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Menahel's Message No Reminders Necessary

Two of the three Shalosh Regalim, Pesach and Sukkos, are associated with specific, unique mitzvos corresponding to events commemorated by the respective holidays. The matzah of Pesach reminds us of Yetzias Mitzrayim, the Exodus, while the sukkah of Sukkot commemorates the ananei hakavod and Divine Providence during B'nei Yisrael's desert sojourn. But the third regel, Shavuot, lacks specific Torah commandments relevant to the event with which the holiday is most associated, Matan Torah. While there are many Shavuot minhagim rooted in the Yom Tov's celebration of our receiving the Torah, there is no mitzvah d'oraissa to remind us of this most seminal of events. And for good reason.

Unlike Yetzias Mitzrayim and our subsequent desert sojourn, Matan Torah, explains Rav Aharon Kotler zt"l, requires no reminders. We need reminders to commemorate only events of the past, not

those still experienced at present. The powerful impact of Hashem's unprecedented revelation at Sinai is still felt today, and thus requires no additional commemorative reinforcement.

The Midrash relates that when G-d spoke at Sinai, the power of His voice, 'kol gadol', shook the world's very core, but still there was no echo: "kol, v'lo bas kol." An echo is generally the result of sound waves deflecting off of a surface. In the case of Matan Torah, suggests the Lubavitcher Rebbe zt"l, the words of Hashem were not deflected, but rather eternally absorbed into the very being of each and every neshama present at Sinai, including our own and those of our children.

No reminders necessary.

Shabbat Shalom!

-Rabbi Ari Jacobson Menahel/Dean



Monday, May 15th Torah learning
was sponsored by
the Advocat Family

Thursday, May 18th Torah learning
was sponsored by
Julie & Bezalel Rapaport & family

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

Monday, May 22nd
and Tuesday May 23rd Torah learning
was sponsored by
Izzy & Elizabeth Tauber

Important Upcoming Events

THURSDAY-SATURDAY, MAY 25-27
Shavuot No Sessions

TUESDAY-THURSDAY, MAY 30-JUNE 1
8G Washington Trip

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7
7B Philadelphia Trip

SUNDAY-MONDAY, MAY 28-29
Memorial Day No Sessions

SUNDAY, JUNE 4
Celebrate Israel Parade

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

TUESDAY, MAY 30
7G Philadelphia Trip

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5-7
8B Washington Trip

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

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





Mrs. Jacqueline Borgen

Principal, Early Childhood and First Grade

The Early Childhood family celebrated Yom Yerushalayim and an early Rosh Chodesh Sivan last Friday. We acknowledged the children who have birthdays in Sivan, discussed the Chag that comes on the 6th of Sivan, Chag HaShavuot and even spoke about Yom Yerushalayim!

The children recalled the 4 names of the Chag, and then had fun acting out each of the names and the reasons behind them. Mitzvah Man then took us back many, many years when he lived in Eretz Yisrael (not ASHAR) and was a farmer. Every year at this time, during the times of the Beit Hamikdash, he was very busy looking for the first fruits in his fields. He found some helpers and together they collected the first fruits to bring to Yerushalayim! We sang our Bikurim song and hiked all the way to Yerushalayim to the Beit Hamikdash! As we got close, we heard the Levi'im playing their instruments and the music got louder and louder as we approached the Beit Hamikdash! It was so exciting.

We then learned that just like we won back Eretz Yisrael 75 years ago, we also won back Yerushalayim 56 years ago today! We thanked Hashem for all the nissim He performed, and then commemorated the day by heading outside for a delicious treat from the ice cream truck. Of course we made a beautiful bracha and thanked Hashem for the treats before we ate it.

***Thank you to Batzion and Shmuel Levitt for sponsoring this assembly in memory of Yitzchak Yaakov, Emma Makowsky's (N-B) great grandfather. May his nesahama have an Aliya.**

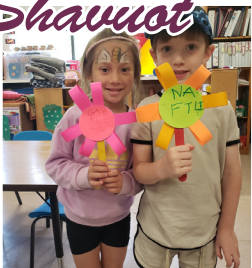
***A special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Yehuda and Chani Reich and Mr. and Mrs. Simcha and Ruchi Hyman for sponsoring the ice cream for the entire school!**

Enjoy this recap video of our Rosh Chodesh assembly:

<https://youtu.be/OPki57QOBew>

Have a wonderful Yontif!

Shavuot



Chalav U'Dvash



Marc Chagall

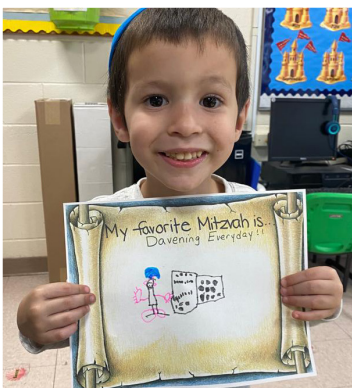


Our Yom tov table is set

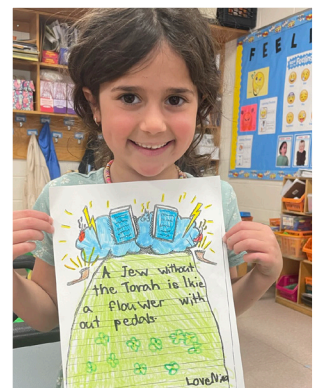
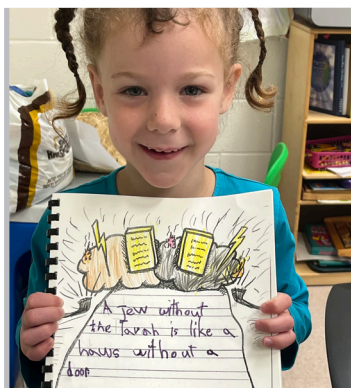
Rosh Chodesh Sivan



Morah Malky Music & Movement



A Jew without Torah is like...



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.)

Yom Yerushalayim



ASHAR GIRLS

DIVISION

Mrs. Debby Jacobson

Principal, Girls Division



As Bnei Yisrael arrived at Har Sinai in preparation for receiving the Torah, Hashem instructs Moshe on how to approach Bnei Yisrael; "כה תאמר לבית יעקב ותגיד לבני ישראל". Hashem then continues with the actual words that Moshe is to speak. Rashi comments that בית יעקב refers to the women. Moshe was instructed to speak to the men and women separately.

In his work *Toward a Meaningful Life*, Rabbi Simon Jacobson writes that Hashem created man and woman to represent two opposing forms of divine energy. While the male usually represents a more physical and external oriented world and the woman normally presents inner dignity and subtlety, there are times in history when these roles reverse and women have had to take upon themselves a more assertive position.

At ASHAR, we teach our girls to be productive, helpful and strong. We teach them to do whatever it takes to be successful as they work together, motivate others and yield productive output. Incorporating these lessons, we are confident that our girls will make great team players and leaders as they grow up and take their place in our illustrious chain of בנות יעקב.

Looking forward to sharing the nachas!



In conjunction with Yom Yerushalayim 2G learned about the different kinds of Tefilot that one can say by the Kotel. The girls wrote beautiful notes.

4G makes cheesecake



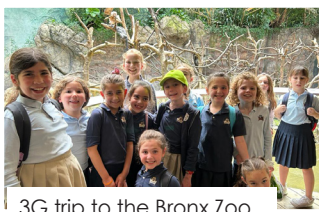
4g wax museum exhibit



5G cooking activity for nutrition unit in science



3G released their butterflies



3G trip to the Bronx Zoo



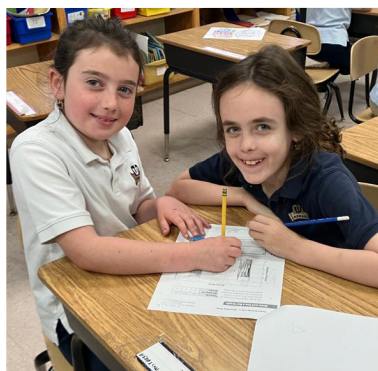
2G planted seeds in composted soil with Mrs. Amdurer, a master gardener from the Cornell Cooperative.



Graduation video filming!



2G working on plant/ animal Venn diagram



2G graph math center



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Mazel tov to Mimi Yaniv (8G) First place winner of the Weinberger Competition in the middle school multimedia arts division for her video on moral courage.

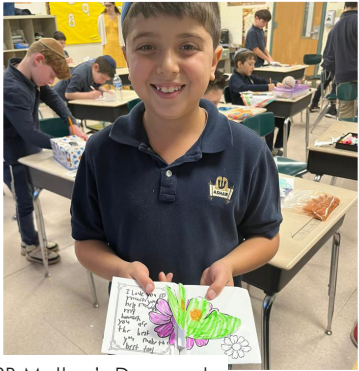




Yisrael Klein (1B) - Story Raffle Winner



Week #12 of Matnas Shabbos!



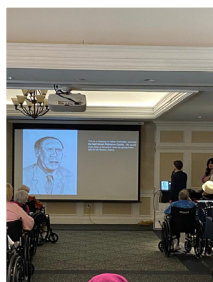
3B Mother's Day cards



3B released their butterflies



Names, Not Numbers Premiere



Eighth Grade visited the Jewish Home Assisted Living and present their Names, Not Numbers research projects.



This drawing is of Oskar Schindler, perhaps the best known Righteous Gentile. He saved more than a thousand Jews, risking his life to protect the Jews who worked in his factory.



Mazel tov to Gavi Weinstein (8B)
Second place winner of the Weinberger Competition in the middle school visual arts division.



2B planted seeds in composted soil with Mrs. Amdurer, a master gardener from the Cornell Cooperative.



HOW TO Fair

Thank you to our 5th and 6th Grade ELA teachers for this incredible fair - Mrs. Margro, Ms. Chabus, Ms. Sugar, Mrs. Morell & Mrs. Chesir





A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO
Mr. & Mrs. Yehuda and Chani Reich AND **Mr. & Mrs. Simcha and Ruchi Hyman**
 FOR SPONSORING THE ICE CREAM TRUCK ON YOM YERUSHALAYIM!



THANK YOU TO THE
Staff Appreciation Committee FOR THE
 VERY GENEROUS SPECIAL
 END-OF-YEAR LUNCH!



Mazel Tov!

Eytan Smith ('15)
 on the birth of a brother

Goldie Amsel ('15)
 on her engagement to
 Yitzchak Granitsky

Naomi Amsel ('16)
 on her engagement to
 Baruch Zachter

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

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THIS SUNDAY!

RENEWING THE HOPE



CELEBRATE
ISRAEL
PARADE

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023
11am - 4pm • 57th-74th St. on Fifth Ave.

Join us at the 58th annual CELEBRATE ISRAEL PARADE, the world's largest gathering in celebration of Israel **LIVE on FOX's My9** and CelebrateIsraelNY.org starting at Noon EDT. A project of JCRC-NY.





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A special thanks to our partners:



LUNCH MENU – ELEMENTARY
5 DAY / FLEISHIG JUNE - 2023

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|--|--|--|---|---|--|
| | | | | June 1 Assorted Bagels Tuna Salad Egg Salad American Cheese Cream Cheese Sliced Cucumber and Tomato Fresh Apples Bread, Milk | June 2 Yogurt Muffin Baby Carrots Fresh Apple Chocolate Milk Chickpeas Bread   |
| June 4 Waffle or Pancakes Vegetable Soup Assorted Yogurts Egg Salad* Baby Carrots, Cux Sticks & Grape Tomatoes Honey Mustard Dip Pancake Syrup Fresh Apples Bread, Milk | June 5 Deli Baguette Roasted Potatoes Pickles Mustard Ketchup Chickpeas Fresh Banana Apple Juice Bread | June 6 Deli Baguette Roasted Potatoes Pickles Mustard Ketchup Chickpeas Fresh Banana Apple Juice Bread | June 7 Pizza Bagel Spicy and Regular Fries Spicy Mayo Egg Salad* Ketchup Fresh Oranges Bread Milk | June 8 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 |
| June 11 Fish Sticks Orzo Hot Vegetable Baby Carrots Dijon Mustard Fresh Oranges Bread Milk | June 12 Hotdog & Buns Steak Cut French Fries Chickpeas Cole Slaw Pickles Mustard Ketchup Fresh Banana Bread, Apple Juice | June 13 Hotdog & Buns Steak Cut French Fries Chickpeas Cole Slaw Pickles Mustard Ketchup Fresh Banana Bread, Apple Juice | June 14 Macaroni and Cheese Noodles String Cheese Tuna Salad* Caesar Salad Caesar Dressing Ketchup Fruit Cups – Peaches Bread, Milk | June 15 Chulent Potato Kugel Pickles Dinner Roll** Fresh Apples Bread Milk | June 16 Yogurt Muffin Baby Carrots Fresh Apple Chocolate Milk Chickpeas Bread |
| June 18 Mini Cheesy Twists Spicy Mayo Vegetable Soup Assorted Yogurts Egg Salad* Baby Carrots, Cux Sticks & Grape Tomatoes Italian Dressing Fresh Apples Bread, Milk | June 19 Chicken Nuggets Rice Green Beans Ketchup Roasted Chickpeas Fresh Banana Bread Apple Juice | June 20 Chicken Nuggets Rice Green Beans Ketchup Roasted Chickpeas Fresh Banana Bread Apple Juice | June 21 Pizza Bagel Hash Browns Corn Egg Salad* Fresh Oranges Bread Milk | June 22 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 12PM DISMISSAL NO LUNCH | June 23 |
| June 25 | June 26 | June 27 | June 28 | June 29 | June 30 |

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**For Program Only

-Menu subject to change

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