



# ASHREINews

## Pesach Edition



### Menahel's Message Guaranteed!



Investment firms typically caution that past performance does not ensure future results. Fortunately, the Ribbono shel Olam issues no such disclaimers. On the contrary, writes R. Yitzchak of Korvil in his classic Sefer Mitzvos Katan, our unwavering belief in the ultimate Redemption is founded on the fact that Hashem redeemed us from the bondage of Egyptian slavery once, and is thus eminently capable of facilitating miracles of similar magnitude in the future.

The commandment of "אנוכי ה' אלוהיך אשר הוצאתיך מארץ מצרים" - "I am Hashem your G-d who took you out of Egypt" - is thus the basis for each of us being asked after 120 years whether or not we were sufficiently optimistic: "צפית לישועה".

It is perhaps for this reason that later on in Parashas Shoftim, the Torah describes G-d not merely as the One who released us from Egypt, but rather as the One who *elevated* us from Egypt: "המעלה" - "מארץ מצרים" By redeeming us once, suggests the Lubavitcher Rebbe z"l, Hashem elevated our individual and collective spirits, and infused within them an eternal sense of optimism and hope.

Enjoy your present *berachos*, and look forward to those that await, for unlike the predictions of even the most confident prognosticator, Hashem's past *nissim v'niflaos* are guaranteed harbingers for an even brighter future: "כימי צאתך מארץ מצרים אראנו נפלאות".

*With best wishes for a chag Kasher v'sameach,*  
-Rabbi Ari Jacobson  
Menahel/Dean

The week of March 27th Torah learning  
was sponsored by  
Felicia & William Hirshfeld



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

Thursday, March 16th Torah learning  
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Friday, March 31st Torah learning  
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Monday, March 27th Torah learning  
was sponsored by  
the Pollack Family

Sunday, April 9th Torah learning  
is sponsored by  
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**THANK YOU!** Shout out to our incredibly devoted office staff for their hard work during this very busy Pesach season!

## Important Upcoming Events

SUNDAY-SUNDAY, APRIL 2-16  
**No Sessions** Pesach Break

TUESDAY, APRIL 18  
**Yom Hashoah** Regular Sessions

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26  
**Yom Ha'Atzmaut** Regular Sessions

MONDAY, APRIL 17  
**Sessions Resume**

TUESDAY, APRIL 25  
**Yom Hazikaron** Regular Sessions

MONDAY, MAY 1  
**3B Trip to Bronx Zoo**

**REMINDER:** East Ramapo's Non-Public Student Transportation Forms for 2023-24 school year are **DUE APRIL 1, 2023**. Return the forms to [np-forms@ercsd.org](mailto:np-forms@ercsd.org). Any questions or issues regarding East Ramapo Bus Transportation need to be addressed by the parent to East Ramapo directly at 845-577-6490 or in person at 105 S. Madison Ave., Spring Valley. Please be aware that as per East Ramapo, ASHAR is no longer involved in collecting and submitting these forms.







## Mrs. Jacqueline Borgen

Principal of Early Childhood and First Grade

On behalf of the entire Early Childhood family, I would like to wish you a Chag Kosher V'Sameach! Enjoy the Chag with your children. The teachers have prepared the children beautifully for Pesach. They know so much, and are so excited to share all their information with you. We will miss the children, and look forward to hearing all about everyone's Yom Tov when they return to school.

Thank you so much to all of the parents and grandparents who contributed to the Matzah Factory. The children thoroughly enjoyed the program and truly learned a great deal.

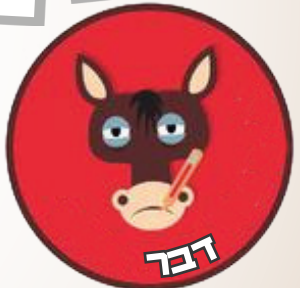
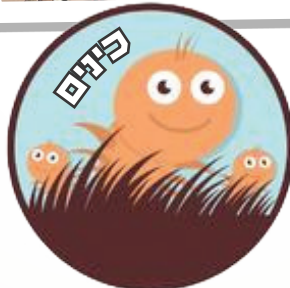
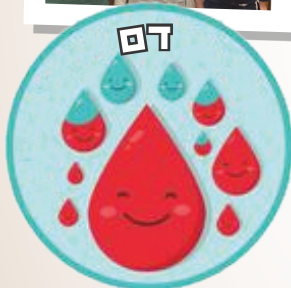
### Please enjoy the following Pesach recap videos:

Rosh Chodesh Nissan Assembly: <https://youtu.be/USI4UcHg9NY>

The Matzah Factory Visits ASHAR: <https://youtu.be/l-O4BI2Og>

ECP Pesach Recap: <https://youtu.be/1vZ1zQ5-I7Y>

Wishing everyone a Chag Kosher V'Sameach! May we be zoche to greet Mashiach this year as we open the door for Eliyahu Hanavi!





# חג כשר ושמח





## Mrs. Debby Jacobson

Principal of Girls Division

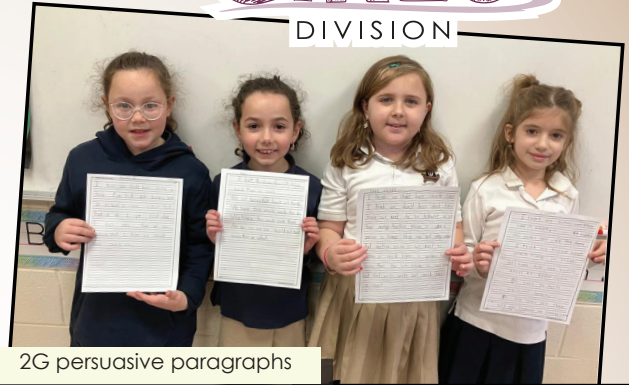


ותקח מרים הנביאה אחות, את התוף-בירה  
Miriam sang with a tambourine, music that  
inspired all the women to dance. She sang with a full heart, as  
befits a Jewish matriarch who saw the open miracles of Yetzias  
Mitzrayim.

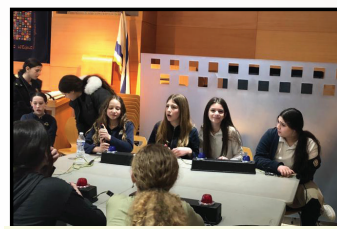
שירו לה כִּי-גָאֹה גָאֹה סוֹס וְרָכְבוֹ רָמָה בָּיָם:  
These words were repeated again and again, in an emotional  
outpouring of song and dance.

Drawing on the important lessons of Miriam and our girls' own  
individual talents, the Girls Division created a magnificent  
collaborative *Hagaddah*. Our girls have successfully  
demonstrated that as young women of *Klal Yisrael*, they too can  
use their unique gifts to serve Hashem.

*B'zechus Nashim Tzidkaniyos*, it was in the merit of the righteous  
women that our forefathers were redeemed from Egypt.  
*B'zechus Nashim Tzidkaniyos* in the merit of this next generation  
of righteous women may the final redemption come speedily in our day.



2G persuasive paragraphs



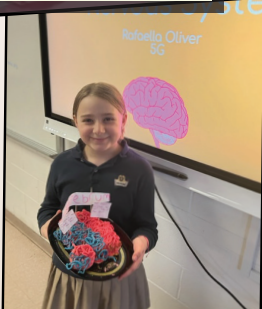
The Girls Torah Bowl team is going to the championships!!!



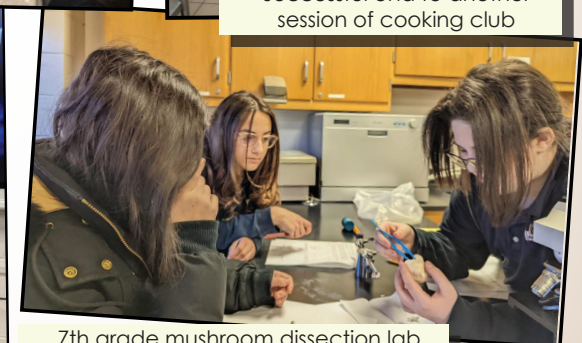
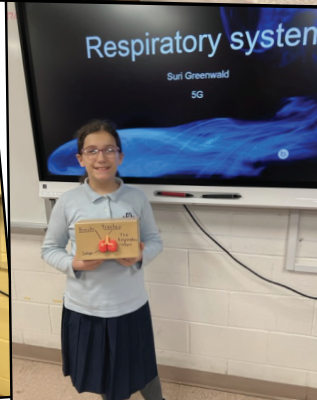
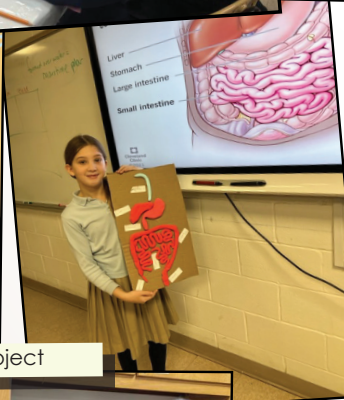
Successful end to another session of cooking club



4G decorating bags for their Hagaddahs.



5G Body Systems Project



7th grade mushroom dissection lab



7G flower dissection lab

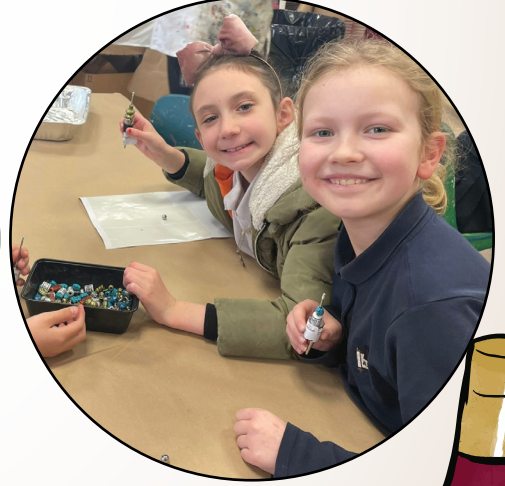


3G fraction buddies



Chag Ha'Sukkot



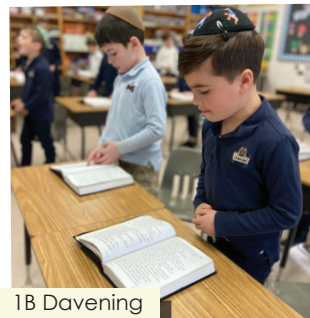


Girls division created wine bottle stoppers out of beads and resin. Thank you, Mrs. Markowitz, for helping with this project.

**HAPPY PESACH**





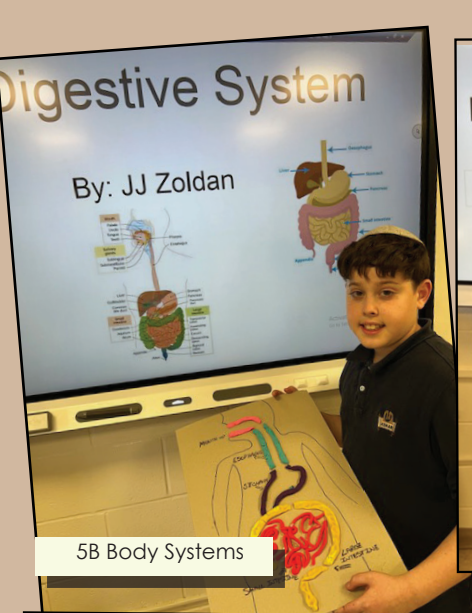


A photograph of two students, a boy and a girl, in blue school uniforms and caps, working on a project in a science laboratory. They are standing at a black table, looking down at a piece of paper. On the table are various items: a blue stapler, a pair of scissors, a small blue container, and some green leaves. In the background, there are shelves with glassware and a red backpack hanging on a wall.

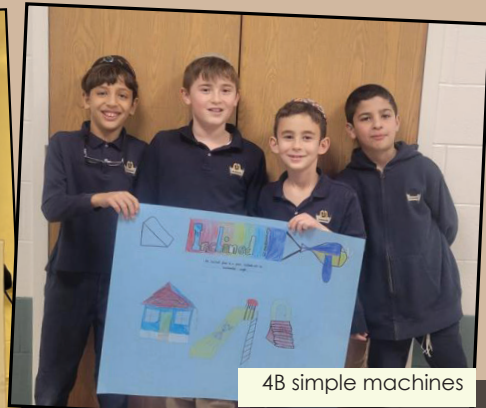
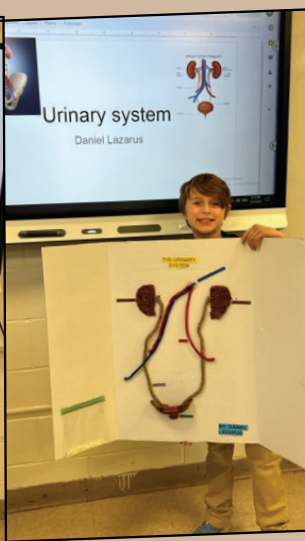
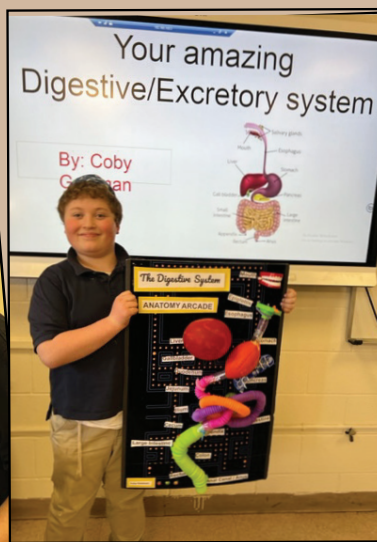


A young boy with brown hair, wearing a blue polo shirt, is smiling and holding a sign and a snowglobe. The sign reads "8th Grade State Snowglobe" and lists the names "Michael Lee", "Katie", "Katie", and "Katie". The snowglobe features a globe with a snowman on top.





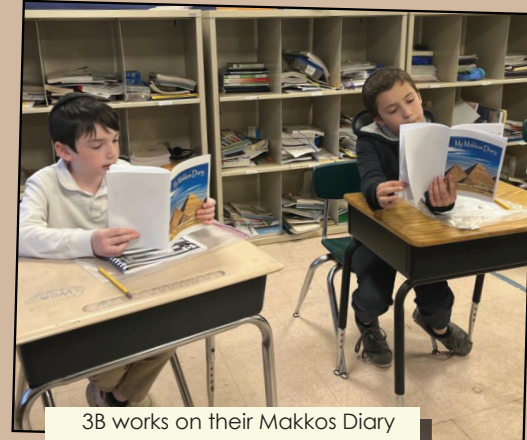
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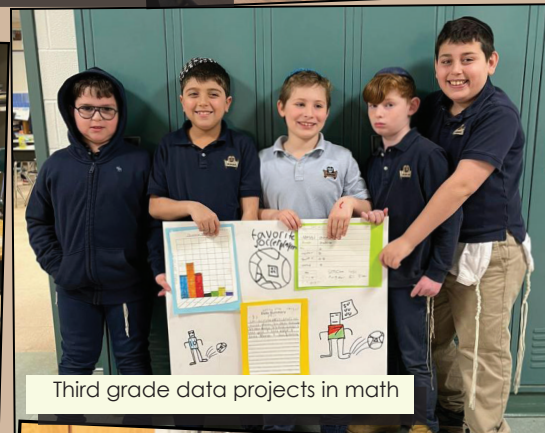
4B simple machines



Matnas Shabbos



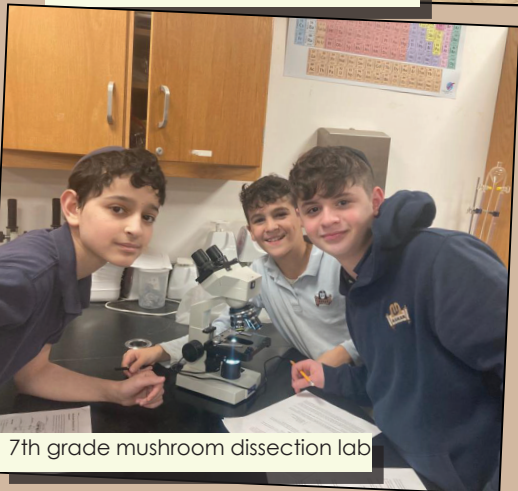
3B works on their Makkos Diary



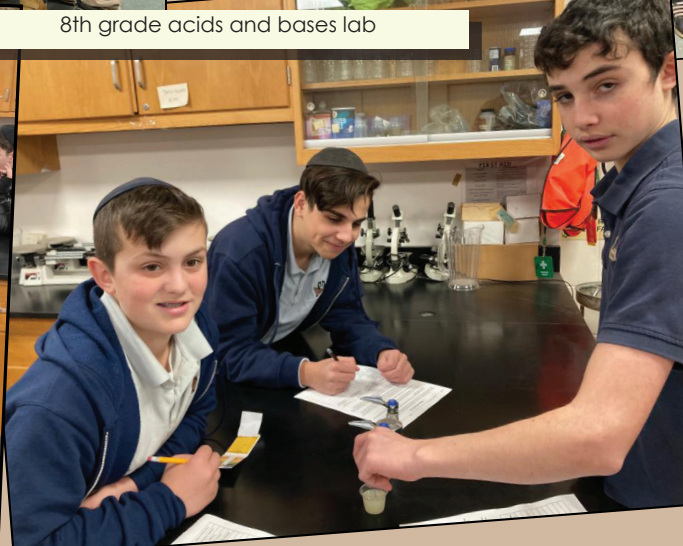
Third grade data projects in math



8th grade acids and bases lab



7th grade mushroom dissection lab







## Thank you to all of our donors for helping sponsor the **Model Matzah Bakery**

Miriam and Mordy Goldman

in honor of Ella and the amazing work of her Morahs in KA!  
We are so excited to see all of the things you learned about over Pesach.

Cheryl Weinstein

in honor of Aryeh Friedman and his great Morahs!

Devorah O'Brien

in honor of Lilly Spaeth's graduation from ASHAR.

Jackie and Mark Berkowitz

in memory of Great Grandparents Sophie and Murray Berkowitz and Marion and Norman Rudin. May their neshamos have an Aliyah.

Chani and Yehuda Reich

In loving memory of Bubby Selma, Tzirel bas R' Yisroel Halevi

Rita Plaut

in honor of Saba Marshall Plaut on his upcoming birthday.

Shoshana and Shlomo Weitzman

in memory of Chaim Dovid ben Yitzchok Meir a'h. May his neshama have an Aliyah.

Sara Senter

L'ilui Nishmas Dov Zev Ben Chaim Yosef and Yisrael Mordechai Ben Dov Zev.

The Pollack family

in loving memory of Adam Pollack ז"ל ו'פסח יהושע בן יוסף מאיר זייל ו'

Chagit Dahan

לעילוי נישמת פיבי בת סימי אילנה בת פיבי

Malkie Wicentowsky

for a Refuah Shelaima for Hinda Rivka bas Chana Sarka

Mention:

Devorah and Sholom Mintz in honor of our 5 amazing children

We had an amazing time when the Model Matzah Bakery visited ASHAR. The children gained some first hand experience of what goes into the process of baking Matzah. They made their own (NOT Kosher L'Pesach) Matzahs, and even received REAL Kosher L'Pesach Shmura Matzah to eat on Pesach! Enjoy this video from the special workshop:  
<https://youtu.be/l-O4lBl2Og>







Please enjoy  
your children's  
Haggadot and  
don't forget to fill  
in their Pesach  
Break Charts!

## Pesach Break Davening and Learning

### Grades 2-4

- Daven at least one of the three daily tefillos, most of the days. (Circle the tefillos that were completed).
- 14 out of the 24 Boxes checked off

All participants will enjoy a Grand Ice Cream Party after Pesach break!

### Grades 5-8

- Daven at least two of the three daily tefillos, most of the days. (Circle the tefillos that were completed).
- 10 out of the 24 boxes checked off (not Kriah)

All participants will enjoy a Grand Ice Cream Party after Pesach break!

בראתי יצור הרע  
ובראתי לו תורה  
תבלין

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: 2B

April 2023 -

ניסן תשפ"ג

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16 Shacharis Mincha Maariv <input type="checkbox"/> Kriah—Attached <input type="checkbox"/> 10 Min Learning	17 Sessions Resume Hand in your sheets to the office to participate!					

## Chart - 2G



Friday	שבת
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April 14 שחרית <input type="checkbox"/> Read page 10 חתימה:	April 15 שחרית <input type="checkbox"/> Read page 11 חתימה:

April 16  
שחרית  
☐ Read page 12  
חתימה:

April 17  
Welcome Back to School!



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: 2G



Check out  
a page  
from  
the  
Girls  
Division  
הדגה



## Musical Musings

### Bakashot

Bakashot are collections of supplications, songs, and prayers that are sung before dawn of Shabbat mornings. The custom originated in Spain towards the time of the expulsion but increased in popularity in the 16th century.

They are popular in Syrian, Moroccan, and Turkish Jewish communities.

#### *Did you know?*

Bakashot are usually sung in the winter months. Jews would begin saying Bakashot after Sukkot and end of Shabbat HaGadol, the week before Pesach.

### Klezmer

Klezmer music is an instrumental music tradition.

Klezmer music is traditional to the Ashkenazi Jews of Central and Eastern Europe.

Klezmer includes dance tunes, ritual melodies, and virtuosic improvisations played for listening.

#### *Did you know?*

Klezmer music was created to sound like certain sounds, such as crying, laughing, or wailing. These are very emotional songs that use many instruments.

### Niggunim

A niggun is a wordless melody that is slow and meditative, or fast and jubilant. It is sung over and over again.

The songs are strongly influenced by Slavic folk songs.

#### *Did you know?*

There are many niggunim that are sung at the Pesach seder during the meal.

לכתחילה אריבער  
"Lichatchila Ariber"  
is one such niggun.  
This was a favorite  
of the Rebbe  
Maharash.

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Girls Division  
Schoolwide  
Haggadah

Boys Division  
Schoolwide  
Companion

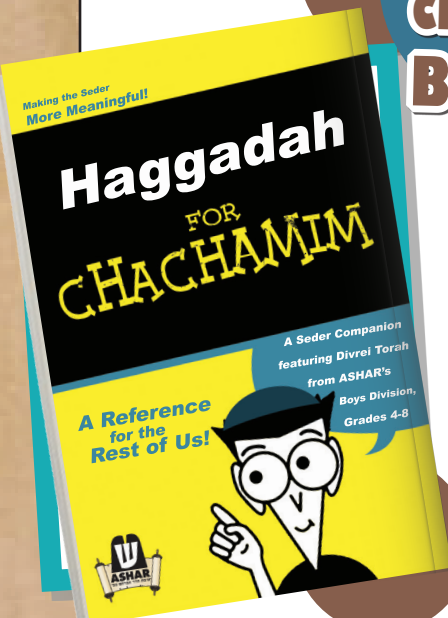


## Check out a snippet from the Boys Division Companion

Everyone starts Maggid with "הא לחמא עניא," but why is there no mention of Hashem, Moshe, or even Jews?

The answer is that before we start talking about Hashem's miracles, we have to talk about the problems that people face even today. Also, it is our responsibility to help those who need it. The Vilna Gaon says that "הא לחמא עניא" mentions all the different levels of poverty, and it is our job to help these people out. This is such an important job that we mention it before we talk about anything else in Maggid.

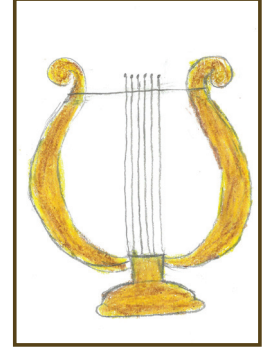
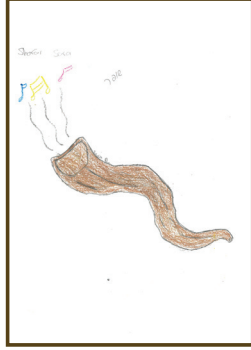
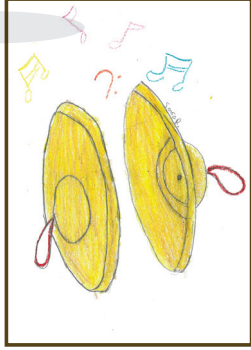
By: Chanan Seltzer (8B)



To view the full Haggadah and Companion please visit: [www.ashar.org/studentpublications](http://www.ashar.org/studentpublications)



# What We Are Writing



Artwork by: Sara Richland 7G

## Music and Pesach

By: Aviva Zelcer (8G)



1ST  
PLACE  
Winner

*The eighth grade students were asked to write a personal reflection that expresses an emotional connection to music and Pesach. Aviva Zelcer composed the winning memoir.*

My eyes that were drooping from the four-hour car ride snapped open as soon as we started singing. As a middle school girl, the longer parts of the Haggadah is the time for me to space out until I know a specific section or a certain song. This year, however, I had turned the bat mitzvah age, which means it was now my requirement as a Jew to follow along and participate. I did so willingly, because soon the fun would begin, like the matzah sandwich and the delicious meal.

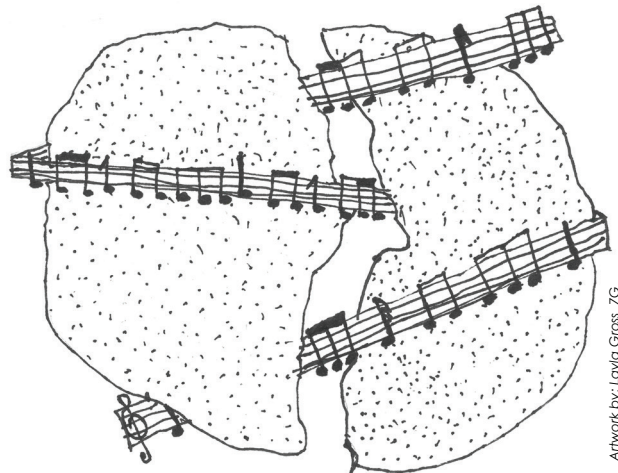
“Vihe Sheumda,” my family started singing. I joined in, wondering why the song was itching my mind. We sing this song every Pesach, so of course it feels familiar, but I kept thinking there was something a little more significant. It was only till I crawled into bed two hours later and pulled the covers up to my neck that I remembered why the song felt recognizable.

I was seven or eight years old, walking with my grandfather and brother to the park while my

parents had been resting for the seder. We played for a little while on the green and brown playground, before walking back to my grandparents’ house. As we walked back, my grandfather and I had started singing “Vihe Sheumda,” but with a silly little twist. Each time that we sang the song, we cut out a word, until we were left with the word “Vihe.” We extracted a letter from “Vihe” each time until we were left with the final letter.

The silly song isn’t the only thing that brought back this memory. It was my laughter. At the beginning of the song, it had sounded normal, but by the end, it sounded hilarious, at least to seven- or eight-year-old me.

I smiled to myself and rolled over, thinking about all the excitement that was around the corner. I can’t wait until today becomes another memory that I look back on fondly.



Artwork by: Layla Gross 7G





# Dinner UPDATE

## Upcoming GAME

### Varsity 6<sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball

Wednesday, 4/19/23  
6:30 PM  
**SAR@ASHAR**

## Mazel Tov!

**Rabbi Chaitovsky**  
on the birth of a granddaughter  
and on the Bar Mitzvah of his grandson

**Rabbi Zheutlin**  
on the birth of two granddaughters

**Mrs. Karen Rosenthal**  
on the birth of a granddaughter

**Mr. Nulaman  
and Brookie Landau (PKB)**  
on the birth of a granddaughter and sister

**Esti Elbaum (8G)**  
on the birth of a brother

**Chaim (6B), Isaac (4B)  
and Maya (KB) Greenstein**  
on the birth of a sister

**Ruti Tsour (2017)**  
on her engagement to Brett Bruh

**Eliana Kahan (2013)**  
on her engagement to Mordechai Sternman

**Devorah (Berger) Kamensky (2005)**  
on the birth of a boy

**Michal (Karben) Eichler (2013)**  
on the birth of a girl

Have any good news to share?  
email [mgoldman@ashar.org](mailto:mgoldman@ashar.org)

More than 450 people registered to celebrate ASHAR's 69th Annual Scholarship Fund Dinner on Sunday, March 19. The program featured entertainment by magician Shlomo Levinger. The dinner paid tribute to Guests of Honor Yossi and Dini Cohn, Parents of the Year Chaim and Nechama Friedman, and Teacher of the Year Florence Zelcer.

Thank you to everyone who joined us. It was an incredible night. We are grateful for the tremendous support from our entire ASHAR community. To make a donation, enjoy the honoree journal or watch the video of the highlights from the evening, please visit us at [www.ashar.org/dinner](http://www.ashar.org/dinner).









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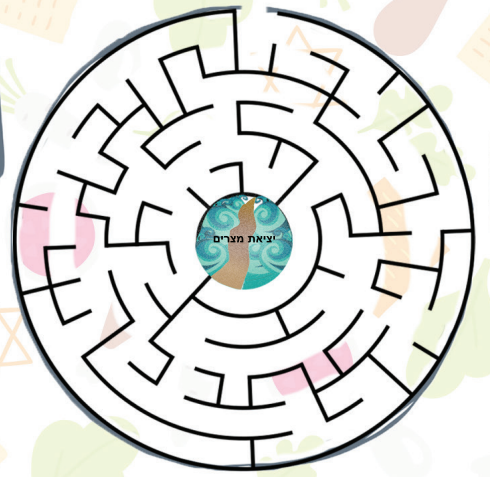
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CAN YOU HELP GUIDE THE JEWS OUT OF EGYPT?



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1. Blood

2. Frogs

3. Lice

4. Wild Animals

5. Animal Disease

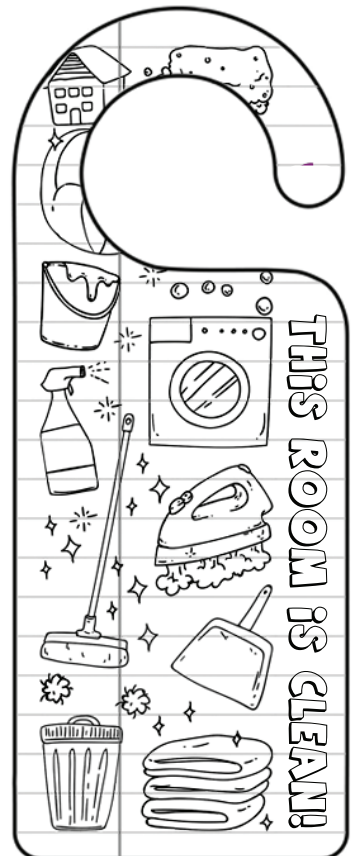
6. Boils

7. Hail

8. Locusts

9. Darkness

10. Death of the Firstborn







**SAVE THE DATE**

# *Names, Not Numbers.* ©

A Movie in the Making

A Holocaust Memorial Film Project by  
the Class of 2023

**May 14, 2023**

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**LUNCH MENU – ASHAR ELEMENTARY**  
**5 DAY / DAIRY**  
**APRIL - 2023**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7
	NO SCHOOL	BADIKATZ CHOMETZ	EREV PESACH	PESACH	PESACH
April 9	April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13	April 14
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April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20	April 21
Fish Sticks Orzo Hot Vegetable Baby Carrots Dijon Mustard Fresh Oranges Bread Milk	Tuna Wrap Egg Salad Wrap Sushi Salad Salad Dressing Banana Bread Ice Milk	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	
April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27	April 28
Mini Cheesy Twists Spicy Mayo Vegetable Soup Assorted Yogurts Egg Salad * Baby Carrots, Cux Sticks & Grape Tomatoes Italian Dressing Fresh Apples Bread, Milk	Breaded Tilapia or Fish Sticks Orzo with Vegetables Salad Bar Honey Mustard Dressing Fresh Banana Bread Milk Ice Coffee	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	
April 30					

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