



# ASHREINews



## Menahel's Message Just Because

one point could have been charitably described as spiritually challenged. The more contemporary term would be "off-the-derech." Yet, the Be'er Mayim Chaim continued to love his son unconditionally and shower him with unbridled affection. And when the father davened, he would beseech the Ribbono shel Olam to similarly continue loving- the Jewish people- unconditionally, just as he always loved his sometimes wayward son under all circumstances.

Parashas Lech Lecha opens rather suddenly, as Hashem commands Avraham to leave his home and travel to an as of yet undisclosed destination. While it soon becomes apparent that G-d's directive represented the first tangible manifestation of a specifically Jewish destiny in His chosen land, at no point does the Torah articulate why Avraham or his descendants were chosen.

Unlike Noach, who is introduced as a *tzaddik, tamim b'dorosav* and therefore worthy of salvation, the Torah omits any mention of a basis for Avraham being chosen by Hashem- and for good reason: Avraham

was certainly righteous, explains the Maharal of Prague, but that is not the reason that Hashem chose us. We were chosen as Hashem's special children simply because He desired to do so. And by doing so, our Father in Heaven established a paradigm of parents' unconditional love of their children, no matter what the circumstances.

*Shabbat Shalom!*

- Rabbi Ari Jacobson  
Menahel/Dean



Students from ASHAR collecting supplies for the IDF!

## Important Upcoming Events

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31  
8G Trip to RCC Holocaust Museum

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1  
8B Trip to RCC Holocaust Museum

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2  
Challah Bake



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5  
Daylight Savings Ends  
2B Chumash Mesiba 9:30 AM



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7  
No Bus Transportation for Suffern  
Central, North Rockland, Clarkstown

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10  
No Sessions  
Parent Teacher Conferences

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

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



Free hot lunch for all N-8 students, begins Wednesday, November 1st.





**Mrs. Jacqueline Borgen**

Principal, Early Childhood and First Grade

Here are some pictures from our busy week.

Have a wonderful Shabbos!



*Sensory Play*



*Mat Man*



*Chalau U'dvash*



*ABC*



*Parsha*



I am one of the precious stars in the sky.

*Morah Malky*



*ABC*



*Aleph Bet*



*West Maple Farm Trip*







## DIVISION

**Mrs. Debby Jacobson**

Principal, Girls Division



*Parshas Lech Lecha* begins with the first test given to Avraham Avinu. Avraham was to let go of his past and follow Hashem to a new land. Why did Hashem feel the need to test Avraham?

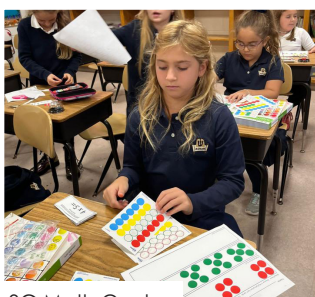
Hashem was looking for an opportunity to help Avraham become a better person. Hashem knew that Avraham would pass the test. He still made himself into a greater person.

tested Avraham to enable him to become superior. By Avraham choosing correctly, he put his potential into action and made himself into a greater person.

As we fall into the routine of school and its expectations, our girls are learning to take any challenge that comes their way and view it as an opportunity for growth.

I look forward to sharing much growth-oriented *nachas* with you.

Have a wonderful Shabbos!



3G Math Centers



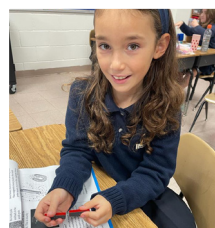
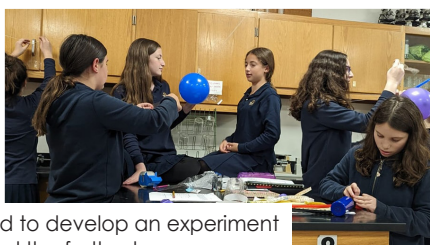
Sixth to eighth grade girls commemorated Rachel Immeinu's yahrtzeit by learning about chessed and packing up supplies to send to the IDF.



Second Grade DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) Time!



Seventh grade students use the scientific method to develop an experiment with the aim of making their balloon rockets travel the farthest.



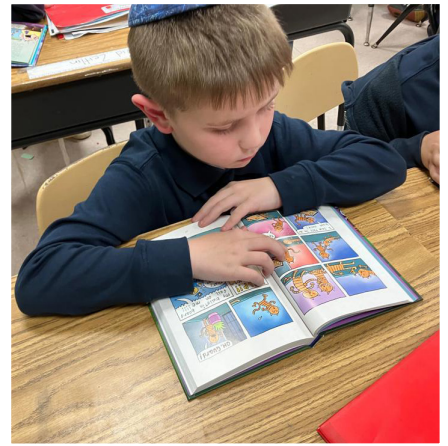
4G learns about magnetism







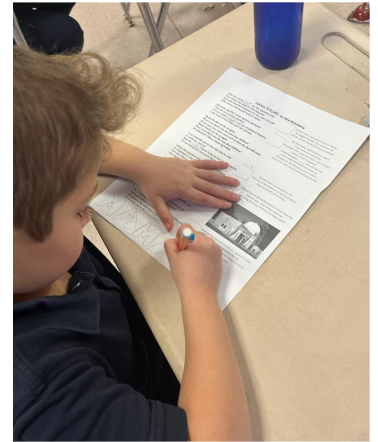
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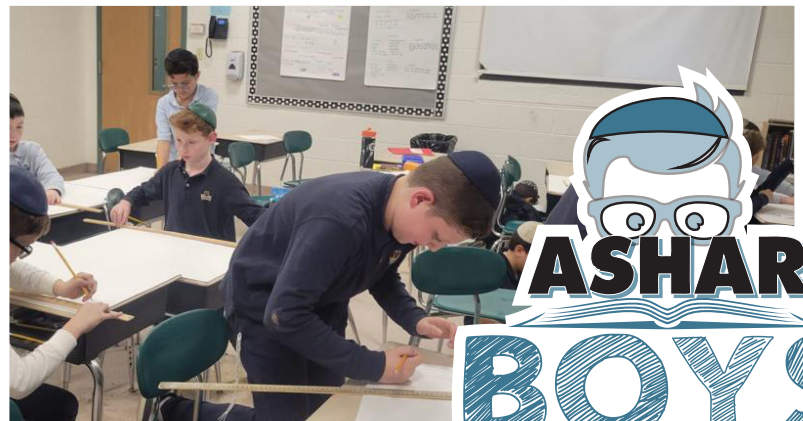
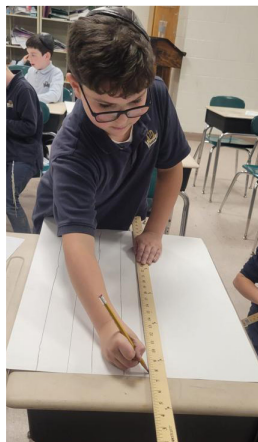
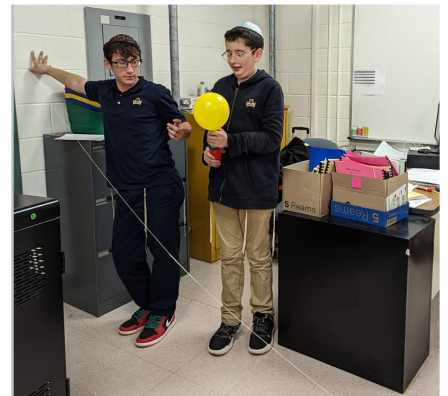
Third Grade joins the worldwide Tehillim Asifa



Third Grade learns the story and song of Rachel Imeinu



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4B begins working on their map unit.



# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Thank you Rabbi Dr. Dovid Fox, Director of Chai Lifeline's Trauma and Crisis Services (and a noted talmid chacham), who took time from his extremely busy schedule to share invaluable guidance with our faculty this past Monday evening. Dr. Fox focused on strategies to manage and alleviate anxiety during these challenging times, and presented developmentally appropriate approaches to best addressing our students.



# SECURITY UPDATE



LOCK  
DOWN  
DRILL

This past Tuesday we conducted a scheduled school-wide lockdown drill. The purpose of these drills is to reinforce lockdown procedures, as practiced by both students and staff, and to subsequently assess protocol against real-time response.

We continue to implement best practices, and our professional security team remains in constant contact with local law enforcement.

Thank you for entrusting ASHAR with your children. Their safety will always be our highest priority.



# Mazel Tov!

**Flo Zelcer**

on the upcoming marriage of her daughter, **Chana ('06)** to Zach Weinstein

**Eitan (2B) and Noam (PKB) Cohnen**  
on the birth of a brother

Have any good news to share? email [mgoldman@ashar.org](mailto:mgoldman@ashar.org)





# Challah BAKE

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**LUNCH MENU – ELEMENTARY-ASHAR**  
5 DAY / NOVEMBER - 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			Nov. 1 Macaroni and Cheese Noodles String Cheese Tuna Salad* Caesar Salad, Caesar Dressing Ketchup Fruit Cups – Peaches Bread, Milk	Nov. 2 Chulent Potato Kugel Pickles Dinner Roll** Fresh Apples Bread Milk	Nov. 3 Yogurt Muffin Baby Carrot Fresh Apple Chocolate Milk Chickpeas Bread
Nov. 5 Mini Cheesy Twists Spicy Mayo Vegetable Soup Assorted Yogurts Egg Salad* Baby Carrots, Cux Sticks & Grape Tomatoes Italian Dressing Fresh Apples Bread, Milk	Nov. 6 Hotdog & Buns Steak Cut French Fries Chickpeas Cole Slaw Pickles Mustard Ketchup Fresh Banana Bread Apple Juice	Nov. 7 Falafel Balls Pita Israeli Salad Techina Schug Fresh Apple Bread Milk	Nov. 8 Baked Ziti Noodles Nish Nash Salad Nish Nosh Dressing Mozarella Cheese Sticks Tuna Salad* Ketchup Fruit Cups - Pears Bread Milk	Nov. 9 Assorted Bagels Tuna Salad Egg Salad American Cheese Cream Cheese Sliced Cucumber and Tomato Fresh Apples Bread Milk	Nov. 10 NO SCHOOL
Nov. 12 Sicilian Pizza Potato Knish Egg Salad* Baby Carrots, Cux Sticks & Grape Tomatoes Thousand Island dip Fresh Oranges Bread Milk	Nov. 13 Chicken Nuggets Rice Green Beans Ketchup Roasted Chickpeas Fresh Banana Bread Apple Juice	Nov. 14 Penne Alfredo Noodles String Cheese Caesar Salad Caesar Dressing Tuna Salad* Ketchup Fruit Cups – Mandarin Bread, Milk	Nov. 15 Assorted Bagels Tuna Salad Egg Salad American Cheese Cream Cheese Sliced Cucumber and Tomato Fresh Apples Bread Milk	Nov. 16 Yogurt Muffin Baby Carrot Fresh Apple Chocolate Milk Chickpeas Bread	Nov. 17 NO SCHOOL
Nov. 19 Pancakes Vegetable Soup Assorted Yogurts Egg Salad* Baby Carrots, Cux Sticks & Grape Tomatoes, Honey Mustard Dip Pancake Syrup , Fresh Apples Bread, Milk	Nov. 20 Deli Baguette Mom's Knish Pickles Mustard Ketchup Chickpeas Fresh Banana Apple Juice, Bread	Nov. 21 Pizza Bagel Spicy and Regular Fries Spicy Mayo Egg Salad* Ketchup Fresh Oranges Bread Milk	Nov. 22 Chulent Potato Kugel Pickles Dinner Roll** Fresh Apples Bread Milk	Nov. 23 NO SCHOOL	Nov. 24 NO SCHOOL
Nov. 26 Fish Sticks Orzo Green Beans Baby Carrots Dijon Mustard Fresh Oranges Bread Milk	Nov. 27 BBQ Chicken Rice Sweet Peas Ketchup Roasted Chickpeas Fresh Banana Bread Apple Juice	Nov. 28 Macaroni and Cheese Noodles String Cheese Tuna Salad* Caesar Salad Caesar Dressing Ketchup Fruit Cups – Peaches Bread, Milk	Nov. 29 Chulent Potato Kugel Pickles Dinner Roll** Fresh Apples Bread Milk	Nov. 30 *For Allergen **For Program Only -Menu subject to change	
NO SCHOOL					

