitzvot

Morah Malky



ABC



Parsha



ASHAR GIRLS

DIVISION

Mrs. Debby Jacobson

Principal, Girls Division



This past week, we celebrated *Rosh Chodesh Adar*. *Adar* comes from the Hebrew word *adir*, which means strength. *Adar* is the month of good fortune for the Jewish people.

The Midrash tells us that when Hashem commanded Moshe to build the Mishkan he made a request: *asei li kiton echad v'edor beineichem* (make for me a small chamber, a mishkan, so that I may live in your midst.). The

Sfas Emes explains *v'edor* (and I will dwell) is related to the word *Adar*. The very name of this month implies that Hashem is dwelling in our midst. Furthermore, all the Torah portions that we read during *Adar* are connected to the building of the *Mishkan*. It is this closeness that differentiates *Adar* and is supposed to bring us tremendous joy. It is the notion of Hashem's closeness that is the greatest source of *simcha*.

The Girls Division celebrated *Rosh Chodesh Adar* with mounting *simcha*. We look forward to seeing continued growth from the girls as we celebrate the month of *Adar*.

Chodesh Tov!



Mother-Daughter Breakfast



The girls division celebrates Rosh Chodesh Adar with anything but a backpack day!



8G begins editing their "Names, Not Numbers" interviews using AI software.



1G-3G made fish masks for Rosh Chodesh Adar!



Winter Break Davening/Learning prizes



4B celebrates Rosh Chodesh Adar with dancing through the school.



5B presents state reports.



Rosh Chodesh Adar Breakfast



Rabbi Shmuel Schneid, Sofer Stam, demonstrating some of the finer points of writing a Sefer Torah and tefillin to our Seventh Grade boys.



Matnas Shabbos Week #8



What We Are Writing

Second Grade Persuasive Writing

By: Yosef Notik



I think that we should not have homework. To begin with, we do work at school so we shouldn't have at home. Also, when you get home you want to play. Most importantly, homework takes you away from your family. As you can see these are the reasons we shouldn't have homework.

By: Julie Millman



I think we should not have homework. To begin with it is too much work. Also, It is too much writing. Most importantly, there is no time to play. These are the reasons we should not have homework.

By: Aryeh Weitzman



I think that we should not have homework. To begin with I would have to go to bed very late. Also I have no time to have my tablet. Most importantly, I have no time to play. As you can see, these are the reasons we should not have homework.

By: Ahuva Auslander



I think we should not have homework. To begin with, when I get home I need time to relax. Also I don't want to do extra work. I want to jump on my trampoline. As you can see they are the reasons I do not want homework.

By: Ari Cohen



I think that we should have homework. To begin with, you get smarter. Also, it helps you at school. Best of all when I am done I can read books. As you can see these are the reasons we should have homework.

By: Atara Schwartz



I think that we should not have homework. To begin with, I need to practice piano every day. Also I need a break. Most importantly, I don't have time to watch TV. As you can see, we should not have homework.



By: Shlomo Abboudi

I think that we should not have homework. To begin with, kids need more time to be with their family. Also, so kids have more time to play. Most importantly, so the parents can do stuff they need to do. As you can see these are the reasons we should not have homework.

ASHAR Dinner

Please join us

3-19-23 6:00 PM

At the

Crowne Plaza Hotel
3 Executive Boulevard, Suffern, New York

**Featuring
Magician**
Shlomo Levinger

Guests of Honor
Yossi & Dini Cohn



Parents of the Year

Chaim & Nechama Friedman



Teacher of the Year

Florence Zelcer



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Happy Purim!

FROM THE ASHAR PTA

**Send Mishloach Manot
to the entire ASHAR
Administration & Staff**

\$54 - I am a current ASHAR Family

\$18 - I am a Current ASHAR Staff Member

\$72 - Alumni / Non-Current Family

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**DEADLINE:
THIS SUNDAY!**

LUNCH MENU - ELEMENTARY
5 DAY / FLEISHIG / MARCH - 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			MARCH 1	MARCH 2	MARCH 3
			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
MARCH 5	TAANIS ESTHER MARCH 6	PURIM MARCH 7	SHUSHAN PURIM MARCH 8	MARCH 9	MARCH 10
Waffle or Pancakes Vegetable Soup Assorted Yogurts Egg Salad* Baby Crts, Cux Sticks & Grape Tom. Honey Mustard Dip Pancake Syrup Fresh Apples Bread, Milk	Dei 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	
MARCH 12	MARCH 13	MARCH 14	MARCH 15	MARCH 16	MARCH 17
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	
MARCH 19	MARCH 20	MARCH 21	MARCH 22	R"CH NISSAN MARCH 23	MARCH 24
Mini Cheesy Twists Spicy Mayo Vegetable Soup Assorted Yogurts Egg Salad* Baby Carrots, Cux Sticks & Grape Tom. 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	Baked Ziti Noodles Nish Nash Salad Nish Nosh Dressing Mozzarella Cheese Sticks Tuna Salad* Ketchup Fruit Cups – Pears, Bread, Milk	Yogurt Muffin Baby Carrot Fresh Apple Chocolate Milk Chickpeas Bread	
MARCH 26	MARCH 27	MARCH 28	MARCH 29	MARCH 30	MARCH 31
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	

COUNTDOWN TO

PURIM

MONDAY

FEBRUARY 27TH

PAJAMA
SNOW
DAY

TUESDAY

FEBRUARY 28TH

SUPERHERO
DAY

WEDNESDAY

MARCH 1ST

DRESS UP
LIKE YOUR
TEACHER DAY

THURSDAY

MARCH 2ND

TIE-DYE
DAY

FRIDAY

MARCH 3RD

FANCY
FRIDAY

***UNIFORMS MUST BE WORN**



PRE-PURIM CALENDAR

MONDAY
2/27

SPORTS
JERSEY
DAY

*Wear your
favorite sports
team's Jersey*



TUESDAY
2/28

NON-ASHAR
SWEATSHIRT
DAY

*Wear your
NON-ASHAR
sweatshirt*



WEDNESDAY
3/1

FUTURE DAY

*Dress up as
what you want
to be/look like
in the future*



THURSDAY
3/2

DÍA NORMAL
EN ASHAR

*I hope you have
Google
Translate*



FRIDAY
3/3

ADARABAH
REBBE

*Who is the
Adarabah
Rebbe???*



***Uniforms Must Be Worn**

