



ASHREINews



Menahel's Message "The Right Message"

It has become almost fashionable in some quarters to minimize the greatness of Noach. Though described by the Torah as a *tzadik*, and singularly worthy of salvation, Noach was a '*tzadik in peltz*'-an insular *tzadik*, figuratively wrapped in a heavy coat. Rather than reaching out to his generation and attempting to encourage *teshuvah*, Noach focused on his own spiritual well-being and ignored those around him.

This approach is founded on several *midrashim* and a comment by the Zohar attributing the floodwaters to Noach's passivity, but, according to Rav Yaakov Kamenetsky z"l, fundamentally misunderstood. Noach *did* in fact attempt to encourage his generation to mend their ways. At issue was not whether he chastised them, but rather the content of his *mussar*.

"ריקים, אתם מניחים מי שקולו שובר ארזים, ומשתחוים לעץ יבש" (בראשית רבה ל"א, ג)

According to the Midrash, Noach rebuked his generation for the sin of idolatry: "Fools, why do you abandon the Omnipotent One

whose voice shreds cedar trees and worship idols of dry wood?"

This, explains Rav Kamenetsky, was a mistake. While *avodah zara* is a cardinal sin and was certainly present at the time of the Flood, the Torah states that Hashem destroyed the world not because of idolatry, but rather due to the proliferation of theft and other forms of monetary injustice between man and his fellow: "כי מלאה הארץ חמס מפניהם". By focusing on *avoda zara* rather than theft, *gezel*, Noach's rebuke failed to address the generation's primary misdeeds.

When addressing behaviors, it is important for parents and educators to identify root causes and employ correctives that target the specific issues at hand. Interventions, including, on occasion, old-fashioned rebuke, are only effective to the extent they address the primary problem.

Shabbat Shalom!

-Rabbi Ari Jacobson
Menahel/Dean

Important Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6
2B Chumash Mesiba 9:30 am

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11
No Bus Transportation 

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8
No Sessions,
Parent Teacher Conferences

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16
Picture Day Grades 8B/8G & N-1

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21
8th Grade JSAT Exam

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10
Great Big Challah Bake 7:00 pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17
Picture Day Grades 2-7

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22
Chopped with Naomi Nachman



Baruch Hashem, many new families have already expressed interest in our Yeshiva for the upcoming 2023-24 school year. Existing families will have the opportunity to enroll additional children, prior to opening registration for new families, until December 1, 2022. If you are interested in enrolling a child who is not currently in ASHAR, please go to www.ashar.org/apply and follow the online application instructions. Our application is digital, and must be filled out online. Please submit your application as soon as you are able, as the registration process will be opened to new families after December 1st.



Mrs. Jacqueline Borgen

Principal, Early Childhood and First Grade

We returned to school after Yontif with such excitement. We began teaching the children Parsha and all the corresponding units.



Our week of learning included: Parsha, science experiments (color mixing, sink & float, etc.), Fall, Colors, Handwriting Without Tears, ABC's, Aleph Bet, and so much more! Not only was our learning in full gear, but we also began Chalav U'Dvash (our Hebrew Immersion class) with Morah Nofar and Bentzi, and our Kindergartners enjoyed an amazing trip.

After completing a unit on Fall and learning about the life cycle of an apple through the seasons, the Kindergarten children enjoyed a wonderful trip to Lawrence Farms Apple Orchards. The children learned how to pick an apple from a tree safely, went on a tractor ride around the farm, played in an adorable mini-village (with replicas of an old school house, jail, firehouse, ice cream parlor and more), went through a hay maze, and enjoyed a picnic lunch. They left with bags of the apples they just picked. Thank you to our class chaperones for assisting us on this trip.

On Wednesday, in connection with Rosh Chodesh and this week's Parsha, we were delighted to come to school dressed in our favorite color and celebrate Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan together with the entire Early Childhood family. As the children entered the indoor playroom, Morah was singing, "Tzvaim Yafim Yesh Lanu, all the colors of the rainbow..." "Adom is red, adom is red..." We went through the colors of the rainbow and then asked the children to stand up as we named their favorite color. We gave birthday claps to the Cheshvan birthday children and sang, "Yom Huledet Sameach!" We learned that Hashem gave us (people) a gift that He did not give to anything else He created, the gift of speech. We spoke about how we need to speak nicely and kindly so that we put smiles on people's faces and not frowns. We will be discussing this Mitzvah of using "Lashon Tov" with the children all year. Please reinforce it at home as well.

Please enjoy the pictures and the video from our Rosh Chodesh Assembly: <https://youtu.be/t4XHP7bHKVE>

Aleph Bet



Chalav Udvash



Morah Malky



Rosh Chodesh



R"Ch Cheshvan Assembly

Apple Picking



Parsha



Rainbows!

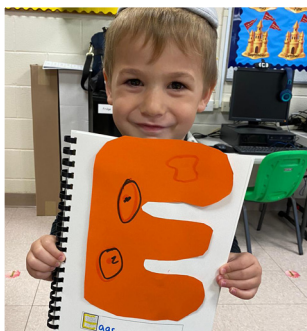


Cheshvan Birthdays

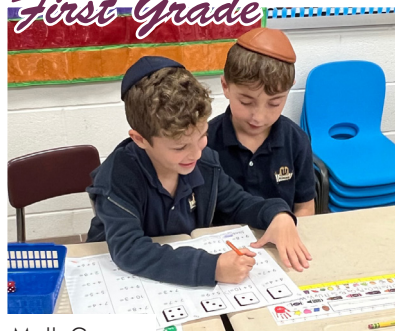
ABC



E is for..."EXIT"



First Grade



Math Groups



ASHAR GIRLS

DIVISION

Mrs. Debby Jacobson

Principal, Girls Division



Towards the end of this week's *parsha*, Noach leaves the *teivah* and reenters a barren, silent world. Noach is met by a world of complete destruction and unspeakable desolation. Noach and his family immediately get to work. They begin by bringing a *korban* to Hashem and then they start the rebuilding process.

In the midst of this darkness, Hashem sends a rainbow as a sign that he will never bring total destruction to the world again. In the midst of darkness, there is light. When things look bleak, Hashem sends hope. During our darkest times, Hashem teaches us to look for the bright rainbow peeking through the clouds.

The Zohar teaches us that before Mashiach comes, an especially bright and colorful rainbow will appear. May it be speedily in our days!

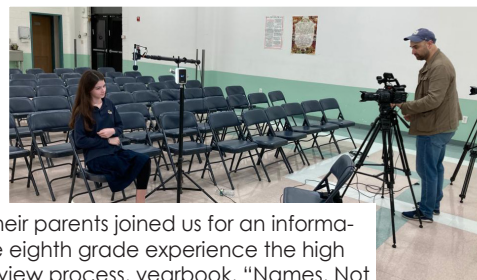
Have a wonderful Shabbos!



2G-8G participated in a siyum of the 5 books of the Torah which they completed independently. They celebrated together with a food craft and some dancing!



2G acting out verbs



Eighth grade students and their parents joined us for an informational meeting regarding the eighth grade experience the high school application and interview process, yearbook, "Names, Not Numbers", Washington trip and graduation.



Girls
Division
RAINBOW Day



Class 3B went into the hallway where we measured ASHAR as compared to the Teiva (length: 177 amos opposed to 300, width: ASHAR 59 as opposed to 50 amos, and our Classroom: 4 amos as opposed to 30 amos!)



2B math games



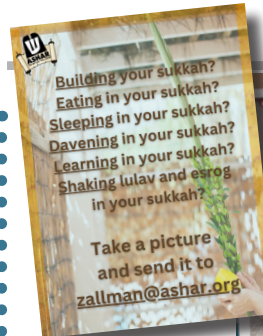
5B Lashon made תמונות על חלב



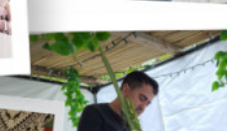
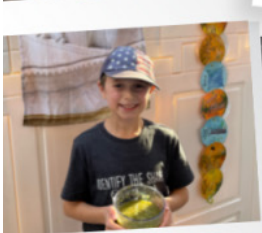
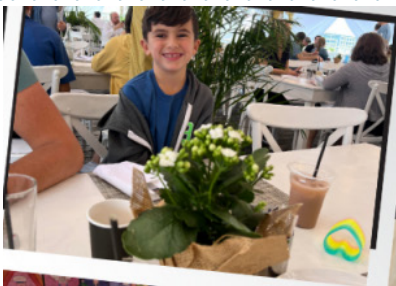
1B learning Kriah
Which Hebrew letters are missing?



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Thank you to all the boys who participated in the Sukkos pictures!



FOURTH GRADE

Narrative Writing

With Mrs. Korn



By: Calev Moscovitz

Calev

Narrative writing

One day 2 years ago, we were running laps in the gym. Then I tripped on my friend's foot and fell into a soccer net and cracked my head open. At first, I thought I was about to die. Then, Mrs. K. brought me to the nurse. Looking back it was not so bad.

It all began when my grandmother was driving very early in the morning. Then she fell asleep. Suddenly, she woke up with a start. The car had crashed into a telephone pole! She called the police. The police came. The police looked at her and then the car, and his face turned white. "That crash could have killed you!" he said. But instead, she was not hurt at all!!! Looking back, I see how blessed I am, and it could have been much worse.



By: Yissie Auslander

One day when I was on a picnic, I barfed. Then I covered it with a blanket. Next I sat down on my chair. After all, I was not feeling well.



By: Yonatan Mytelka

By: Ari Rosenberg



One day I was going on a hike. Meanwhile we saw a big rock in the lake. My mom said "Climb it." Then Mom said, "Look there's a little snake." My mom said, "Catch it." My dad said, "No, it's wild." In the end, we saw a professional animal catcher, and he said it is the third to most poisonous snake. It is called a copperhead.



כ"ה תשרי ♦ October 20

Thursday's Torah learning is sponsored by

Cheryl Weinstein & Family

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Esther bas Rus

May our children's learning merit her speedy recovery and good health.

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כ"ט תשרי ♦ October 24

Monday's learning is sponsored by

Mr. & Mrs. Chaim Malks

in memory of

לאה בת יהודה יעקב ע"ה

Lillian Pfeifer a"h

Great-Grandmother of Chana Leah Lebovits (KB) and Eli Lebovits (PKA)

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

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ב' מרחשון ♦ October 27

Thursday's learning is sponsored by

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לע"נ

**הבחור בצלאל אליעזר
בן ר' יצחק ובת שבע ז"ל**

Cousin of Zalman Chein (2B)

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Thursday, Nov. 17th: Grades 2-7

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Mazel Tov!

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Rivka Sabovitch

Benny Chein (KB)
on the birth of a new sister

Laura Soskin Kornblum
(Class of '79) on the marriage of
her daughter **Rebecca Kornblum**
(Class of '13) to Adam Blank

Mrs. Salb
on the birth a grandson

Eliyahu Machlis (7B)
on his Aliyah L'Torah



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