



ASHREINews



Menahel's Message Prerequisite: Torah



Upon learning that Yosef is alive and well in Egypt, Yaakov Avinu embarked on the formidable task of establishing an appropriate spiritual environment for his family. According to Rashi, Yaakov sent Yehudah in advance of the rest of the family, in order to establish a *beis talmud*, a yeshiva, prior to their arrival: "ואת יהודה שלח לפניו אל יוסף להורות לפניו גושנה".

But why Yehudah? Why couldn't a yeshiva be established by Yosef Hatzadik, whose exceptional strength of character and righteousness had rendered him deserving of the 'tzadik' designation, a title not used for any of the other Avos or Shevatim?

The Lubavitcher Rebbe zt"l suggests that Yosef's unmatched *tzidkus* manifest itself in his ability to successfully navigate the challenges of Egyptian society and sanctify his surroundings, thus infusing his very physical environment with spirituality and holiness. Emulating Yosef's ability to create a dwelling place for Hashem in this world, a *mador ba'tachtonim*, is certainly a Jew's

ultimate goal, but doing so first requires a strong pure and unadulterated Torah foundation. Since Yehudah had presumably been more recently involved in intense, pure Torah study, he was a stronger candidate to establish a foundational *beis talmud*.

As parents and *mechanchim*, our goal is to guide our children towards adulthood as well-rounded and well-adjusted *mekadshei shem shamayim* capable of incorporating timeless Torah values into their own lives and those of others, thus forging a *mador ba'tachtonim* for our Creator. Pure, positive but intense Torah study is a prerequisite for this lofty goal.

Shabbat Shalom!

-Rakhi Ari Jacobson
Menahel/Dean



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Tuesday, December 19th Torah learning
was sponsored by

Dr. David & Tamar Schwalb

Important Upcoming Events

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

Busing No Bus Transportation for
Suffern Central: Dec. 22-Jan. 1,
North Rockland and Clarkstown: Dec. 25-29

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

1G Siddur Play 9:30 AM
No Bus Transportation

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

Grandparents Day 9:30 AM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

1B Siddur Play 9:30 AM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

PTA Ice Skating Event 12:00 NOON

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

No Bus Transportation



Mrs. Jacqueline Borgen

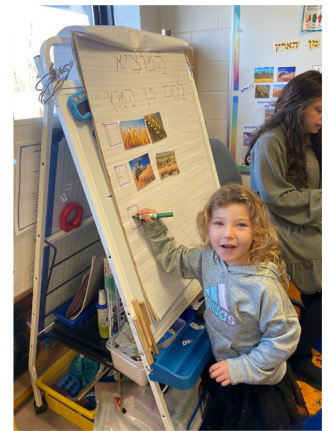
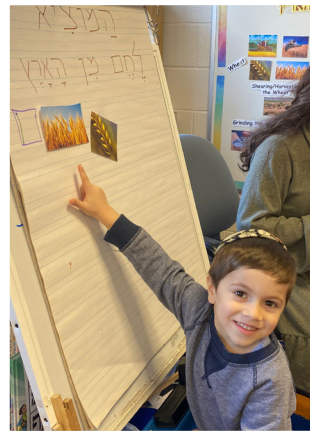
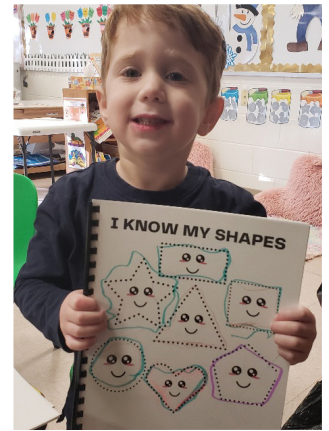
Principal, Early Childhood and First Grade



Nachas Notes:

Dear Morahs,

Gedalia tries so hard to remember his brachos. He even asks Mommy what bracha to make on the food. It makes Mommy so proud! He is so excited for the Brachos Play!



ASHAR GIRLS

DIVISION

Mrs. Debby Jacobson

Principal, Girls Division



In this week's *Haftarah*, Yechezkel HaNavi teaches us about *achdus*, unity. According to Yechezkel, first the Jewish people must come together as one. After that, Hashem will unite with the people. The *Sefer Chareidim* shares with us an interesting perspective regarding this order. Hashem's oneness can only be appreciated through the oneness of His people. If we are fragmented, our experience of Hashem will be one of division. Each segment of Jews will view Hashem from their perspective and the sense of Hashem's oneness will never be seen. According to the *Sefer Chareidim*, the perfect unity between Jews is the prerequisite to Hashem's unity with us.

As our wonderful Chanukah celebrations fade into our memories, we *daven* that the sense of *achdus* created brings us one step closer to the day when Hashem's oneness will be recognized throughout the world במהרה בימינו אמן

Have a wonderful Shabbos!



ASHAR alumni met with eighth graders to discuss the transition to high school and what makes their school so unique.



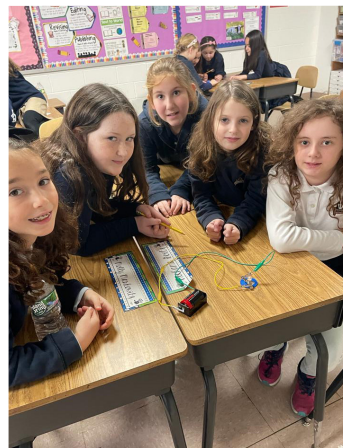
3G learned the Shoresch ראה - see, and made glasses!



In a show of *achdus*, our eighth grade girls created murals made out of hearts that were decorated by the middle school girls.



5G visits the Liberty Science Center.



4G experiments with electric circuits!



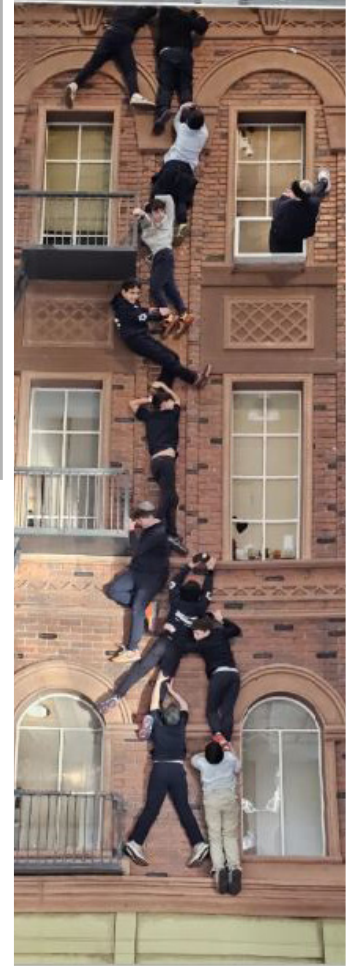
Congrats to the ASHAR Sharks hockey team on their big win Thursday night against WDS! The final score was 8-2!



Mr. Wasserman shows 4B the stunning menorah that he made featuring the Kotel Hamaaravi.



5B had a blast on their class trip to the Liberty Science Center!



Last week, our second through fourth grade boys enjoyed a special Chanukah-themed Matnas Shabbos program!



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uh, Chaim



Mazel Tov!

Yitzy Jacobson (7B)
on his Bar Mitzvah

Rabbi Ari and Mrs. Debby Jacobson
on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Yitzy
and on the marriage of their daughter
Saritti ('15) to Dovid Epstein

Rabbi Netanel Rosenzweig
on the birth of a daughter

Phillip Akerman (7B)
on his Bar Mitzvah

Mrs. Lisa Weber
on the birth of a granddaughter to
Chaim ('07) & Michal Weber

Rabbi Ephraim Weiss
on the birth of a daughter

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



2024-2025



APPLY NOW

ashar.org/apply

****ASHAR prides itself in being a family school.**
We will give priority to families that apply for all of their children.

When your application is received
we will contact you to set up an interview with your child/children.

Please have the following documents ready to upload with your application:

- 1) Birth Certificate 2) Recent Photo 3) Proof of Immunizations
- 4) Physical Exam Form 5) Previous Report Cards (if applicable)
- 6) Recent Achievement Test Scores (if applicable)
- 7) IEP or Psychological Evaluations (if applicable)

Fees: \$150 application fee (Per NEW family. Current families need only pay testing fee)
\$150 testing fee (Per child, all grades)

\$75 re-application fee (for new families only. If you applied previously and did not register for any reason)

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Grandparents DAY

We cordially invite you to attend our
Grandparents Day event where
we look forward to a hands-on fair,
watching a video of your grandchildren and
spending this special time together!

**MONDAY,
JANUARY 1ST
9:30AM**



ASHAR's Carter Athletic Center
360 New Hempstead Road
New City, NY 10956

RSVP: WWW.ASHAR.ORG/GRANDPARENTS

THE ANNUAL ASHAR PTA

\$5 per skater
or bring your own skates
cash or credit

ICE SKATING EVENT

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Sunday
Dec 31, 2023
12-2pm Doors Open
11:20am

Sport-O-Rama
20 College Road
Monsey, NY 10952

Snacks & Drinks Available
at the event for purchase
While Supplies Last



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