



ASHREINews



Menahel's Message The Biggest Test



Chazal refer to the book of Bereishis as *Sefer Hayashar*. The meaning of 'Yashar' in this context is best captured by the Yiddish term *ehrllich*, and speaks to the sterling character and integrity embodied by the Avos and Imahos. While Bereishis contains few specific *mitzvos* and little instruction on ritual observance, it is *Sefer Hayashar*- the book that recounts the exceptional behavior of our ancestors, and thus establishes the parameters of refined character and *derech erez* for eternity. One such example is the description of Avraham's acquisition of Me'aras Hamachpela as a burial site for Sarah.

In enumerating the Asarah Nisyonos of Avraham Aveinu referenced in Pirkei Avos, most commentators consider the tenth and most difficult challenge met to be Akeidas Yitzchak. After all, can one imagine a more gut wrenching test than obeying G-d's request to sacrifice a beloved son? Rav Samson Raphael Hirsch (following the approach of Rabbeinu Yonah's commentary to Avos), however, disagrees, claiming that the tenth and most difficult *nisayon* was what ensued.

After returning from the Akeidah, Avraham informs Sarah that Hashem had requested the sacrifice of Yitzchak, whereupon

Sarah immediately passes away in shock and agony, not realizing that Avraham was about to describe how Hashem then instructed the angel to intercede and accept a ram in Yitzchak's place. Avraham is forced to plan his beloved wife's burial, whose death was precipitated by blind faith in Hashem. G-d had promised Avraham the length and breadth of Canaan, but now even a simple cave for burial proves elusive, as he has no choice but to negotiate with the charlatan Ephron HaChitti.

The level of Avraham's stress and pain was indescribable; under the circumstances, impatience and short-temperedsness would be quite understandable. Yet note how he interacted with B'nei Ches: "*im yesh es nafsh'chem*"- please. "*Va'yishtachu Avraham lifnei am ha'aretz*"- thank you. Avraham maintained self-control throughout, and acted as a perfect gentleman, thus establishing a paradigm of *menschlichkeit* and composure for generations of *yesharim*!

Shabbat Shalom!

-Rabbi Ari Jacobson
Menahel/Dean

Important Upcoming Events

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10
No Sessions
Parent Teacher Conferences

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14
ECP Rosh Chodesh Kislev assembly
Please dress your child in white top and dark bottom.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19
2G Chumash Mesiba 9:30 AM

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20
8B/8G JSAT H.S. entrance exam

THURSDAY-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23-26
No Sessions Thanksgiving

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3
4-8B Father-Son Learning
Pre-Chanukah Extravaganza 8:30 AM



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.

Parsha



We baked Challah this week in honor of the miracle that was in Sara and Rivka's tent.



Practicing our Trick Words in kindergarten

Music & Movement



Chalau U'dvash



Colors and numbers



ASHAR GIRLS

DIVISION

Mrs. Debby Jacobson

Principal, Girls Division



Chesed is one of the most important *middos* of a good Jew. It is a central principle upon which the world was created. At ASHAR, we stress the importance of chesed in our youngest students. *Chesed* projects are constantly being implemented into our curriculum. What is it about chesed that makes it so important?

The *mishna* in *Pirkei Avos* says that someone who has an *ayin tova*, a "good eye," is considered a student of Avraham Avinu. Rabbeinu Yona explains that this describes someone who has the characteristic of giving. The attribute of chesed was one of the essential attributes of Avraham. As the children of Avraham, we must emulate his essence of giving and make it part of our core.

Over the past few weeks, our girls have been busy creating cards and packing care packages for the *chayalim* in Eretz Yisrael. We are proud of their accomplishments and look forward to many more.



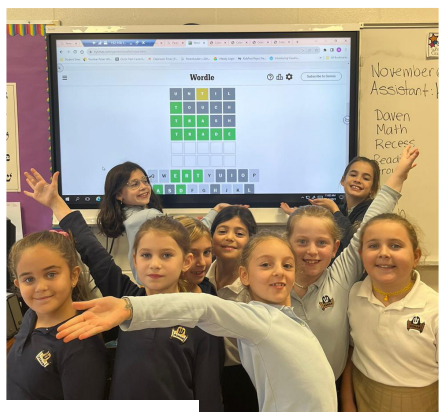
ASHAR alumna Abby Heinrich with one of the care packages sent from our students.



2G wrote sentences and learned how to draw a subject.



6G robotics



3G played wordle



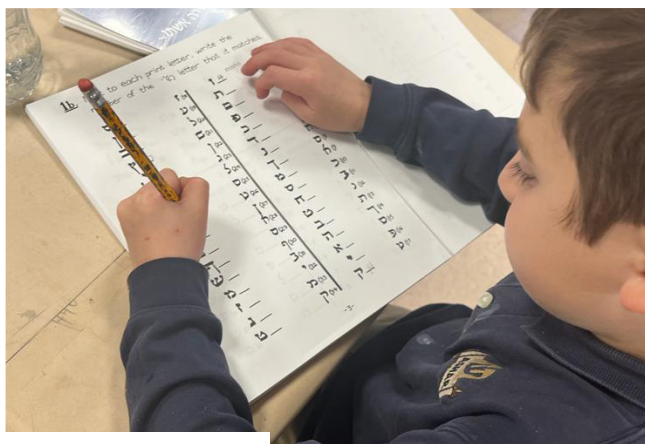
Eighth Grade density lab



Eighth grade participates in a Kristallnacht presentation delivered by Rabbi Joel Cohn in Yerushalayim.



3B is learning Shemona Esrei



3B is learning Rashi letters



Andrew Parver from the Hebrew Free Burial Association came to speak to the sixth and seventh grade boys to prepare them for next week's trip. The boys will be undertaking a chesed project to help clean the cemetery.



Eighth Grade density lab



Second grade celebrates receiving their Chumashim.



SECOND GRADE

Journal Writing

With

Mrs. Kertz
Mrs. Korn & Mrs. Gordon



By: Esther Levin



My favorite season is winter.
you could ice skate.
you could make a snow
man. you could play in
the snow. I love winter.



My Favorite Season
is Winter. In
Winter I like
to make a snow
man. I like to make
a igloo. I like to
drink hot coco.
I love winter. I enjoy
the winter.



By: Aharon Steinberg

By: Atara Landau



My favorite season is summer.
I love to swim in the pool.
I like to play and run.
I like to have ice cream.
I love summer.



My favorite season is summer.
I get to play at the beach.
I get to go to my dad's
I go to camp. I love summer.

By: Heshy Kupferstein



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This week's
Big Tzedaka Collection
was a great success!
Thank you to all of our parents
who sent in their ASHAR pushkas
this past week and a special
thank you to
Rommy & Yocheved Lipman
for sponsoring the kids' treats
L'iluy nishmas
Malka Chana bas Pinchas a"h
May her neshama have an aliyah!

Thank you to
Yisha Schwartz, Chani Silber
& **Lisa Weber** for coordinating
the collection.



Mazel Tov!

**Akiva (7B) and
Noah Shalom Malool (PKA)**
on their new baby brother

Tiferes Werth (6G)
on her Bat Mitzvah

Mrs. Devorah O'Brien
on the birth of a grandson
and to **Binyamin Spaeth (Class of '06)**
on the birth of a son

Mrs. Tehilla Chesir
on the engagement of her daughter

Mimi Amsel ('13)
on her marriage to Yitzchock Chayo

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

Baruch Dayan HaEmet

We are sorry to inform you of the passing of
Mrs. Esther Chaitovsky a"h,
mother of ASHAR Rebbe,
Rabbi Leible Chaitovsky.

*Rabbi Chaitovsky will be observing shiva at
26 Albert Drive, Monsey NY 10952,
through Sun. morning Nov. 13.*

We are sorry to inform you of the passing of
Shalom Ben Sulika
father of ASHAR morah and parent,
Hagit Dahan.

*May the families be comforted among
the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.*



ASHARKS Upcoming GAMES

Varsity 7th-8th Boys Basketball

Thursday, 11/16/23
6:30 PM

ASHAR@WDS

Monday, 11/27/23
6:00 PM

Doubleheader:
SAR@ASHAR

Thursday, 11/30/23
6:30 PM

WTA@ASHAR

Varsity 6th-8th Hockey

Monday, 11/20/23
7:00 PM

RPRY@ASHAR

Sunday, 12/3/23
12:00 PM

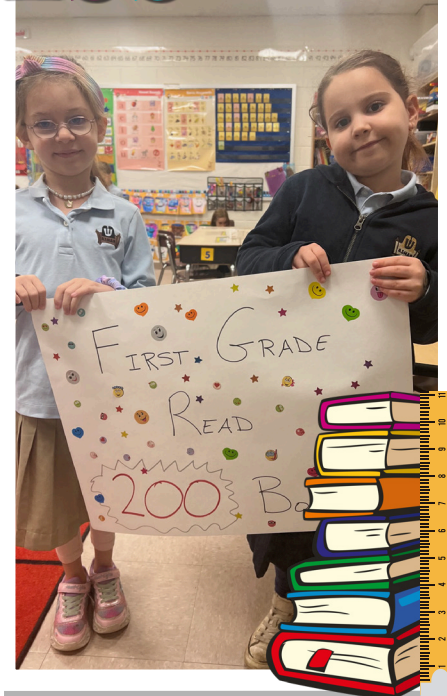
Hillel@ASHAR

LET'S GO SHARKS



1st Grade read

200 Books!



Torah Bowl Update

ASHAR Scores at Westchester Day School!

Our two teams traveled to Westchester Day School to compete in the first round of Torah Bowl. They covered the three parshiot of Sefer Shemot with Perush Rashi. Both teams won 3/4 games! We wish our teams continued hatzlacha! Thank you to Rabbi Chaitovsky and Mrs. Ora Koenig for leading our teams.



ASHA BOY DIVISION Torah Bowl SHAR GIRLS DIVISION



SCHOLASTIC

Scholastic Book Fair is
December 4-7

THE GREAT BIG Rockland Challah Bake



Thank you to all who turned out for a beautiful evening of inspiration and unity at the Challah Bake!



THE GREAT BIG Rockland Challah Bake

HOW TO SEPARATE CHALLAH

Separating challah is one of three mitzvot given especially for Shabbat. (The other two mitzvot are Shabbat candles and farzei. Nevertheless, men are equally obligated to separate challah.)

REQUIREMENTS

The requirements to separate challah applies any time you make a large dough from any one (or combination) of five flours: wheat, spelt, rye, barley, or oats.

Challah must be separated from any large dough (ex. for cake, etc.), whether you are baking it for Shabbos or for a weekday.

THE GREAT BIG Rockland Challah Bake

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup of water
- 2 ¼ tsp of yeast
- ½ cup of sugar
- ¼ cup of oil
- 2 cups of flour
- 1 egg

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Mix water, yeast, sugar, and oil in a large bowl.
2. Add flour and egg, mixing until a dough forms.
3. Knead the dough for 10 minutes.
4. Let the dough rise for 1 hour.
5. Shape the dough into a loaf and bake at 350°F for 30 minutes.

One Nation עם ישראל
One Torah תורת ישראל
One Land ארץ ישראל



Please join us in showing Hakarat HaTov to our amazing faculty by participating in this project to provide gifts to our teachers and staff! We are collecting money for Chanukah for one low suggested donation per child:

N-8: \$36/child

**Fill out the form online at:
<http://www.ashar.org/staffgifts>**

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**Any questions?
Email the PTA - pta@ashar.org**

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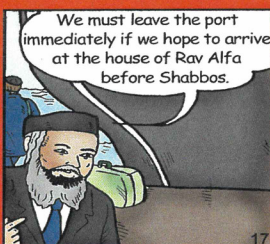
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AND
LEARN!



FEEL
FULFILLED



TAKE
PART

DON'T STAY OUTSIDE!



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כַּוְנָה
יֵשׁ לִי
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גִּנְי
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לְאַמְרוּי!



THE LEARNING WILL TAKE PLACE

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At: 2 Hours after Drip-Sunset Every week

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AMERICANS MARCH FOR ISRAEL MARCH TO FREE HOSTAGES MARCH AGAINST ANTISEMITISM



Join us as we

MARCH FOR ISRAEL IN WASHINGTON DC

Tuesday, November 14 at 1 p.m.

Buses organized by the Jewish Federation of Rockland County in partnership with JCC Rockland and cooperation with organizations across the community.

Departure from Rockland at 6:30 AM.
Departure point will be shared.



We encourage ASHAR parents to attend if feasible, and suggest that you consider bringing your seventh and eighth graders as well. Buses to the rally are being provided by the Federation, and co-sponsored by many local organizations, including ASHAR. Kindly note that children below the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Please use this link to register: <https://jewishfederation.givingfuel.com/march-for-israel>