



ASHREINews

Sukkot Edition

Menahel's Message Almost Perfect



The Bobover Rebbe was once sent an exceptionally beautiful esrog. Its shape, color, and texture were stunning, the *pitam* and stem absolutely flawless. Yet, to the surprise of all, the Rebbe insisted on using a different esrog for his *beracha* that Sukkos morning. Though no one had the audacity to ask for an explanation, the Rebbe's strange behavior raised more than a few eyebrows, and piqued the interest of one overly curious young man.

During the lengthy *Shacharis* prayers, the young man, unable to contain his curiosity any longer, snuck into the Rebbe's *sukkah* to sneak a peek at the prize esrog. Hands trembling with excitement, he removed the esrog from its box—and watched with horror as the perfect specimen slipped through his shaking fingers and fell to the floor. Terrified, the *bochur* quickly returned the esrog to its box and fled.

After davening, the Rebbe noticed that someone had moved his esrog box. As a precaution, he re-inspected his perfect esrog. Imagine his shock when he noticed the *pitom* attached by a thin

needle! The needle had originally been hidden, but had been slightly displaced in the fall, and was now exposed.

Smiling, the Rebbe explained, "For all its incomparable perfection, I refused to make a *beracha* on this esrog. Though I was unaware of the precise deficiency, I instinctively knew that it was *pasul*. It was just too perfect, and nothing in this world is absolutely perfect, only Hashem!"

No object, person, family, community, or institution is perfect. Only Hashem is perfect. While we may strive for perfection (and perhaps get that much closer to achieving this goal than had we not done so), we must at the same time appreciate all that we have, despite inherent imperfections. Keep striving, but also make sure to savor your *berachos* as currently constituted. Appreciate your family, value your community *yeshiva*, and most importantly, set aside some quality time over Sukkos to enjoy your children. Imperfect is just perfect!

With best wishes for a Chag Sameach,
-Rabbi Ari Jacobson
Menahel/Dean




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Monday, September 25th Torah learning
was sponsored by
Yona & Toby Markowitz

Friday, September 29th Torah learning
is sponsored by
Moshe & Chana Lazar & family

Important Upcoming Events

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, SEP. 29-OCT. 8
Sukkot No Sessions

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9
Columbus Day 
Grades K-8: 8:30AM start time,
Reg. dismissal times

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11
8B/G Parent Meeting 7:00 PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15
4B-8B Sunday Program Begins

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17
Busing: No Bus Transportation
for Suffern Central

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19
Picture Day

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31
8G Trip to RCC Holocaust Museum

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1
8B Trip to RCC Holocaust Museum

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2
Challah Bake 



Mrs. Jacqueline Borgen

Principal, Early Childhood and First Grade

What an amazing and busy first month of school. The children have been learning about one *Tishrei Chag* after the next, and the culmination to all of this learning came together in a beautiful Torah Parade program. On Thursday, the children came to school with smiles on their faces and Torahs in their hands! Morah Jackie greeted us, but where was Mitzvah Man? He was not in his house! We looked in his house, he was not there! We looked all around the room until some children found him sleeping behind his house. Mitzvah Man explained to us that he was so busy he fell asleep outside his house! He said he heard the Shofar on Rosh Hashana, wore his Kittel for Yom Kippur and then, after davening really well all Yom Kippur, he immediately started to get ready for Sukkos! He ran to the store to buy a Lulav and Etrog and he built his Sukkah. He was so tired, he just fell asleep outside, next to his Sukkah!

We reviewed everything we knew about Sukkos and then Morah asked the *yeladim* why we were holding Torahs. What holiday comes next? Simchas Torah! Mitzvah Man held the Torah close to his heart and told the *yeladim* how much he loved learning Torah and how happy it made him. We discussed the celebration of completing the last book of the Torah and immediately beginning the first Parsha of the first book of the Torah again!

Every class Morah then marched their class Torah under the Chuppah to put it in its special home, their class Aron Kodesh! Each Morah gave their class Torah a kiss and then the dancing began! Enjoy the pictures from our festivities.

Every week, Morah will be teaching us straight from the Torah! We will learn *Parshat Hashavua* and learn about our *Avot*, *Imahot* and everything we need to know to be good Jews. Learning Torah is so sweet and special, so Morah gave each child 1 sweet winkie before they left. We all did a Mitzvah from the Torah together, made a beautiful bracha and enjoyed the treat.

Have a wonderful and *simchadik* Yontif!



Torah Parade



"I
built
myself
a sukkah
with four walls
and a door..."





Chalav UDVash



Morah Malky-Music & Movement



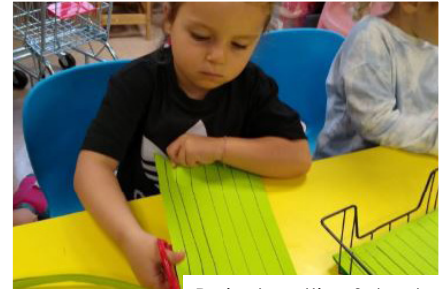
Friday MM lesson- Yom Kippur



Math-Sorting colors



Project Time



Projects-cutting Schach



Yom Kippur



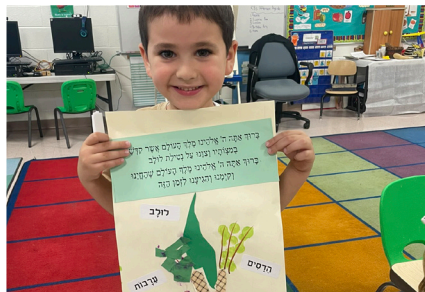
Yom Kippur- Dramatizing the story of Yonah



Yom Kippur-Kapparos



Sukkos



Here are a few of the beautiful
"Nachas Notes" we received:

**We love to
hear your
feedback!**

"I am so impressed with how much Yair learned in such a short time. He was so eager to tell us everything he learned and he answered all of the questions! He also sat quietly in shul while he listened to the shofar."

"We were surprised to see how Shneur had so much knowledge about Rosh Hashana and how he did such a great job with all of his projects. We are so proud of him and so thankful for you, the great teachers!"

"Eli had an amazing Rosh hashana! He showed us his stunning arts and crafts projects and even got to dip the apple in honey in his honey dish! He showed us how to blow shofar and heard the real shofar in shul. Eli knew so much about Rosh Hashana. He is our biggest and best mitzvah boy!"

"Wow! Naomi was so well behaved and knowledgeable this Yom Kippur! Thank you Morot for teaching her so much and preparing her so well. I cannot write enough about how wonderful it was to see. Naomi answered all the Yom Kippur questions correctly. She read and reread the Yonah story many times. She davened and was on her best behavior. She sang her Yom Kippur song so nicely and was so excited about all of the Yom Kippur mitzvos. What a pleasure and joy Naomi was! Thanks again for all that you do!"

"Thank you so much for all the beautiful projects Devorah Malka came home with. The amount of knowledge she was able to tell over was more than we expected from a 3 year old, and that's due to your incredible love and the way you teach the children!"

ASHAR GIRLS

DIVISION

Mrs. Debby Jacobson

Principal, Girls Division

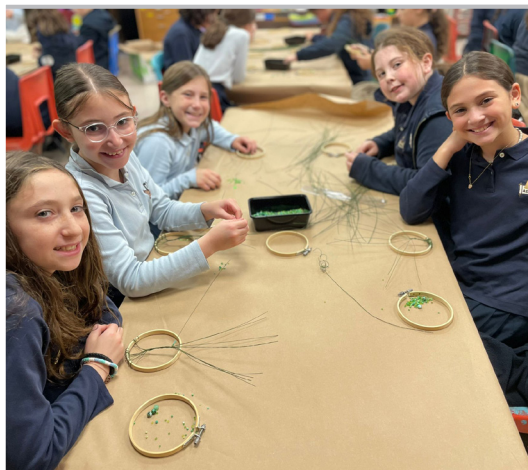


As we approach Sukkos, I wanted to share with you an interesting phenomenon about bamboo. It takes bamboo five years to grow. During the first four years, you plant the seeds and water the soil but nothing happens. Finally, in the fifth year you see a bud and then amazingly, the bamboo tree shoots up to the sky; within six weeks the bamboo grows over ninety feet!!"

As teachers and parents we often wonder if our children are gaining anything from the many lessons we attempt to impart upon them. Are they listening to a word we say?? Growth takes time and patience. Every encouraging word and positive gesture we make towards our kids helps their roots become a little bit stronger. You may not see the change right away. Continue to "water" your children with love and affection and eventually they will begin to grow.

As you sit in your Sukkah, take a moment look up at the bamboo, and remember, a little patience and a lot of love is what our children truly need to grow.

Chag Sameach!



Middle school girls' sukkah decorations



4G getting ready for the chag



Our girls made beautiful Sukkah decorations as part of our first Big Sister-Little Sister program of the year.





7G learns to use lab tools.



6G makes mitzvah jars for their Bat Mitzvah program!



2G Noun Project



Big Brother-Little Brother Sukkos Projects!



1B Ushpizin Project



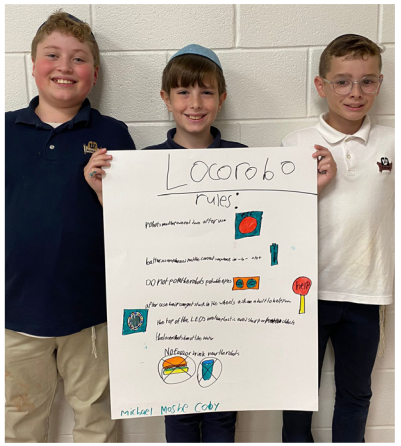
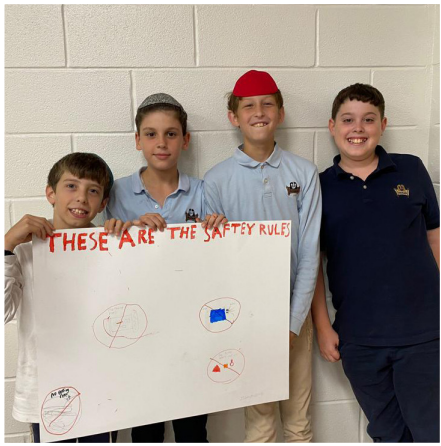
Matnas Shabbos



3B learns the parts of the lulav and esrog



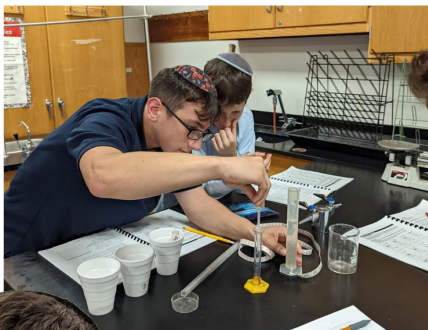
6B reviews the safety procedures for ASHAR's new robotics program. Sixth grade boys and girls will be learning robotics this year.



7B learns to use lab tools.



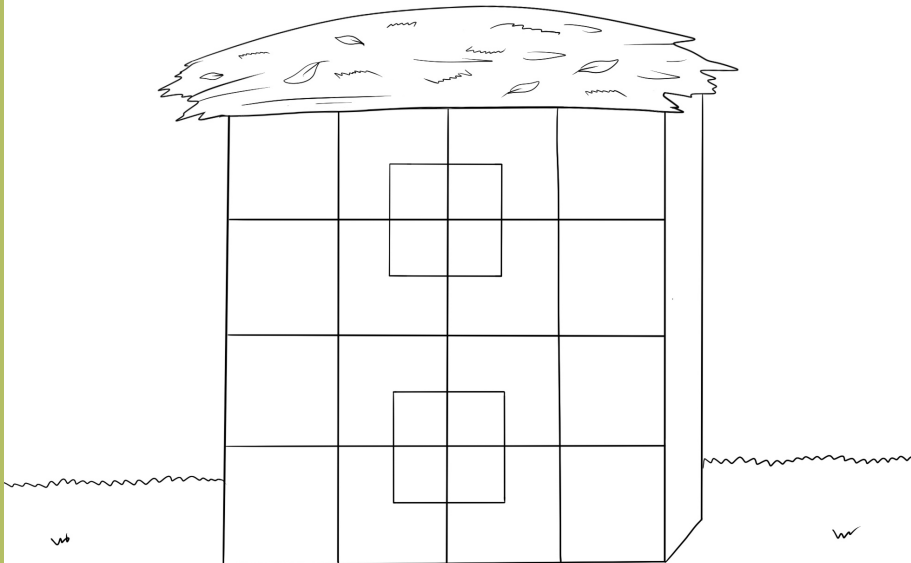
4B practices their spelling while playing Boggle!



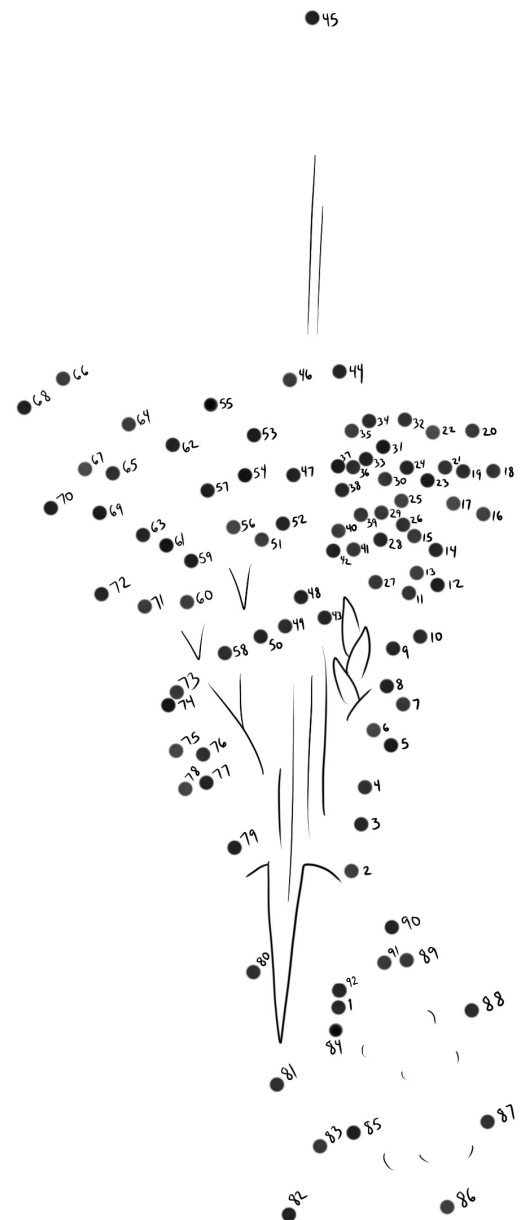
Sukkot Fun Page

Sukkah Squares

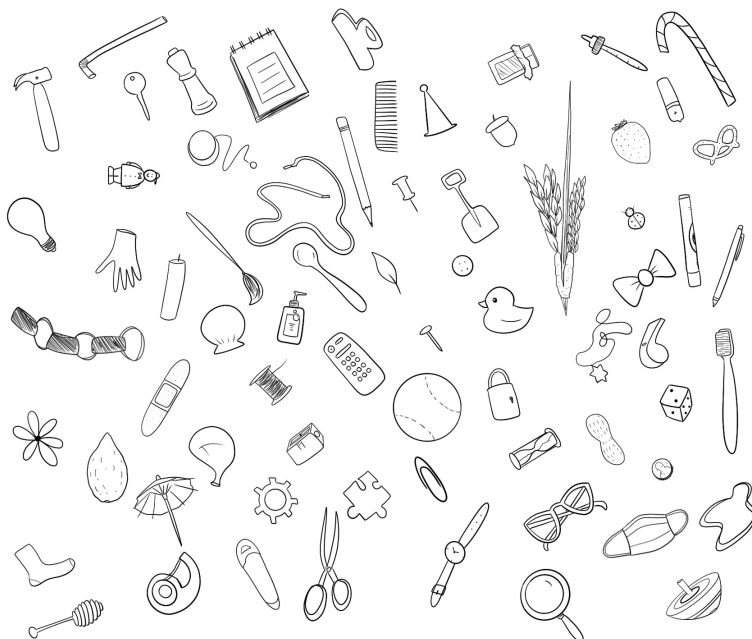
Try out this Sukkot version of a famous geometric puzzle. How many squares are in the image below? Think about all the different sizes and combinations.



Dot-to-Dot



I Spy



In this pile of objects, see how quickly you can find the following:
lulav, etrog, hammer, nail, paper chain, honey stick, mask, hand soap,
leaf, and Jewish star necklace.

You can view your children's class pictures through our shared Google photo albums!



3G Pictures Graduating Class 2027-2028
Google Photos



Pictures Graduating Class 2027-2028
Items · Shared



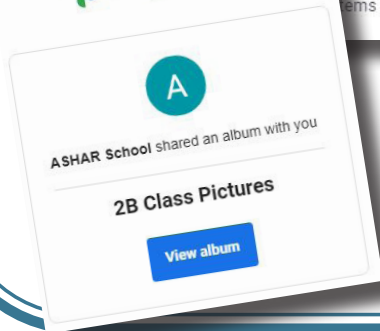
4G Pictures Graduating Class 2027-2028
799 items · Shared



5B Pictures Graduating Class 2026-2027
646 items · Shared



5G Pictures Graduating Class 2026-2027
691 items · Shared



These albums are private. If you would like to be shared on an album and get updates on your child's class photos, please send an email to asharpictures@ashar.org



Picture Day

Thursday, Oct. 19th:
All Grades and Staff



Mazel Tov!

Aryeh (NB) and Gabi (KB) Yabra
on the birth of a sister

Yael Naiman (NC)
on the birth of a brother

Becca (KB) and Nora (2G) Fortgang
on the birth of a sister

Chaim (NB) and Shea (3B) Goldenberg
on the birth of a brother

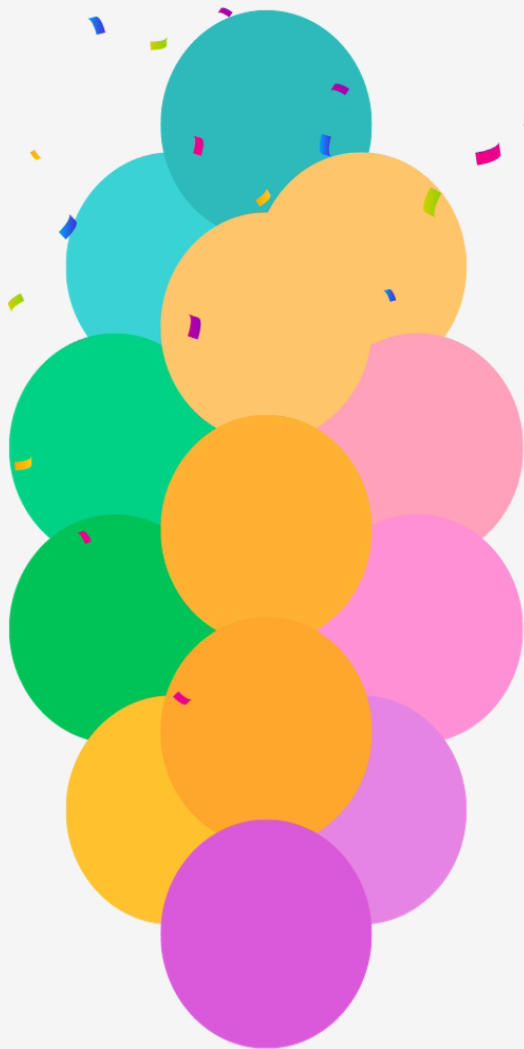
Tzvi Teper (NB)
on the birth of a brother

Liam (PKB), Nate (2B) and Davie (4B) Schwerd
on the birth of a brother

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LUNCH MENU – ELEMENTARY-ASHAR

5 DAY

OCTOBER - 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Sukkos Oct. 1	Sukkos Oct. 2	Sukkos Oct. 3	Sukkos Oct. 4	Sukkos Oct. 5	Sukkos Oct. 6
No school	No school	No school	No school	No school	No school
Sukkos Oct. 8	Isru Chag Oct. 9	Oct. 10	Oct. 11	Oct. 12	Oct. 13
No school	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 Mozzarella Cheese Sticks Tuna Salad* Ketchup Fruit Cups - Pears Bread Milk	Yogurt Muffin Baby Carrot Fresh Apple Chocolate Milk Chickpeas Bread
	Oct. 15	Oct. 16	Oct. 17	Oct. 18	Oct. 19
	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
	Oct. 22	Oct. 23	Oct. 24	Oct. 25	Oct. 26
Pancakes 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	Penne Alla Vodka Noodles Nish Nash Salad Salad Dressing Mozzarella Cheese Sticks Tuna Salad* Ketchup Fruit Cups - Mixed Fruit. Bread Milk	Yogurt Muffin Baby Carrot Fresh Apple Chocolate Milk Chickpeas Bread	
Oct. 29	Oct. 30	Oct. 31			
Fish Sticks Orzo Green Beans Baby Carrots Dijon Mustard Fresh Oranges Bread, Milk	BBQ Chicken Rice Sweet Peas Ketchup Roasted Chickpeas Fresh Banana Bread, Apple Juice				
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*For Allergen

**For Program Only

-Menu subject to change

