



ASHREINews



Menahel's Message Process and Patience



According to Rashi, Pharaoh's declaration of "הבה נתחכמה לו", "let us outwit him", refers to Jewish male babies into the Nile. Pharaoh mistakenly assumed that after the Flood, G-d had promised to never drown an entire nation, and was thus protected from retribution in kind, מדה כנגד מדה. And yet, the ensuing pesukim describe only discriminatory taxation, and the beginning of forced labor, "עליו שרי מיסים". The edict to murder male babies is issued only after the forced labor. If the ultimate goal was to outwit Hashem by casting babies into the Nile, why not do so immediately?

The answer, explains the Satmar Rebbe zt"l, is simple. Pharaoh recognized the impossibility of instantly transforming Egypt into a nation of baby killers, as no human being can become instantly evil. Doing so required a process of reeducation, beginning with dehumanizing discriminatory forced labor decrees. Once B'nei

Yisrael were sufficiently dehumanized, it now became possible to legislate murder.

The Zohar Hakadosh similarly teaches that our holy Avos and Imahos did not immediately attain their respective levels of greatness: "לא בחד יומא ולא בחד שתא". Ascending to the highest rungs of kedusha entails a process that spans neither a day nor a week, but rather a lifetime. Behavioral patterns, both positive and heaven forbid the opposite, as well as emunah and character refinement, are not instantaneously acquired; they are gradually and patiently developed. Embrace the process!

Shabbat Shalom!

- Rabbi Ari Jacobson
Menahel/Dean



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Monday, January 1st Torah learning
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Important Upcoming Events

MONDAY-TUESDAY, JANUARY 15-16
7-8 Grade Midterms

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

No Bus Transportation

THURSDAY-SUNDAY, JANUARY 18-28
No Sessions Mid-Winter Break



MONDAY, JANUARY 29
Sessions Resume

MONDAY-THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5-8
8B/G NNN Interviews

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7
PK Brachot Fair 9:30 AM



We have a tissue issue! Please restock your children's backpacks with tissues. Thank you!

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Mrs. Jacqueline Borgen

Principal, Early Childhood and First Grade

Our Early Childhood family celebrated the completion of the first book of the Torah, *Sefer Bereishit*, with a wonderful Siyum on Grandparents Day. It was such a special and meaningful morning with almost 300 grandparents in attendance. The *ruach* in the room was felt by all! The theme this year was taken from the last Parsha of the first Sefer of the Torah, when Yaakov Avinu gave his grandchildren a Bracha, *Hamalach Hagoel*.

While children arrived in pajamas to share in this theme, parents sent in pajamas to send to families in Eretz Yisrael, and the room was transformed into a nighttime wonderland!

As the program began with Rabbi Jacobson and Morah Jackie addressing the grandparents about our amazing Gan Esther Early Childhood program, the message to all was clear. Our goal in ASHAR is to instill a true love for *yiddishkeit* within our children and to light a spark in their *neshamas*. The goal of our morning was for all the grandparents to experience the warmth, emotion and excitement that their grandchildren feel every day. We were truly successful, as emotions throughout the morning ran the gamut! From the excitement of picking up the children from their classes, to the moving and emotional *divrei Torah* from the children! From singing *Hamalach* and *B'Shem Hashem*, to participating in all the themed activities, it was truly a spiritually uplifting and bonding event.

Thank you to Mrs. Goldman for putting together the heartwarming video with the children's *Divrei Torah*, and thank you Morah Nofar for the amazing video recap and all of your help!

Thank you to the Morahs and 8th grade girls who supervised the stations.

Thank you to all who attended, participated and helped make this program a huge success!



To watch the recap video:

<https://youtu.be/3wttH360Jqk>

To watch the *Divrei Torah* of the Children's Siyum Sefer Bereishit:

<https://youtu.be/AOO-G6e6ePU>



Grandparents Day





ASHAR GIRLS

DIVISION

Mrs. Debby Jacobson

Principal, Girls Division



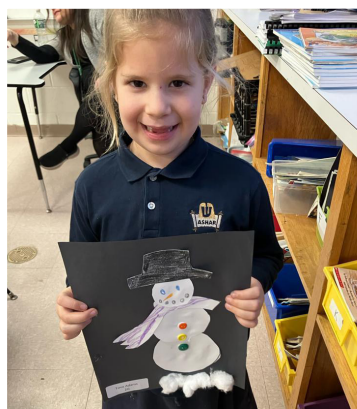
I walked into a classroom this week as the children were listening to the story of the sneh, the burning bush. At that point Hashem gave Moshe the responsibility of saving the entire Jewish Nation. In a panic, Moshe tells Hashem that he cannot complete this mission because of a speech impediment. Hashem responds, "Who is it who makes a person clear of speech or lame in speech, hearing or deaf, seeing or blind, but I myself Hashem." Hashem is explaining to Moshe that

only He has the power to create people. Hashem gives each individual abilities and disabilities. It is our mission as His nation to see the value in each and every person. Hashem is teaching us that no matter what a person's talents and challenges, we must respect them and treat them kindly.

The ASHAR Girls Division works tirelessly to transmit this *middah* to our students. By modeling and reinforcing this behavior, we are confident that our girls will grow, flourish and bring much *nachas* to Klal Yisrael.



Mazel Tov to our first graders on their Siddur Play!



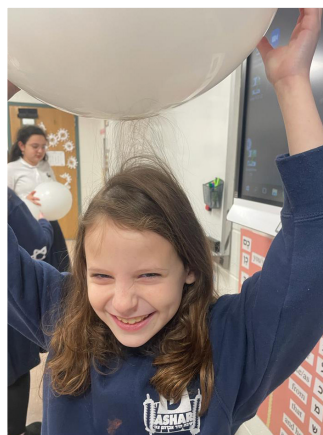
Second grade welcomes winter with special activities!



The third grade girls created their own skits about Morocco. As you can see, they were quite creative!



The sixth grade girls learn about the Meraglim in Chumash.



4G learns about static electricity!



First grade read 400 books!



3G ART



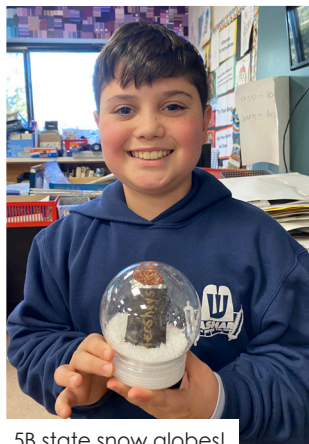
5G ART



Mazel Tov to our first graders on their Siddur Play!



Second grade welcomes winter with special activities!



5B state snow globes!



Mazel Tov! 4B celebrated their siyum of Parshas Vayeshev with a game of basketball.



5B cooking activity in conjunction with their nutrition unit in science!



1B celebrated their siyum of Sefer Bereishis by bringing in items related to the different Parshas.



8B reviews the first perek of Makkos.

2B

Eitan Cohnen
Ari Teller

4B

Yaakov Ezra Fleischer
Ari Zlotnick

6B

Coby Goldman
Aryeh Lichtenstein
Eli Sorotzkin

3B

Daniel Laskey
Eli Neiman
Yosef Notik

5B

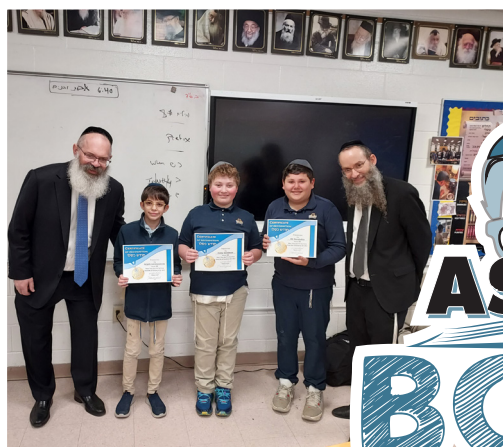
Yissie Auslander
Shlomo Lebovitz

7B

Chaimy Glantz
Moshe Hayman
Moshe Steinberger

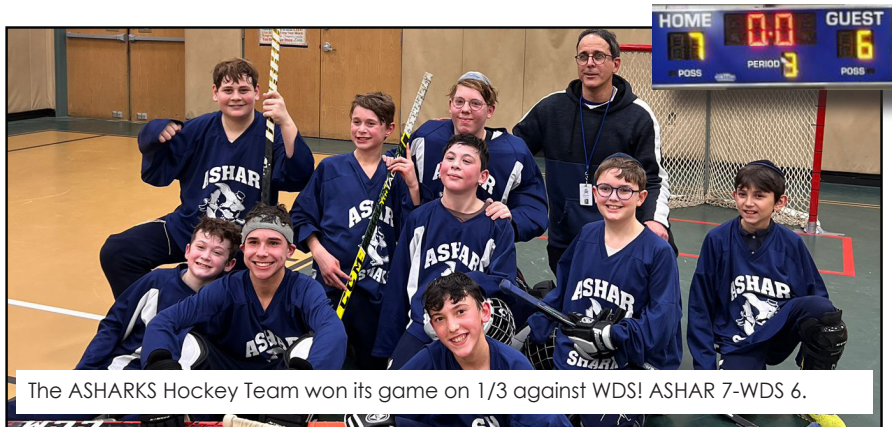
Bachurei Chemed

This recognition is accorded by *rebbeim* to those boys who demonstrate exceptional effort in their Limudei Kodesh.



ASHAR
BOYS
DIVISION





The ASHARKS Hockey Team won its game on 1/3 against WDS! ASHAR 7-WDS 6.



The ASHARKS Boys Basketball Team won its game on 1/3 against WTA! ASHAR 75-WTA 44. This is the all-time highest scoring basketball game for the Sharks!



Upcoming GAMES

Girls Basketball

Monday, 1/8/24
6:45 PM
ASHAR@Ramaz

Boys Basketball

Monday, 1/8/24
7:45 PM
ASHAR@Ramaz

Hockey

Tuesday, 1/9/24
7:00 PM
JEC@ASHAR

Wednesday, 1/10/24
6:45 PM
WDS@ASHAR



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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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ASHAR is collecting brand new pajamas to send to families in Eretz Yisrael. Pajamas can be for men, women and children.

Drop off is outside the ASHAR office.



LUNCH MENU – ELEMENTARY-ASHAR
5 DAY JANUARY - 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Jan. 1	Jan. 2	Jan. 3	Jan. 4	Jan. 5
	Mini Cheesy Twists Spicy Mayo Vegetable Soup Assorted Yogurts Egg Salad* Baby Carrots, Cux Sticks & Grape Tomatoes Italian Dressing Fresh Apples Bread, Milk	Hotdog & Buns Steak Cut French Fries Chickpeas Cole Slaw Pickles Mustard Ketchup Fresh Banana Bread Apple Juice	Falafel Balls Pita Israeli Salad Techina Schug Fresh Apple Bread Milk	Baked Ziti Noodles Nish Nash Salad Nish Nosh Dressing Mozarella Cheese Sticks Tuna Salad* Ketchup Fruit Cups - Pears Bread Milk	Yogurt Muffin Baby Carrot Fresh Apple Chocolate Milk Chickpeas Bread
Jan. 7	Jan. 8	Jan. 9	Jan. 10	Jan. 11	Jan. 12
Sicilian Pizza Potato Knish Egg Salad* Baby Carrots, Cux Sticks & Grape Tomatoes Thousand Island dip Fresh Oranges Bread Milk	Chicken Nuggets Rice Green Beans Ketchup Roasted Chickpeas Fresh Banana Bread Apple Juice	Penne Alfredo Noodles String Cheese Caesar Salad Caesar Dressing Tuna Salad* Ketchup Fruit Cups – Mandarin Bread, Milk	Assorted Bagels Tuna Salad Egg Salad American Cheese Cream Cheese Sliced Cucumber and Tomato Fresh Apples Bread Milk	Yogurt Muffin Baby Carrot Fresh Apple Chocolate Milk Chickpeas Bread	
Jan. 14	Jan. 15	Jan. 16	Jan. 17	Jan. 18	Jan. 19
Pancake Vegetable Soup Assorted Yogurts Egg Salad* Baby Carrots, Cux Sticks & Grape Tomatoes Honey Mustard Dip Pancake Syrup Fresh Apples Bread, Milk	Deli Baguette Mom's Knish Pickles Mustard Ketchup Chickpeas Fresh Banana Apple Juice Bread	Pizza Bagel Spicy and Regular Fries Spicy Mayo Egg Salad* Ketchup Fresh Oranges Bread Milk	NO SCHOOL		
Jan. 21	Jan. 22	Jan. 23	Jan. 24	Jan. 25	Jan. 26
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
Jan. 28	Jan. 29	Jan. 30	Jan. 31	*For Allergen **For Program Only -Menu subject to change	
NO SCHOOL				 	