



ASHREINER

Chanukah Edition



Menahel's Message

"Just Do It!"

mitzvah credit. On the other hand, properly lit candles that were unexpectedly extinguished prior to burning the required half hour need not be relit. The *mitzvah* is simply to light, and having done so, one's obligation is discharged, regardless of subsequent outcome.

The Shem MiShmuel of Sockatchov suggests that Chazal's strong emphasis on physically lighting *neros Chanukah* stands in stark contrast to the *chochmas Yavan*- Greek wisdom- embraced by both Greeks and Hellenized Jews of the time. Classic Greek philosophy placed pure intellect on a raised pedestal, to the exclusion of deed and morality. Chanukah celebrates not simply the

miracle of the *menorah* but rather the victory of Torah over Aristotle. Creed and abstract theory are important, but only to the extent that they elicit inspired behavior.

Knowledge, and even faith, do not automatically create ethical and moral behavior. Study after study confirms the degree to which children look up to parents, and to a somewhat lesser extent teachers, as role models. One of the terms sometimes employed is "vertical learning," a reference to a child looking up to adult figures directly involved in his or her life, rather than being "horizontally" influenced by peers. The real-life behaviors modeled by parents and teachers are thus infinitely more impactful than even the most eloquent classroom lesson or parental lecture.

Shabbat Shalom!

-Rabbi Ari Jacobson


Menahel/Dean



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was sponsored by
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Thursday, December 14th Torah learning
was sponsored by
The Strimling Family

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8 PAGES OF EXCITEMENT AT ASHAR FOR 8 DAYS OF CHANUKAH

Important Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20
5B/5G Trip to Liberty Science Center

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21
5B/5G Trip to Liberty Science Center

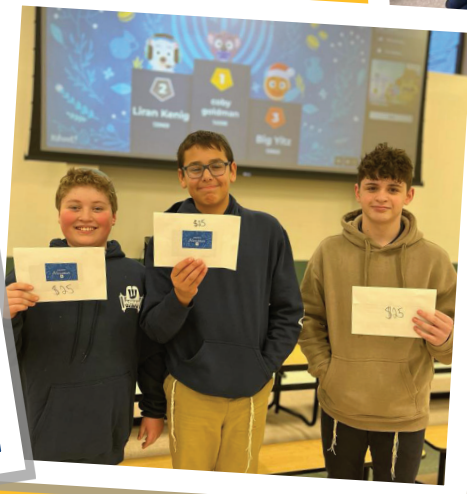
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
1B Siddur Play 9:30 AM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20
1B and 1G Trip to
Finkelstein Memorial Library

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22
Busing No Bus Transportation for
Suffern Central: Dec. 22-29,
North Rockland and Clarkstown: Dec. 25-29

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25
1G Siddur Play 9:30 AM
No Bus Transportation 

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When you walk into a dark room to find something that you're missing, and you turn on the lights, you can suddenly see everything around you. But if you would walk into the same dark room with a candle, you would only see the small area illuminated by the fire of the candle.

Everything in the world has two parts – the outside and the inside. When you first look at something, your eyes tell you what's on the outside. But if you would look at something deeply, in order to understand what's "inside" of it – you can find its beauty. The soft and subtle light from the fire reminds us to look hard at what's around us, in order to find the beauty in everything.

Chanukah is always at the darkest time of the year – because the things we can see easily when it's light outside, aren't necessarily as real as what we can find when we look inside.

Our Class Dojos

2G

Gabriella Plaut

3G

Suri Blum

4G

Nechama Goetz

5G*

Naama Abel

6G

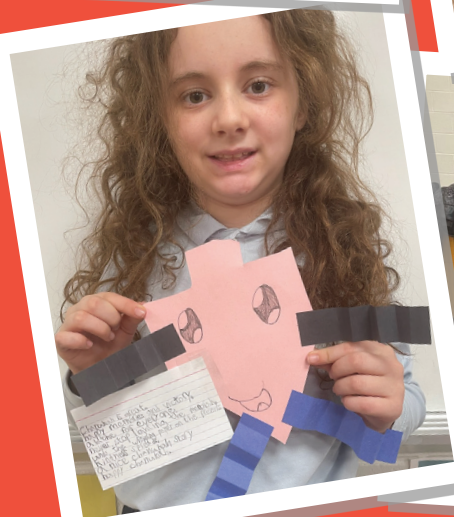
Gitty Lorber

7G

Rikki Kleinberger

8G

Pearly Sabel



ASHAR's Class Dojo program incentivizes our girls to earn points for positive behaviors and achievements.



Mrs. Jacqueline Borgen

Principal, Early Childhood and First Grade



Mazel Tov to our Kindergartners on their beautiful Chanukah performance. The children "lit" up the room with song, and created a simchadike environment for all our guests! Yasher Koach to their amazing teachers!

Thank you to the PTA for all the fun Chanukah enhancements!

On behalf of the entire Early Childhood family, we would like to thank you for the thoughtful and generous Chanukah gifts.

Nachas Note:

Dear Morahs, Yitty came home with a beautiful menorah. I never saw something like this, it was so, so pretty. She was so excited to light the candles and made a beautiful bracha and sang songs. Thank you Morahs for putting so much effort into our kids. They look forward to going to school every day! You guys are amazing!

It is the month of Kislev, and Chanukah is here,
"Chanukah is our favorite Chag!" all the children cheer!

The children learned so much, about this special holiday,
When Hashem performed miracles, and showed us His love in every way.

We celebrated every day, since this is a happy time,
I'll share with you a glimpse, in this very short rhyme.

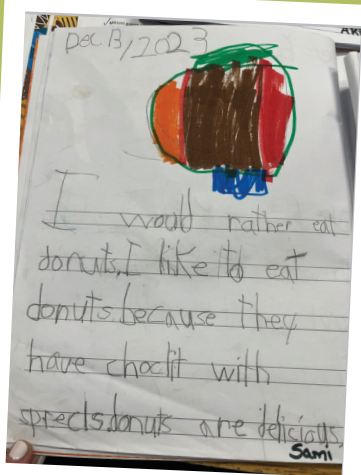
The PTA had special treats to share with me and you,
To bring smiles to our faces and feed our tummies too!

Nursery invited their parents to a Chanukah Mommy & Me,
Where everyone had so much fun with Morah Malky!

Kindergarten delighted all, at their special Chanukah play,
Singing Chanukah songs and making cookies, made everyone's day!

Obstacle courses, donut making, frying latkes and more,
Rosh Chodesh assembly & an ice cream party galore!

Now the week is over, and you're children are coming home,
Enjoy the Chanukah video recap together, and then have a Shabbat Shalom!

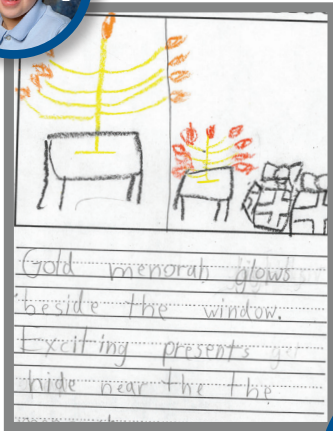


Chanukah Poetry Writing

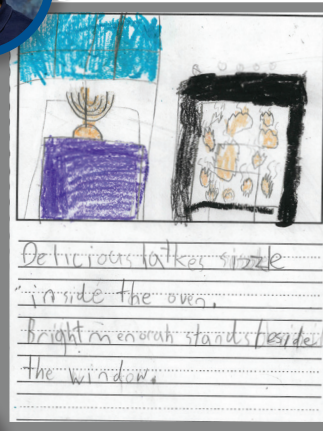
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By: Tova Adams (2G)



By: Esther Levin (2G)



By: Zoey Dembinsky (7G)

Chanukah puts me in a good mood,
opening presents and eating delicious food.
Spinning dreidel
Eating latkes
Cooking food
Singing songs
Lighting menorah



By: Nechama Schwarz (8G)

The menorah, a sign of miracles,
shines brightly in each window,
Illuminating in the dark,
Announcing the miracle,
Adding more each night,
Spreading light to the world,
Showing the greatness of Chanukah

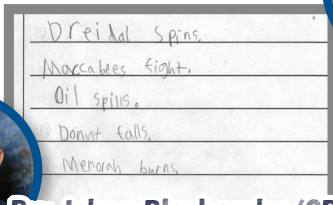


By: Kira Cohn (8G)

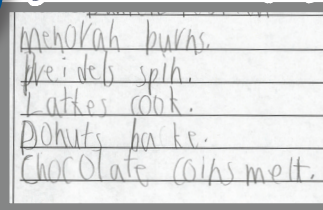
The latkes, a crispy potato snack,
fills the air with a delightful aroma,
Sizzling on a frying pan,
Evoking childhood memories,
Satisfying appetites,
Dripping in applesauce,
Ameliorating long days.



By: Jakey Blachorsky (2B)



By: Daniel Lieblich (2B)



Mrs. Gordon's 5th Grade Math class created Chanukah themed word problems. Can you solve them?



By: Ari and Shmuel Yaniv

James has 13 menorahs And his mom gives him more She gives him 7 times more Than he has. how many menorahs does James have now?

Answer: 91

$$\frac{16}{17}x$$



Menucha has 10 donuts She eats 7 of them. After that she eats 2 more how many donuts are left?



By: Yissie Auslander

$$1 = 2 - 3$$

$$3 - 2 = 1$$

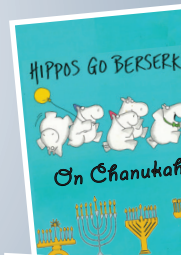
$$3 - 10 = -7$$



Jack has 10 latkes. His friend has 2. How many times more does Jack have than his friend?

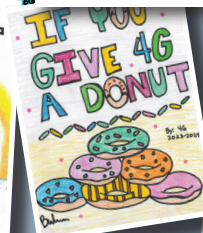
$$\frac{10}{2} = 5$$

By: Judah Davis



Our 2nd through 5th grade girls created Chanukah stories. Check them out here!

www.ashar.org/studentpublications



If you could be any character in the Chanukah story, who would you be? Tell us your Chanukah story!

By: Aryeh Lichtenstein (6B)

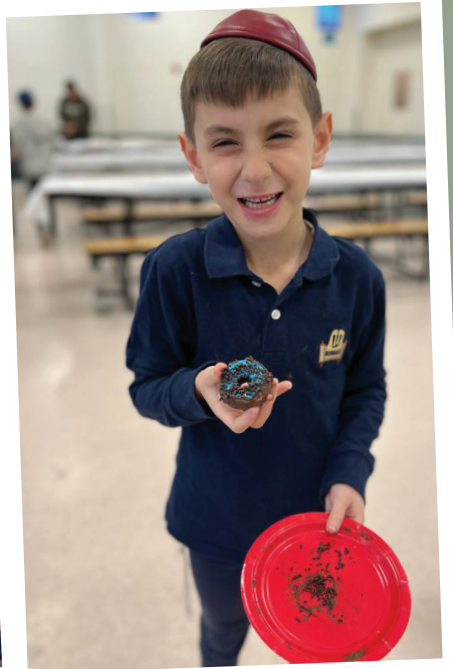


I am the famous elephant from the Chanukah story and I killed one of the Maccabees. I did this accidentally by falling on him when he attacked me, but I recovered and I'm back. (I don't know how I'm typing this). It was by the Beis Hamikdash. We, the Greeks, were trying to convert the Jews, but sadly we failed. I felt devastated that we lost. In the beginning the Jews were surprised and most gave up, but ten or so got courage and fought. Ultimately I was pulled to safety by my fellow Greek elephants and am now looking to restart my life in the jungle.

From,
Eli Elephant

Brain Teasers

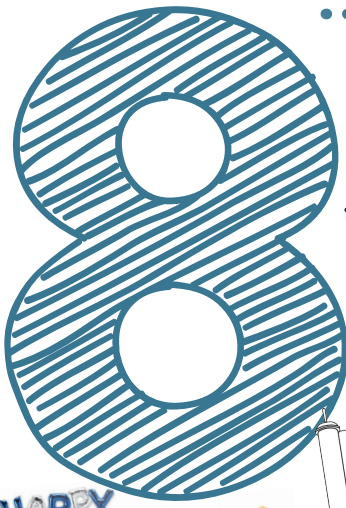




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Early Childhood Program
Where children are nurtured with Mitzot and Mizvot every day



**HAPPY
CHANUKAH**
FROM THE ASHAR PTA



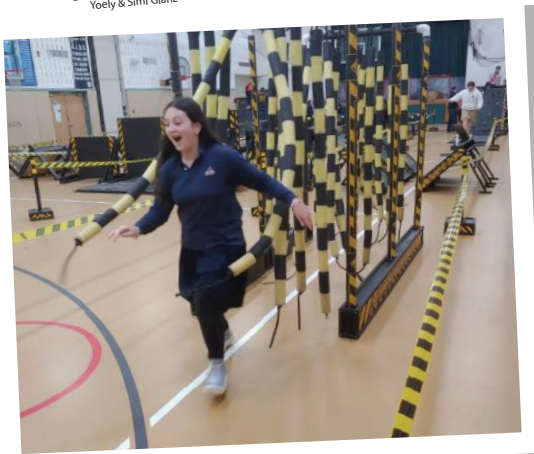
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ASHARKS Upcoming GAMES

Varsity 7th-8th Boys Basketball

Tuesday, 12/19/23
6:30 PM
Ramaz@ASHAR

Thursday 12/21/23
7:15 PM
ASHAR@SAR

Thursday 12/28/23
7:45 PM
MDS@ASHAR

Varsity 7th-8th Girls Basketball

Thursday, 12/21/23
6:15 PM
ASHAR@SAR

Thursday, 12/28/23
6:30 PM
MDS@ASHAR

Varsity 6th-8th Hockey

Sunday, 12/17/23
11:00 AM
ASHAR@Hillel

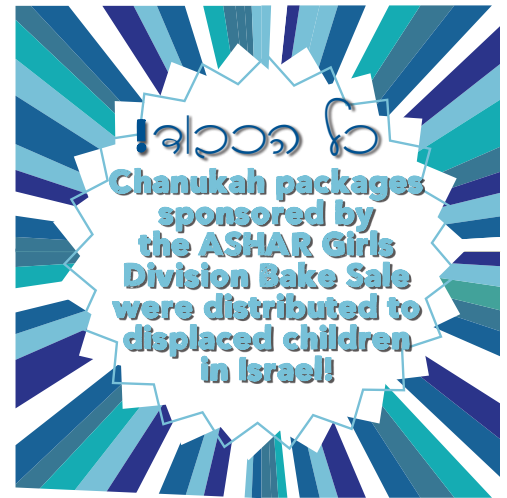
Tuesday, 12/19/23
7:00 PM
ASHAR@JEC

Thursday, 12/21/23
6:30 PM
ASHAR@WDS

Wednesday, 12/27/23
7:30 PM
Hillel@ASHAR

Torah Bowl

Monday, 12/18/23
Next Two Parshios of Sefer
Shemos with Perush Rashi
(בשלה, יתרו)
Hosted by @ASHAR



Mazel Tov!

Bernie and Janet Schwarz and Josh and Amy Ratner
on the engagement of their children,
Daniel Schwarz ('09) and Maya Ratner ('15)

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Monsey, NY 10952

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at the event for purchase
While Supplies Last



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JANUARY 1ST
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