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Weekly ASHAR Newsletter



Menahel's Message: The Surest Thing

Most of us are familiar with Chazal's account of Matan Torah, in which Hashem offered the Torah to several other nations. Each refused for various reasons, while Bnei Yisrael enthusiastically accepted with a resounding *naa'seh v'nishma*.

Somewhat less famous is what happened next: According to the Midrash, Hashem then demanded guarantors. Who is going to ensure the continued observance of Torah? B'nei Yisrael offered the Avos and Imahos- Avraham, Yitzchak and Yaakov, Sarah, Rivkah, Rachel and Leah - as cosigners; Hashem refused. They then suggested the Nevi'im - Prophets of the generations - and were again rebuffed. "Who else can we summon," wondered the Children of Israel. "How can we possibly find more trustworthy guarantors than our Patriarchs and Prophets?" And then it dawned upon them: Hashem was not looking to the past but towards the future. "We'll offer our children as guarantors," cried Bnei Yisrael. Only then did Hashem finally agree to give the Torah, for, as the Midrash concludes: "-אלין ערבאין טבין"- these are indeed the true guarantors of our Torah and nation.

Children are not only our most precious personal gift from G-d, but also our most valuable national resource. Rav Yosef Kahaneman zt"l, the late Ponevezher Rav, would note that while a child is orphaned upon losing his parents, ר"ל a nation is orphaned upon losing her children. All of us are pulled in so many directions individually; Matan Torah reminds us that we have to make time for our children, and after doing so, then make more time. The Jewish community is likewise collectively besieged by so many worthy causes and critical challenges; Matan Torah mandates that priority must always be assigned to those causes most directly relevant to our children, the Jewish People's eternal guarantors.

Shabbat Shalom!

Rabbi Ari Jacobson

Mazal tov to Eli (Class of '06) and Shalva Muschel on the birth of a son, and Dr. Michael (Class of '68) and Liz (Levy, Class of '72) Muschel on the birth of a grandson, named after ASHAR's longtime Dean, Rabbi Nachum Muschel obm.

Tu beShvat at ASHAR

by Mrs. Debby Jacobson, Principal, Girls Division

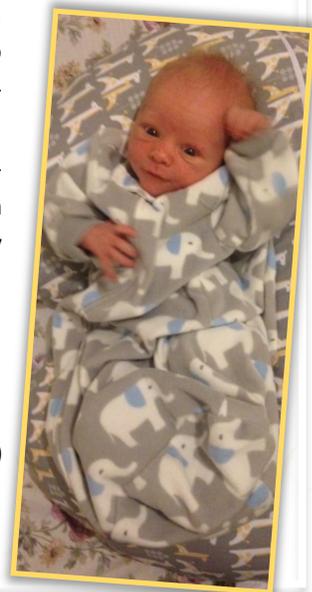
ASHAR prides itself on its extra-curricular and co-curricular activities. Co-curricular refers to school programs that complement something that our students are learning at school. At ASHAR, we work with the whole child, providing an environment that connects *limudei kodesh* and the general studies curriculum. Co-curricular activities enhance the intellectual, social and spiritual development of our students. By providing a full complement of co-curricular activities, we allow each child to excel in his or her areas of strength. This week our students celebrated *Tu BeShvat* by bringing the lessons of the *chag* into their daily general studies schedule.

As part of their biology unit, our fourth graders are learning about the stages of growth of plants. With the help of their "big siblings," our students created greenhouses using simple kitchen sponges. Our fourth graders look forward to watching their seeds sprout really soon.

In conjunction with our Around-the-World social studies curriculum, our third graders created fruit and vegetable kabobs in the colors and shape of the flag of Mexico, the current unit of study. In addition, they enjoyed apples sprinkled with tajin, a spice commonly used by the Jews of Mexico to flavor a variety of foods.

The second graders used *Tu Beshevat* to reinforce basic math skills. Students created a recipe for trail mix by counting and measuring the necessary ingredients. They used a simple balance scale to compare the weights of their finished products.

Please enjoy the pictures of the various activities that can be found on the coming pages. The children truly enjoyed while learning.



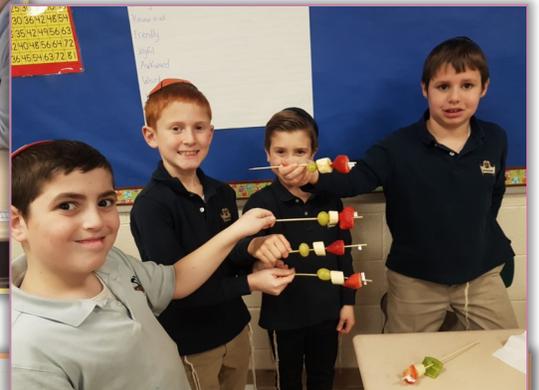
ASHAR Boys



Class 6B learning about volcanos in Mrs. Tencic's Science class.



Class 5B's Peros Tisch

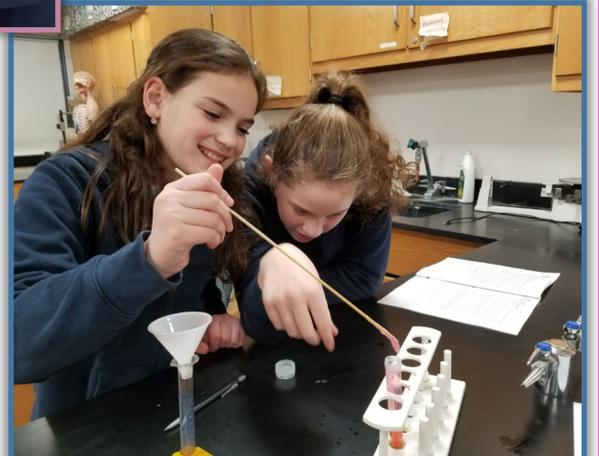




Class 3G learned the shoresh, ראה



Mrs. Tencic's class 6G is studying volcanos.



MINYANaires of the Week

5th Grade		6th Grade	
Glick	Mayer	Chapman	Isaac
Litenatsky	Ari	Friedman J	Pe'er
Lurger	Yudi	Greenwald	Yoni
Bar-David	Elroee	Katz T	Moshe David
Blachman	Eli	Sorotzkin A	Tzvi
Kurkus	Shneur Zalman	Teicher	Oliver
Schwartz M	Shua	Frankel	Naftali
Neumann	Moshe	Huerta	Daniel
Friedman J	Kedem	Nissel	Ilan
Gershuny	Dovi	Kurkus	Menachem
Herschmann	Netanel	Sabol	Aron
Leonowitz	Yitzy	Scarpa	Daniel
Koenig N	Yisrael	Benisz	David
Halper	Zeke	Jacobs	Aryeh Dov
Leiser	Yonah	Bando	Chaim Shlomo
7th Grade		8th Grade	
Benson	Gavriel		
Feig	Shimmi	Fried	Shimmy
Schreiber	Avi	Gershon	Eliyah
Mermelstein	Shmuel	Glanz	Yossi
Hill	Dovid	Haymov	Benny
		Nissel	Eitan
		Schmutter	Yoel
		Gordon D	Shimshy



FINAL TALLY:

Ditza: 59

Gila: 41

Chedva: 48 books + 5 points for winning the Emoji Title Competition

Rina: 63

Congratulations, Team Rina!

The students on the winning team will be treated to lunch in a pizza shop!

Chutz Leseder

As we enter the second half of the year, we have started Chutz Leseder Part 2 for the Middle School boys. It focuses on the minutes learned outside of class time. The boys can earn points towards a class pizza party and other exciting prizes.



בס"ד

לסדר תורה חוץ

Torah Chutz L'Seder Form

A form can have on it more than one type of Torah Chutz L'seder learning for that day.

WHO Name _____ Grade _____

WHEN (circle day of the week)

SUN MON TUES WED THUR FRI שבת

WHAT

Minutes Learnt Outside of Class

- 1 point PER minute of anything other than Mishnayos.

of Minutes _____

מסניות Minutes Outside of Class

Reading/Saying over a *mishnah* - 2 point per *Mishnah minute*.

of *Mishnayos* Minutes _____

Bonus - Every Half Hour learnt without interruption - Extra 15 pts

Bonus Points _____

Middah of the Month - Emunah and Tefillah



Next week we will begin our 6-week program of Emunah and Tefillah. It will include animated videos by R' Dovid Orlofsky on the importance of our belief in Hashem and davening to Him. We will also be running an exciting contest which will culminate in a BBQ for the winners. Stay tuned for details....



Dor L'Dor

Our students have resumed their visits to the Friedwald Center. Each week a different class enjoys spending time playing games, singing and otherwise interacting with residents.

Happy Purim!

FROM THE ASHAR PTA

Send Mishloach Manot to the entire ASHAR Administration & Staff

\$36 per family

ashar.org/purim

DEADLINE
February 22nd



Merockdim

MINI. BOYS. GIRLS 2018

EARLY-BIRD
SPECIAL
SIGN UP BY 1.15.18
AND RECEIVE HOT LUNCH!



10 acres of ACTIVITY. 3 heated Swimming Pools including inground Pool for Mini's. Ping Pong Deck. Inflatables. Basketball & Volleyball Courts. Hockey Rink. Karaoke Studio. Baseball, Soccer Fields. Tennis & Pickleball Courts. Dodgeball Courts. Mini Golf, Go-Kart Track. GoGo Courts. Arts & Crafts. Gymnastics Tent. Archery. Rocketry. 52 Ft. Climbing Tower. 2 Ziplines. Ropes Challenge Course. Climbing Wall. High & Low Ropes. Petting Zoo. Music Playdium. Cooking. Crazy Maze. Batting Cages.

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2018 SEASON STARTING! YOUR CHILLZONE is happening here >>>

Young Israel of Monsey
58 Parker Boulevard.
Monsey, NY 10982

NEW TIME
7:15-8:15

SATURDAY
February 3rd 7:15 until 8:15PM

Got Questions?
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