



ASHREINews



Menahel's Message Every Minute, Every Second!

The Alter Rebbe zt"l, was fond of quoting a passage from the Yerushalmi Berachos that emphasizes the fleeting nature of time:

"יום נכנס ויום יוצא שבת נכנס שבת יוצא חודש נכנס חודש יוצא שנה נכנס שנה יוצא"

"A day comes and a day goes, a week comes and a week goes, a month comes and a month goes, a year comes and a year goes."

Time is our most precious asset, and utilizing it properly among our greatest challenges. A *masmid*, the saintly Netziv of Volozhin would note, is not a scholar who studies countless hours, but rather one who studies sixty minutes each hour. And the same applies to all other endeavors: every day, every hour and every minute count.

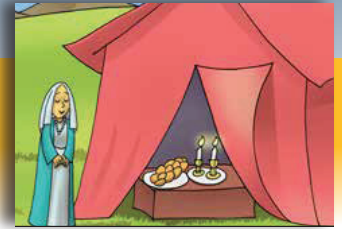
Jews traditionally bless one another with wishes for "arichas yamim v'shanim." We desire not just longevity, explains Rav Yechiel Michel

Tukachinsky zt"l but *shanim* that are filled with *yamim*. We aspire towards years filled with months, months filled with weeks, weeks filled with days, days filled with hours, hours filled with minutes, and minutes filled with seconds.

This is why Abraham and Sarah are described as "getting on in their days," as opposed to the colloquial "getting on in their years": "ואברהם ושרה זקנים באים בימים". The years of our Patriarchs and Matriarchs were not hollow ones, but rather effectively filled with productive days. May we too be so fortunate!

Shabbat Shalom!

-Rabbi Ari Jacobson
Menahel/Dean



Chesed Month at ASHAR

ASHAR kicked off chesed month with several programs. They began by introducing the schoolwide Cans for Chesed initiative. The class that collects the most cans will win a pizza party. Then the school Big Brothers-Little Brothers and Big Sisters-Little Sisters worked on packaging gifts for Chai Lifeline. Kol Hakavod!



Continued on the Girls & Boys Division pages...

Important Upcoming Events

SSUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20
2G Chumash Play 9:30 am

THURSDAY-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24-27
No Sessions Thanksgiving Recess

MONDAY-SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5-11
Scholastic Book Fair

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21
8th Grade JSAT Exam

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29
Chopped with Naomi Nachman

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20
Nursery Mommy & Me Program





Mrs. Jacqueline Borgen

Principal, Early Childhood and First Grade

Another wonderful week has passed! Our Parshiot in Sefer Bereishit are full of life and include important lessons for us to learn.



The children sit enthralled and engaged as they listen to Morah teach Parshat Hashavua every day. We dramatize the Parsha and extend the lessons into the children's everyday lives within their classrooms here in ASHAR. This week, we spoke about being kind and doing Chesed, just like Rivka. The children discussed different ways they could be kind to their friends, Morahs and families. We should all internalize the lessons from these Parshiot and use it as an opportunity for our own personal growth in middot.

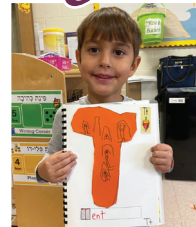
We also discussed the three nissim in Sara and Rivka's tent: the Shabbos candles stayed lit from Shabbos to Shabbos, Hashem's shechina rested on the tent, and the challah was always plentiful and fresh. We used this opportunity to bake delicious challah with the children. The building smelled amazing as class after class participated in the special mitzvah of making challah for Shabbos.

We also began learning about Thanksgiving and introduced skills of patterning, collaging, color matching, book writing and more.

Here are some pictures from our busy week.

Aleph Bet ABC

Bear Day



I'm the letter T

Math



Apple Graphing



How many apples up on top

Shape Hunt



Morah Malky



1st Grade read 200 Books!

Orange Week



ASHAR GIRLS

DIVISION

Mrs. Debby Jacobson

Principal, Girls Division



Since the time of Sarah Imeinu, women have baked challah. ASHAR's annual Challah Bake brought together hundreds of women from throughout Rockland County. Hundreds of women baking Challah at once is a mind-expanding experience. Imagine the *nachas* of Sarah Imeinu at the singing, dancing, bonding, and joy that took place not only in New City but at other locales all over the world.

Sarah Imeinu's tent was a home for the *shechinah*. Her home was a true microcosm of the *Beis HaMikdash*. May we learn from Sarah Imeinu and be *zocheh* to build homes where the *shechinah* can dwell, and merit seeing the *brachos* of Sarah Imeinu in our lives as well. May Hashem bless our community and our world with tranquility, good health and an abundance of *simcha*.



4th grade girls begin their unit on plants and agriculture



2G spelling with rainbow writing



Kicking Off Chesed Month



6th grade social studies students were "Scribes for the day" and recreated ancient Mesopotamian clay tablets with writing in Cuneiform.



6th grade earth science students working on rock lab investigations testing properties of minerals using Mohs mineral hardness scale, streak and luster.



4G learning Navi for the very first time!



Our eighth graders participated in a class on Kristallnacht. The class was taught by Rabbi Joel Cohn living in Yerushalayim. Rabbi Cohn runs an educational outlet called IsraEd



Middle school students commemorated Kristallnacht with a presentation by the eighth graders. They created slideshows and presented their research to students in grades 5-7. They answered student questions as well. Eighth grader Rena Boss shared an actual yellow star from wartime Hungary and a tallis that survived the Holocaust.





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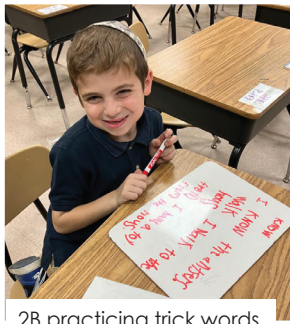
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1B davening



2B practicing trick words



2B Chumash Celebration



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Our Minyanaires!



6th grade earth science students working on rock lab investigations testing properties of minerals using Mohs mineral hardness scale, streak and luster.



ASHAR
BOYS
DIVISION

Eighth grade visited the Holocaust Museum and Center for Tolerance Education at RCC

Read their impressions of it ➡

By: Mimi Yaniv



While at the RCC Holocaust Museum, I learned a lot of new things about the Holocaust. It was really important for me to learn more about the Holocaust because I have a lot of family members who went through it. We started with Ms. Linda Suss who gave us a quick workshop, and showed us a video about moral courage. One thing that really touched me was that all these non-Jewish people risked their own and their family's lives just to help people that they didn't need to. After lunch, we watched a short video of Holocaust survivors talking about their experiences during the war, and then we all got a pencil and clipboard with a bunch of questions on it. In groups, we walked around the museum to find answers to the questions. We saw pictures of Jews being marched to concentration camps, the Jude star, and a gun used in World War II. It made me feel upset that someone can treat another human being like this. At the end, we all shared something new that we learned. On the bus ride, even though I was having fun with my friends, I still kept in mind all of the innocent Jewish lives killed during the Holocaust.

By: Raizy Genuth



I realized how terrible the Holocaust really was. I also really felt bad for the Jews who had to go through this terrible experience. I thought the museum was very informative. All in all, I would highly recommend going to the HMCTE for anyone who would like to learn more about the Holocaust or understand what their ancestors went through.

By: Hili Schwartz



The HMCTE at RCC was a very meaningful trip and an eye opener for me. I always knew what the Holocaust was, but I did not know a lot of important details that I learned on this trip. One new thing I learned was that in the camps they didn't have proper food so in order to nourish themselves they had to eat soft rocks and snails. Another new thing I learned was when the Nazis were shooting innocent Jews, they made themselves drink alcohol. They made themselves drink alcohol so they wouldn't think about how they were killing a person that did nothing wrong. Lastly, a new thing I learned was after the war people forgot how to be happy. They were treated so horribly for years that they forgot how to be happy and smile and laugh. All in all, the HMCTE at RCC was a very meaningful experience.

By: Sarah Kaller



During this insightful trip to the RCC Holocaust Museum, I experienced many different feelings and took in a lot of new information. I now truly understand how many non-Jewish people risked their lives and the lives of their families to do what they knew was morally right. Although hearing the painful things Jewish people faced made me tear up, I feel so grateful to know that so many lives were saved because of moral courage. As we walked around the museum and looked at all the interesting exhibits, the workers were very friendly and helped explain everything. I'm so glad that we were able to visit and had the opportunity to learn more about the Holocaust.



First Grade *Writing*

The leaves on the trees are changing colors and falling down. Pretend you are talking to a tree. How would you make the tree feel better about its leaves falling off? What would you say?



**Dear Tree,
I love playing in your
leaves that fall off of
your tree.**

By: Yisrael Klein



**Dear Tree,
Don't worry tree you
will have new leaves
in the spring.**

By: Yaakov Yedwab

"Tails" from the Shark Tank - GAME SCHEDULE

Varsity Girls Basketball

Thursday, 12/1/22

6:30 PM

BPY@ASHAR

Sunday, 12/18/22

12:30 PM

Hillel@ASHAR

Tuesday, 12/27/22

6:30 PM

MDS@ASHAR

Tuesday, 1/10/23

5:45 PM

Golda Och@ASHAR

Sunday, 1/29/23

2:00 PM

Kushner@ASHAR

Varsity 7th Boys Basketball

Thursday, 12/8/22

6:15 PM

Ramaz@ASHAR

Sunday, 12/18/22

1:45 PM

Hillel@ASHAR

Thursday, 12/29/22

6:30 PM

Yavneh@ASHAR

Wednesday, 1/25/23

6:00 PM

Noam@ASHAR

Sunday, 1/29/23

6:30 PM

Moriah@ASHAR

Varsity 8th Boys Basketball

Wednesday, 11/30/22

7:00 PM

JEC@ASHAR

Sunday, 12/18/22

2:30 PM

RPRY@ASHAR

Thursday, 1/5/23

6:00 PM

WDS@ASHAR

Sunday, 1/8/23

12:30 PM

Hillel@ASHAR

Sunday, 1/29/23

12:30 PM

Kushner@ASHAR

Varsity Hockey

Monday, 11/28/22

7:00 PM

JEC@ASHAR

Wednesday, 12/7/22

7:00 PM

Hillel@ASHAR

Wednesday, 1/4/23

7:00 PM

RPRY@ASHAR

Wednesday, 1/11/23

6:30 PM

WDS@ASHAR



Mazel Tov!

Mrs. Chanalee Gaisin
on the birth of a daughter

Morah Naomi Beller
on the engagement of her son

Dovi (PKA) and Aviva Lazar (1G)
on the birth of twin brothers

Ariella Fuzailov (6G)
on her Bat Mitzvah

Rabbi and Mrs. Boruch Greenwald
Shalom (3B) and Suri (5G) Greenwald
on the birth of a son

Chavie Kestenbaum (6G)
on her Bat Mitzvah

Avi Itzkowitz (7B)
on his Bar Mitzvah

Yaakov Landau (7B)
on his Bar Mitzvah

Eliezer Adams (7B)
on his Bar Mitzvah

Eliezer Machlis (7B)
on his Bar Mitzvah

Sophia (PKB) and Daniel Lieblich (1B)
on the birth of a brother

THE GREAT BIG Rockland Challah Bake



What did you think of the Great Big Rockland Challah Bake?

“ I felt a strong connection with everyone. It was very meaningful for people to daven all together for people who are sick or passed away. It felt like a very strong moment and very connected.

-Adira Algarin

“ I think it was so nice that so many women came together and how daughters got to bond with their moms.

-Sarah Kaller

“ It was amazing knowing that Sara Imaenu also made challah like we were and I felt a connection to her.

-Mimi Yaniv

“ It united every different kind of Jew and brought us together.

-Rena Boss

“ For me it was very meaningful because it was my grandmother's yartzeit and my whole family was there.

-Hili Schwartz

“ This year at the challah bake the eighth grade girls started a dance and got the whole group involved. It was fun!

-Kaila Kirsh

“ I loved making challah with my mommy and sister, and her friend and mom.

-Chloe Dembinsky

“ It was so special because everyone came together and worked together to do a big mitzvah.

-Michal Ratner

“ I made challah with my mommy and she helped me roll the dough because I am still learning how to do that.

-Ella Goldman

“ I came with my bubby and sister. Morah Jackie's speech was super good because she spoke about how good her mother was. I also really liked the Virtual Challah Bake video.

-Dassie Steinhart

“ I loved dancing and that my challah turned HUGE.

-Leora Weber

“ I got to meet people I never met before.

-Ayelet Lapp

“ My Savta came with me and I liked making the dough. It was fun.

-Gabriella Plaut

“ I baked challah with my mommy and she told me about her challah recipe that she got from her mother.

-Bella Witkes

“ I liked it because it was about my grandma and I liked when my mommy said the long bracha.

-Atara Schwartz

“ I liked spending a lot of time with my mother. She has a baby and is busy. We spent a lot of time together that night and we even got challah out of it.

-Gitty Elbaum

“ I came with my bubby and she helped me bake and took videos of me dancing on the stage.

-Ella Steinhart

“ This was an incredibly special and meaningful Challah Bake to me. I knew Morah Jackie's mother and how special she was. I was so happy to be at this event to honor her mother's memory.

-Morah Devorah O'Brien

“ It was so inspirational to have the opportunity to take my oldest daughter, Bella, to be a part of such a beautiful communal mitzvah. It was so special to see her eyes light up as she watched and took part in a great mitzvah with hundreds of other women. This will be a memory that we will cherish forever.

-Mrs. Chani Reich

“ The turnout was amazing and it was very inspirational to see so many people giving up their time on a Thursday night to bake challah together.

-Mrs. Chani Silber

“ What impressed me most was Morah Jackie's speech about her mother. It was very emotional hearing her talk about how close her family was and it made me think of my own family. I was crying, and I'm sure it touched everyone else in the room as well, because when I looked around I saw lots of shiny and teary eyes.

-Morah Chagit Dahan

“ I was so honored to be able to photograph all the moments on camera to capture the ruach and achdus that was taking place!

-Mrs. Ora Schreiber

“ This was my very first Challah Bake and it was truly the most incredible and special experience! Women of all different backgrounds came together to participate in the holy

mitzvah of making challah. When we all took a moment to daven together, you could feel the enormous strength of Jewish women uniting together as one. Watching mothers, daughters and granddaughters making Challah together was truly a one of a kind experience that I feel blessed to have been part of. I can't wait until next year!

-Morah Simi Makowsky

“ It was a night of unity, inspiration and fun shared with family and friends.

-Morah Bracha Schwarz

“ It was awesome and so much bigger than I expected. I saw joy and happiness in all the mothers' and daughters' faces. They were enjoying being together and having fun.

-Joyce



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Live Torah Bowl Resumes

After a three year hiatus, the ASHAR Torah Bowl teams have competed in a live Torah Bowl match at Westchester Day School. It was the first round, covering the Parshiot of Bereishit, Noach and Lech Lecha with every Rashi. The competition included Westchester Day School, Moriah and YNJ. Both our Girls team and our Boys team had successful outcomes, each team winning three out of four games. Round two will take place on Dec. 13th with ASHAR being the host. We wish our teams continued hatzlacha, and we take pride in the knowledge that our boys and girls have accumulated.

פרנס השבוע
Parnas HaShavua

November 17-23

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May our children's learning serve as an aliya for her neshama

פרנס היום
Parnas HaYom

November 14

Monday's Torah learning is sponsored by
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May our children's learning merit his speedy recovery and good health.



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December 5-11

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