



ASHREINews

פורים Edition



Menahel's Message B'Simcha Tamid!



In the early twentieth century, scores of immigrant Jews abandoned Shabbos observance upon reaching these shores. Not appearing for work on Saturday usually meant no job on Monday, and who is to say how even the more pious among us would have reacted under such trying circumstances. A smaller group steadfastly clung to Shabbos, and with heroic *mesirus nefesh* would leave work Friday knowing that in all likelihood a new means of sustenance would have to be found the next week. Unfortunately, most of these precious souls did not merit children with similar levels of religious commitment: I recall my grandfather z"l relating how his father was the only member of their Brownsville *shtiebel* able to eat in his children's homes.

One reason for the next generation's lack of interest in Yiddishkeit in general and Shabbos in particular was the lack of joy associated with observance. Their parents observed Shabbos, but often in misery. For their children, Shabbos represented abject deprivation and sadness. The Yiddish adage "s'is shver tzu zein a Yid," observed Rav Moshe Feinstein z"l, killed a generation.

While still on the mountain, Moshe Rabbeinu is informed

by Hashem that Bnei Yisrael had formed and worshipped the Golden Calf. Yet, upon reaching the crime scene, Moshe appears surprised, and in his wrath breaks the *luchos*. Seforno explains that although Moshe was aware of his nation's grievous sin, he was nonetheless shocked upon witnessing the degree of joy with which the Calf was worshipped: "Va'yar es ha'eigel **u'mcholos**" - "He saw the Calf and the revelry."

It's not just what one does- it's how one does it. It's one thing to sin, but quite another to savor the *aveira*. And the same applies to *mitzvos*. One can marginally perform a *mitzvah* and technically fulfill his or her obligation, but if the *mitzvah* is to positively impact children, it must be done joyously and wholeheartedly.


The Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim begins by reminding us of the paramount importance of always- *tamid*- being aware of Hashem's existence: "שׁוּתִיחַ לַנֶּגֶד תָּמִיד." And the Rema at the very end of Hilchos Megillah, the laws with which the Orach Chaim section concludes, teaches that the only way to assure that this is indeed the case is by constantly- *tamid*- serving Him joyously: "טוב לב משתה תמיד." *Simchas Purim, and simchas tamid!*

Shabbat Shalom!

- Rabbi Ari Jacobson
Menahel/Dean



Friday, March 3rd Torah learning
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THE **ASHAR PTA** THANKS EVERYONE
WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS YEAR'S PURIM
MISHLOACH MANOS CAMPAIGN!



Important Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, MARCH 12
Parent Teacher Conferences
Grades N-8

TUESDAY, MARCH 14
7B/G-8B/G Trip to Albany

SUNDAY, MARCH 26
3B Haschalas Mishnayos Breakfast
9:30 AM

MONDAY, MARCH 13
6G Tenement Museum Trip

SUNDAY, MARCH 19
ASHAR Dinner

SUNDAY, APRIL 2
4B-8B Final Sunday Program



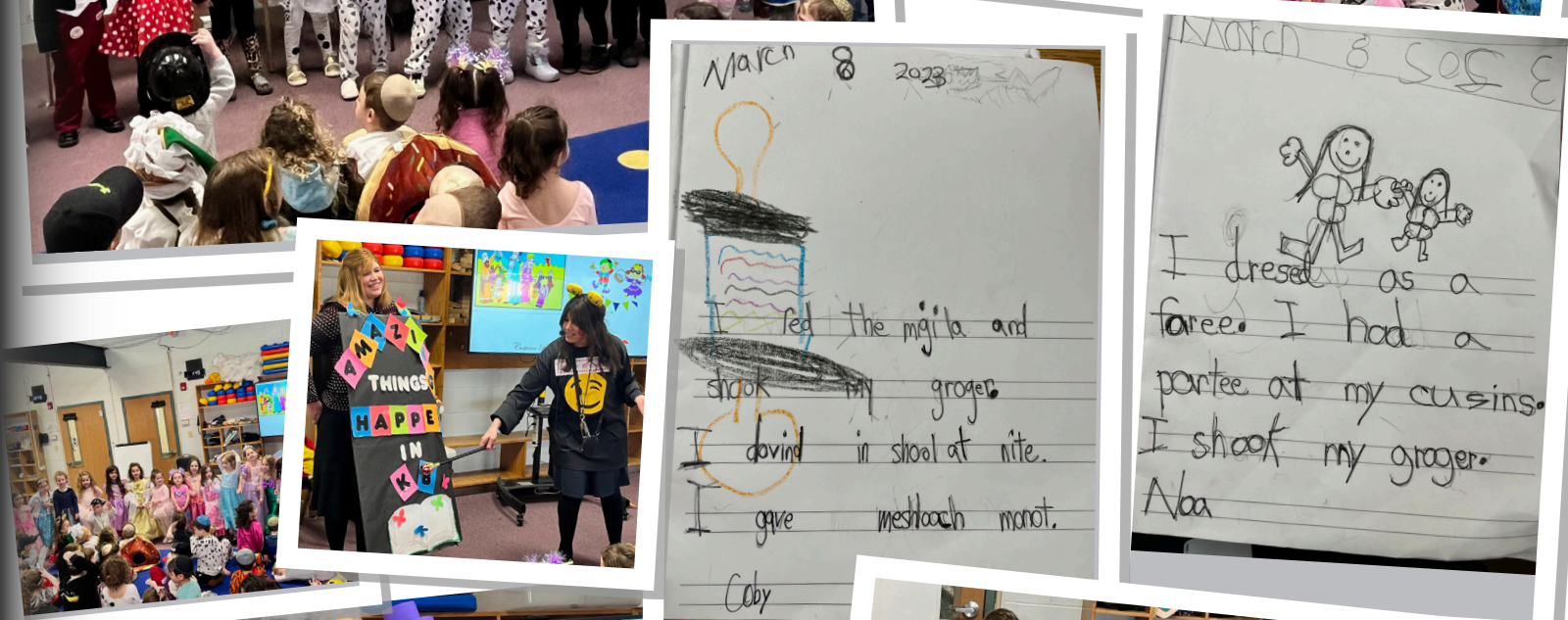
Mrs. Jacqueline Borgen

Principal, Early Childhood and First Grade

On Shushan Purim, the children came to school in costume. Everyone had a chance to show off their costumes to their friends. We also had a wonderful Purim themed day and enjoyed music with Mr. Nulman and a lesson with Morah Simcha (Morah Jackie). The children received smiley cheek face paint for performing the 4 Mitzvot of Purim.

Please enjoy this Purim Recap video of all the learning, festivities and fun in ASHAR's Gan Esther Early Childhood Program!

Have a wonderful Shabbos!



משנכנס אדר
מרבין בשמחה



ASHAR GIRLS

DIVISION

Mrs. Debby Jacobson
Principal, Girls Division



Moshe had something important to tell Bnei Yisrael. He had just come down from Har Sinai, where Hashem had agreed to forgive the Jews for the sin of the cheit haegel. Moshe was now ready to tell the Jewish people all about the special job of building the beautiful Mishkan. The Mishkan would be the place from which Hashem would guide the people as they traveled in the midbar. Moshe made sure to gather every single Jew together; men, women, and children. They all had a part to play and Moshe didn't want to leave anyone out. All different types of Jews came together as one. Moshe knew that for this plan to work everybody would have to get along with one another and work together peacefully. Moshe understood how important it is to count people in, even when they are not exactly the same. Moshe got that where there is togetherness and people get along with each other, great things can happen.

What an important lesson for our girls. Collaboration and team building. Working together to accomplish great things. We can't wait to share much nachas!



6G interviewed characters in the megillah using information that they could find sources for.



Zahava Potrkowski

Zahava: Before this issue that you had with the party, did you and your husband ever have any disagreements in your marriage?

Vashti: I would definitely say that we have. One example is when Achashverosh wanted to let the Jews rebuild the Beis HaMikdash but I would not let him. He was being too soft. My grandparents worked hard to destroy the Beis HaMikdash and that he wanted to let them rebuild it? No way.

Source: (ט"ז מרחשון ד'ר"ב לע יונעם טוקלי)



Shoshana Pelsinger

Shoshana: I heard rumors that you refused to go to the party that your husband King Achashverosh invited you to. What is the reason you refused his invitation?

Vashti: Of course I refused to go! That morning when I was getting ready, I looked into my mirror and what did I see? I looked beyond disgusting! I was covered in red juicy pimples and not only that, I also had a tail! There was absolutely no way that I was going to that party!

Source: (ה'ב בי הליגט)



Chana Ayzenberg

Chana: What did you do about the evil decree, once Haman was -um- out of the picture?

Mordechai: Baruch Hashem, the king gave Esther all of Haman's property, and gave me his ring. I was able to send out a counter-decree and stop the killing, and the suffering was averted!

Source: ב"י סיקוספ, ח קרפ



Zoey Dembinsky

Zoey: How did it feel when the king asked for your advice in the middle of the night?

Haman: Oh! That was such an awkward situation! I was so excited because when the king asked how I would reward someone who really helped him, I was so sure that he was talking about me! I told him that such a person should get to wear your clothing and get brought around on a horse. When I realized that Achashverosh was talking about Mordechai, I felt like I got smacked in the face! It got even worse when Achashverosh told me I have to bring the horse around...

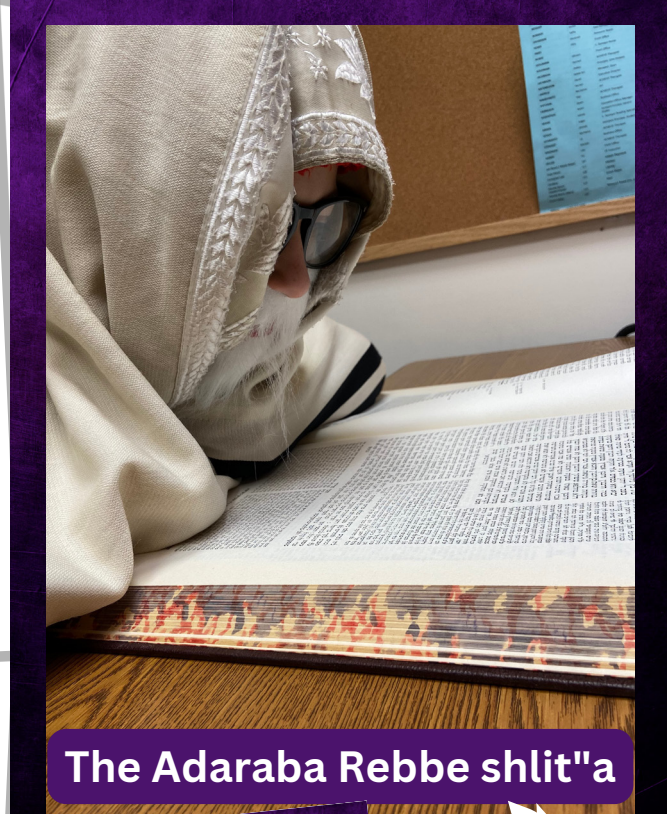
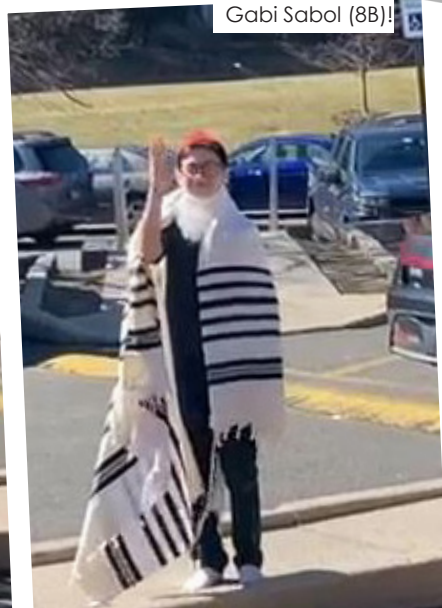
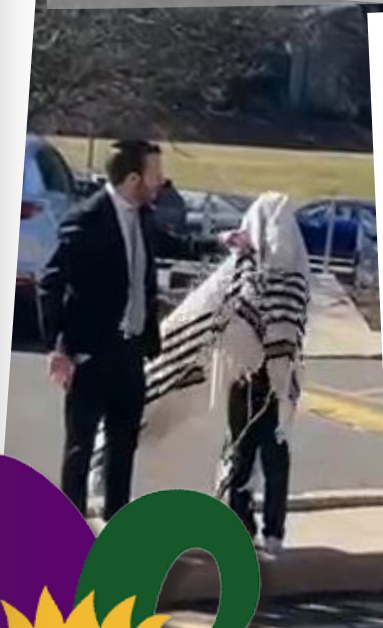
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PRE-PURIM
EXTRA
GANZA



Purim
Carnival!



The Adaraba Rebbe shlit"a

The Big Reveal!



WAIT. But who is he???
He's one of YOU.

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THE SHUSHAN SEWER SOWER



You are on your way to a Purim party at Achashvarosh's palace.

OH NO!!!!

As you walk over the sewer drain Your party invitation falls inside!
Down the drain you also see other items belonging to the royal palace members that need to be retrieved.

Your task: With your team, build a grabber and remove as many items as you can.
Hurry! You only have a limited amount of time- the party starts soon.
(Your hands cannot enter the storm drain--ewwww!)

The winner will get to wear the royal crown
and ride the king's horse throughout Shushan*

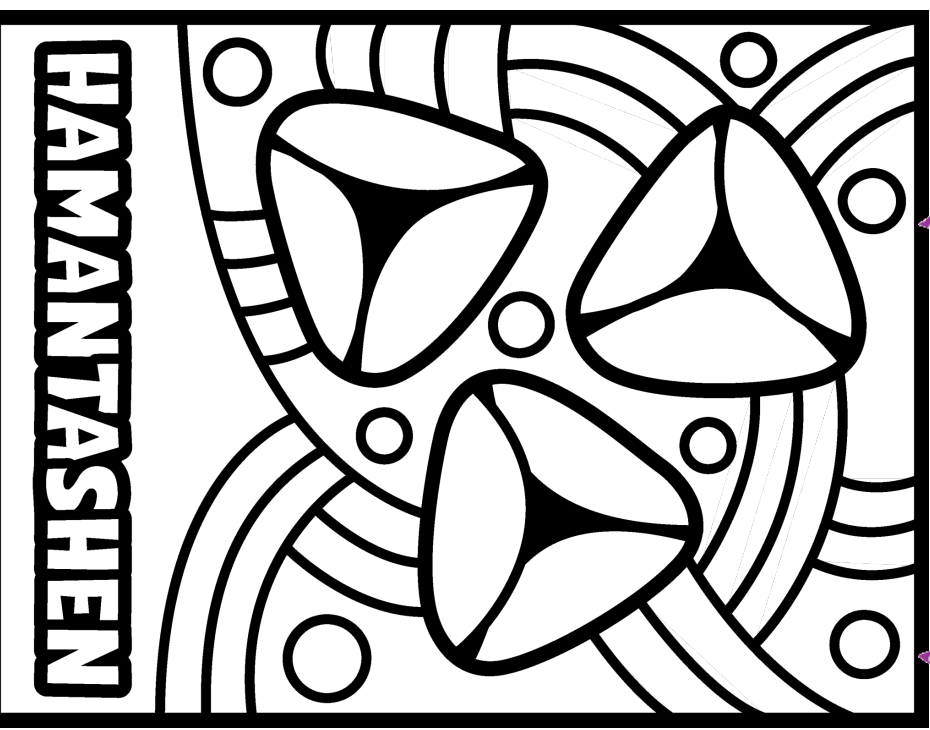
*Subject to availability, terms and conditions may apply.

Can you pickup?

Achashvarosh's Royal Scroll
Mordechai HaTzadik's Kippah
Queen Esther's Tehillim
Bigson & Seresh's cell phone
Queen Vashti's Jewelry
Haman's dice
Zeresh's trash



What's Happening in the ASHAR ART ROOM



PURIM WORD FIND

ALL THESE WORDS HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH PURIM...
CAN YOU FIND AND CIRCLE THEM?
(CAN APPEAR FORWARDS, BACKWARDS, ANGLED...)

Y	T	R	A	P	U	N	I	O	I
A	N	O	V	R	A	H	O	A	Z
S	I	D	F	M	G	A	L	H	E
H	T	P	A	R	T	I	J	P	R
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HAMAN PARTY GROGER PERSIA MEGILA SHUSHAN PURIM ZERES ESTHER MORDECHAI VASHTI HARVONA

ESTHER

ON THE RIGHT YOU WILL FIND GROUPS OF NUMBERS. ON THE CHART BELOW, LINK THE LINES FROM ONE NUMBER TO THE NEXT TO SEE THE LETTER THEY FORM. FILL IN EACH LINE TO FIND THE PHRASE FROM THIS PARSHA THAT GIVES BNE YISROELA REST!

EXAMPLE:
3-67-63, 35-7 = **ש**

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
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61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

ANSWER: **שְׁמֵי שָׁמַיְתָם שָׁמַיְתָם שָׁמַיְתָם**



תודה

IDF Soldiers stationed in Elon Moreh with mishloach manos packages from ASHAR. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Please join us

ASHAR Dinner

3-19-23 6:00 PM

At the
Crown Plaza Hotel
3 Executive Boulevard, Suffern, New York

*Featuring
Magician
Shlomo Levinger*

*Guests of Honor
Yossi & Dini Cohn*

**NEXT
SUNDAY!**



Parents of the Year

Chaim & Nechama Friedman



Teacher of the Year

Florence Zelcer

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Upcoming GAME

Varsity 6th Boys Basketball

Sunday, 3/14/23
6:30 PM

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Mazel Tov!



Daniel (1B) and
Menachem (5B) Herman
on the birth of a brother