



ASHREINews



Menahel's Message Wisdom and Wisdoms



The Rishonim associate symbolically the seven branches of the menorah with seven traditional classifications of wisdom, each a unique source of intellectual, emotional and spiritual illumination. Specifics vary slightly in different sources, but most identify the seven branches of wisdom are as follows: 1) Tevunah, or the power of comprehension, analysis and application, 2) natural sciences, such as chemistry and physics, 3) knowledge of the soul, or- in modern terms- psychology, 4) knowledge of living creatures, or biology, 5) music, 6) metaphysics, and finally, but first and foremost, 7) Torah.

Not surprisingly, Torah is represented by the menorah's middle branch, and each of the remaining six wisdoms by one of the three branches on either side. Perhaps more significantly, the Torah commands that each of the six flames be directed towards the center flame, demonstrating not only the primacy of Torah, but the role of the other disciplines in serving and facilitating Torah: "El

mul p'nei ha'menorah yoeiru shivas haneros." Indeed, Rav Baruch MiShklov states in the name of his Rebbe, the Vilna Gaon, that all knowledge is necessary for properly understanding Torah, to the extent that for every measure of knowledge lacking, the negative impact on one's knowledge of Torah is magnified one-hundred-fold!

While a portion of one's academic endeavors may be devoted to ostensibly non-Torah subjects, an ovoid Hashem is constantly aware that in truth, all that one studies, and does, is ultimately directed towards the singular purpose of serving our Maker: "la'asos r'tzoncha b'levav shalem!"

Shabbat Shalom!

- Rabbi Ari Jacobson Menahel/Dean



Thursday, May 25th Torah learning
was sponsored by
the Farkas Family

To sponsor a day visit www.ashar.org/parnas

Friday, June 9th Torah learning
is sponsored by
Izzy & Elizabeth Tauber

Important Upcoming Events

MONDAY, JUNE 12
**2B/2G Trip to
Stepping Stones Museum**

MONDAY, JUNE 12
**3G Around the World
Celebration 9:30 AM**

TUESDAY, JUNE 13
8G Graduation 7:15 PM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14
8B Graduation 7:15 PM

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19-21
Finals, Grades 5-7
Dismissal:
Grades 5-7 12:00 p.m.
Grades N-4 Regular Dismissal

TUESDAY, JUNE 20
Kindergarten Graduation 9:30 AM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21
Pre-K Aleph Bet Siyum 9:30 AM

THURSDAY, JUNE 22
Nursery End-of-Year Presentation 9:30 AM
(Nursery children will be dismissed straight from the play.)
Last Day of School 12:00 noon Dismissal

Don't forget to bring a sharpened pencil for your final exams!





Mrs. Jacqueline Borgen

Principal, Early Childhood and First Grade

The school year is coming to a close, but the children are still busy learning and reviewing every day!

ABC's, Aleph Bet, math, reading, writing, All About Me, yearbooks and more.

Graduation plays, end of year parties, assemblies galore!

We can't wait to perform for you at our end of year plays,

We look forward to seeing you on these special days!



ECP End-Of-Year Play Performance Dates:

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

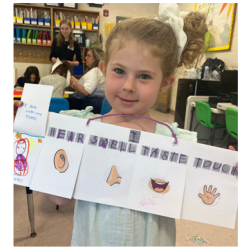
Wednesday, June 21st: PreK Aleph Bet Siyum, 9:30am

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

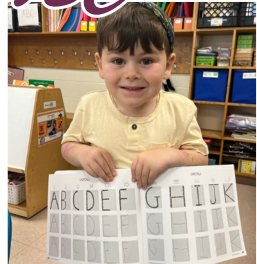
Aleph Bet



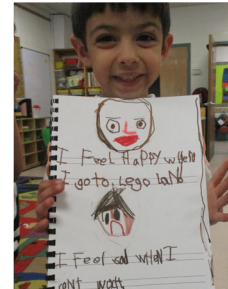
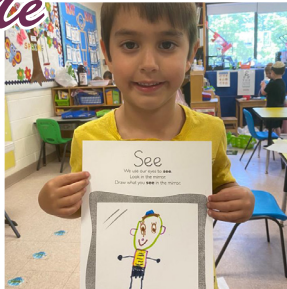
5 Senses



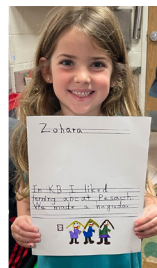
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All About Me



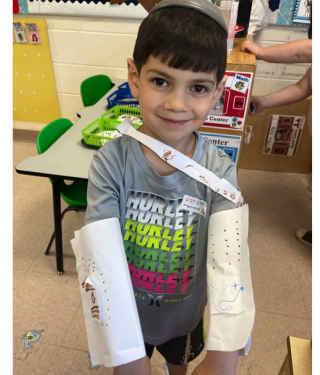
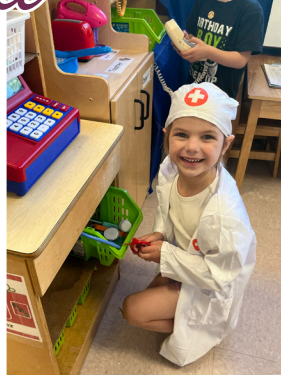
Our Favorite Times



Morah Malky Music & Movement



Pre-K Dr. Office



ASHAR GIRLS

DIVISION

Mrs. Debby Jacobson

Principal, Girls Division



The Gemara in Shabbos tells us about a gentile who wanted to convert to Judaism. This individual stated that he would accept Judaism only if a rabbi would teach him the entire Torah while he, the prospective convert, stood on one foot. First he went to Shammai, who, insulted by this ridiculous request, threw him out of the house. The man did not give up and went to Hillel. This gentle sage accepted the challenge, and said: "What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor. That is the whole Torah; the rest is the explanation of this—go and study it!"

Imagine what the world would be like if we all followed this precept. Imagine what would happen if before a person took action he would stop to think if he would want to be treated this way. Imagine a world filled with kindness, compassion and empathy.

This past week, our middle school girls competed in Color War. The respect and sensitivity displayed by our students for one another was inspiring.

So proud of our girls!!



Beach day in 3G



8G Graduation Trip to Washington



Camping Day in 3G



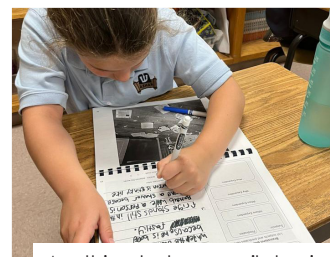
Bring Your Own Game Day in 3G



7G Trip to Philadelphia



4G Romero Britto Artwork



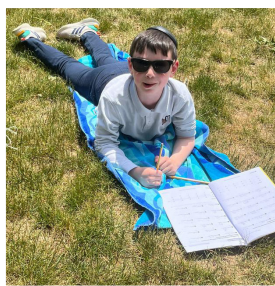
Anything but a pencil day in 3G!



1G creates "Sharing an Umbrella" Artwork



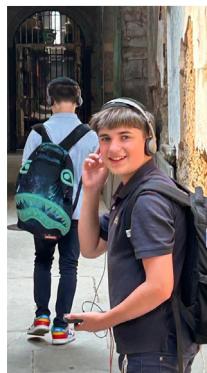
Beach Day 3B



8B Graduation Trip to Washington



7B Trip to Philadelphia



Camping Day in 3B



Matnas Shabbos Week #13



2B Siyum



3B Maseches Pesachim Siyum



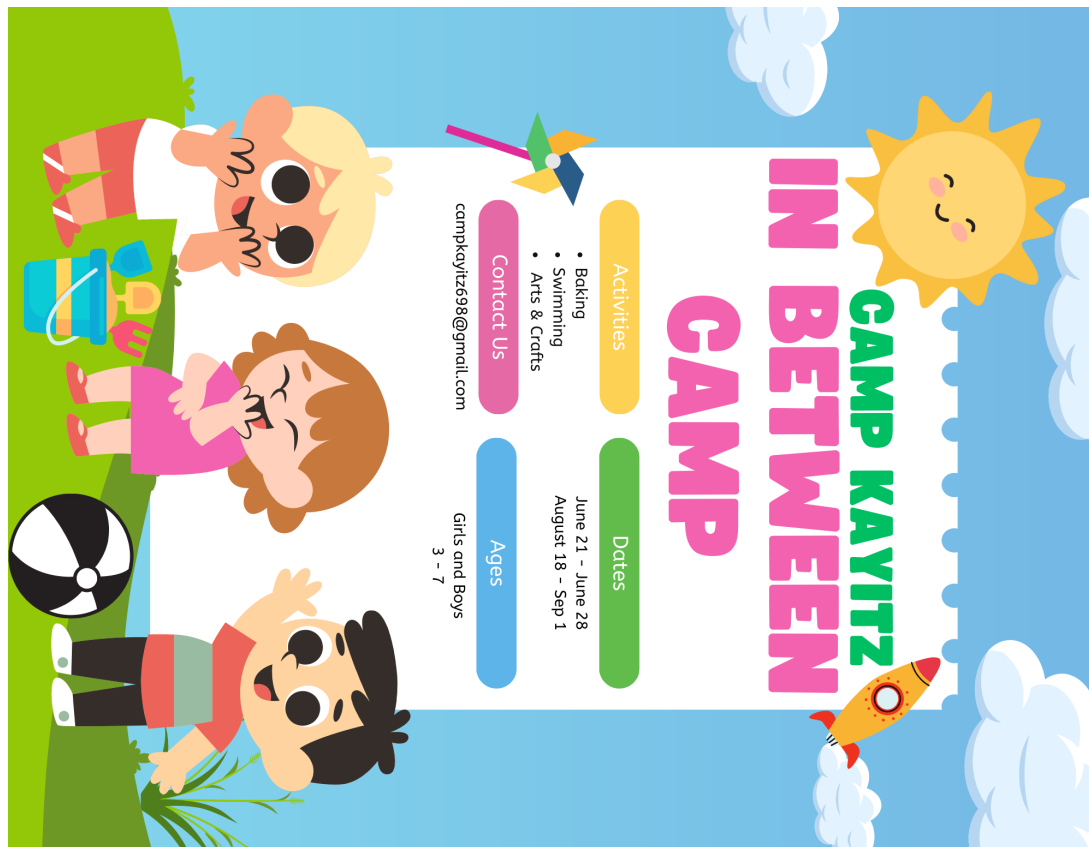
4th grade boys presented Battle of the Books to 3B. The third grade boys voted on their favorite.



COLOR WAR



ISRAEL DAY
PARADE



ASHAR Summer Academic Program for 2023

This is an opportunity for students to review and practice important skills in reading, writing, and math during the summer months.

The program is designed to meet the scheduling needs of parents and students with flexible hours and locations (online or in person).

Due to funding sources, the ASHAR Summer Academic Program for 2023 is free for all students.

Email jschuh@ashar.org for more information.

www.ashar.org/tutor

Mazel Tov!

Faygie Ringel
on her son's Bar Mitzvah

Nechama Lapp
on her wedding

Faigy Friedman
on her Bat Mitzvah

Bella Landau
on her Bat Mitzvah

Maddie Ayzenberg
on her Bat Mitzvah

Motty Berger
on his Bar Mitzvah

Zev Taub
on his Bar Mitzvah

Have any good news to share?
email mgoldman@ashar.org

Now that the school year is almost over

DONATE YOUR USED UNIFORMS!

Drop off at 5 Pearl Drive

Parents of K, 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th
Grades in the 2023-2024 year

Please send in a copy of your child's physical
exam to the Nurse's Office by September 1, 2023

