

# ASHREINews



Weekly ASHAR Newsletter

## Menahel's Message: The Bigger Picture

In his opening comments to the Kedoshim Tihyu imperative, the Ramban references one who is a so-called '*naval bi'reshus haTorah*,' literally a scoundrel with the Torah's license. Such an individual may scrupulously observe the specific *halachos* of *kashrus* described at the end of Parshas Shemini, for example, or the *dinim* of *taharas hamishpacha* and permissible relationships detailed in the Parshiyos of Metzora and Achrei-Mos, and somehow still remain uncouth, disrespectful and generally unrefined.

The mitzvah of Kedoshim Tihyu, suggests the Ramban, demands that a Jew look beyond the minutiae of an individual precept and grasp the broader messages conveyed by the particular corpus of *halachos*. The fact that the Torah so extensively details parameters of *kashrus* and family purity, to continue with the above examples, demonstrates not only the importance of the many specific laws described, but the general value the Ribbono shel Olam apparently places on moderation, modesty, refinement and self-control. And now that the Torah *has* commanded Kedoshim Tihyu, one who chooses to "push the envelope" and ignore the implicit spirit of the laws conveyed, is no longer a '*naval bi'reshus haTorah*,' but rather a scoundrel **without** the Torah's approbation, a '*naval shelo bi'reshus haTorah!*'

Rabbeinu Ovadia MiBartenura explains that the reason the chain of tradition - '*Moshe kibal Torah miSinai*' - is chosen as the introduction to Pirkei Avos is to emphasize the primacy of *mesorah* not only in the formulation of specific laws, but as the basis for the subject matter of Pirkei Avos - *derech erez* and character refinement - as well.

While it is certainly necessary to constantly remind our children of the importance of *mesorah* as it pertains to specific areas of observance, it is perhaps even more critical to reinforce the less-obvious implications of a very strong Jewish tradition in the realm of Kedoshim Tihyu. Understatement, modesty, moderation, avoidance of conspicuous consumption and common courtesy are not only critical ingredients in the facilitation of healthy and happy personal development, but essential components of our holy Torah's broader message.

Shabbat Shalom!

Rabbi Ari Jacobson

## A True Kiddush Hashem

by Mrs. Debby Jacobson and Mrs. Mindy Reifer

Rabbi Jacobson, at Eldorado Elementary on Thursday, inspired 150 sixth grade public school students with these words: "When you look beneath the surface, it's much easier to be compassionate, kind, and a good person."

ASHAR's 8th graders spent Thursday morning at Eldorado Elementary School in Chestnut Ridge. They were invited to give a presentation about the Names Not Numbers program and their experiences learning about the Holocaust as part of ASHAR's 8th grade curriculum.

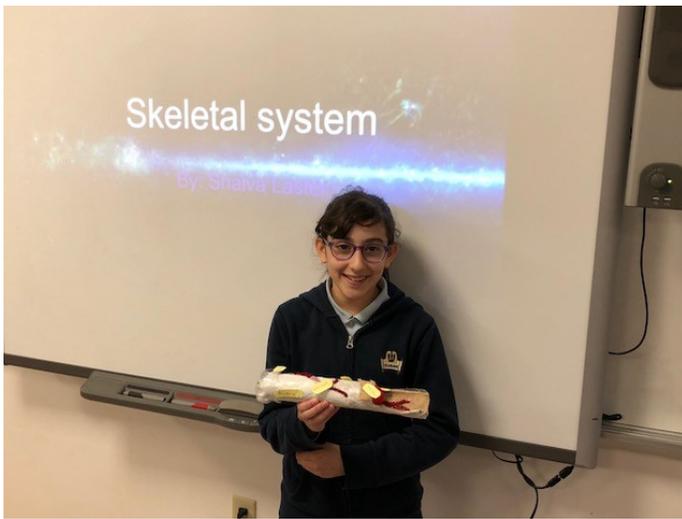
After an inspiring introduction by Rabbi Jacobson, the ASHAR students presented what they had prepared, and then the floor was opened to Eldorado students and teachers to ask questions. The questions varied from the position of women during the Holocaust, to the impact on the lives of children, and even basic questions about the lives of Jews in concentration camps and ghettos. Thanks to their teachers, Mrs. Stacey Granata and Mrs. Mindy Reifer, ASHAR's students were well prepared and astonished the entire audience, young and old alike, with their articulate, intelligent responses.

ASHAR eighth grader Yosef Meshchaninov explained: the Nazis had their Final Solution in which they tried to destroy anyone who didn't fit into their idea of a perfect race.

ASHAR eighth grader Goldy Zazon explained what helped victims survive: A lot of survivors would remember their faith in G-d and they would remember that there was always someone watching over them.

ASHAR students felt proud of the Kiddush Hashem they created. We are proud of their efforts in helping us build bridges with the local public school community.





# ASHAR Boys

## MINYANaires of the Week

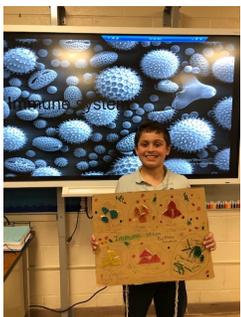
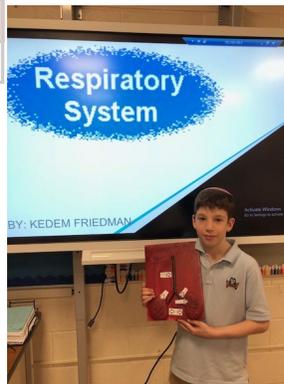
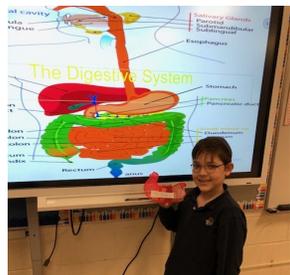


5th Grade	
Blachman	Eli
Gershuny	Dovi
Glick	Mayer
Gottesfeld	Shalom
Koenig N	Yisrael
Kurkus	Shneur
Leonorowitz	Yitzy
Neumann	Moshe
Schwartz M	Shua
Bar-David	Elroee
Friedman J	Kedem
Levi Y	Aryeh
Lunger	Yudi
Fonfeder	Avi
Leiser	Yonah
Fonfeder	Avi

7th Grade	
Benson	Gavriel
Feig	Shimmi
Koenig N	Moishe
Mermelstein	Shmuel
Hill	Dovid
Hershey	Nutovics

6th Grade	
Frankel	Naftali
Friedman	Pe'er
Greenwal	Yoni
Huerta	Daniel
Katz T	Moshe
Nissel	Ilan
Turner	Tani
Teicher	Oliver
Jacobs	Aryeh Dov
Zupnik	Michael
Kurkus	Menachem
Scarpa	Daniel
Morrison	Rafi

8th Grade	
Glanz	Yossi
Gordon D	Shimshy
Haymov	Benny
Nissel	Eitan
Schmutter	Yoel
Fried	Shimmy
Meshchaninov	Yosef



### Our Matan Torah Challenge

We are continuing our Matan Torah challenge to 50,000 points. The boys have already reached approximately 18,000 points. They have been challenged to continue earning points over the weekend by learning, and for the 5th and 6th graders to do Shas Millim on Quizalize.



בס"ד

## תורה חוץ לסדר

### 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 TUESWED THUR FRI שבת

WHAT

שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום

Listening to the *baal koreh* reading, reading the pasuk once yourself and reading the english translation once – 10 points PER *aliyah*.

# of *aliyos* \_\_\_\_\_

משניות

Reading/Saying over a *mishnah* and translating\* it - 10 points per *mishnah*. (For a *mishnah* taught in class – 5 points.)

# of *mishnayos* \_\_\_\_\_

חומש

4 *pesukim* read, translated\* and explained – 10 points.

# of *pesukim* \_\_\_\_\_

גמרא

4 lines of *gemarah* read, translated\* and explained – 10 points.

# of lines \_\_\_\_\_

Shas Milim

Each set studied thru Quizlet, Quizalize, or Paper copy – 10 points.

# of sets studied \_\_\_\_\_

\*translations to be done without an open English translation in front of you.

אחרי מות-קדושים



פרשת

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

1st Grade – 3 פסוקים

2nd Grade – 10 פסוקים

3rd Grade – 15 פסוקים

4th Grade – 20 פסוקים

5th Grade – 25 פסוקים

6th Grade – 30 פסוקים

7th Grade – 50 פסוקים

8th Grade – entire parsha

NOTE: Listening to the leining in shul can count as 1x for the pesukim.

My son read the pesukim (2x) and translation (1x) as per his grade's requirement in this week's פרשת.

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_

שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום

This week is sponsored as a Zechus for the Refuah Shleima of Chaim Dov Ben Risa Shoshana

If you are interested in sponsoring a future פרשת, please email [sreedland@ashar.org](mailto:sreedland@ashar.org) or visit [Ashar.org/Smvt](http://Ashar.org/Smvt)

Class 5B presented their Science projects in Mrs. Tencic's class.

**4/20/18—UPK Feedback Form, Mr. Arnie Warmbrand, Universal PreK Coordinator**

*"I observed both classes outside in a fabulous outdoor play area. All the children were engaged in physical activities. Equipment is abundant from swings to slides to intricate climbing apparatuses. Well-supervised, well-enjoyed and well-mastered gross motor skills were evident!*



*I came inside with PreK-A. They washed up and ate lunches (some hot/ some cold/some from home). Beautiful dialogue among all the kids and staff. This is just the most delightful bunch of children. This is a result of good upbringing, but also because of the dear intelligent care given to them at this wonderful school. A school that educates and nurtures. Class transitioned to circle time. Class reading of morning announcement*

*followed by LEA chart: "I like Mr. Arnie because..." A thrill for me!"*



The ASHAR Board of Education reconvened this week and met with the Administration about academic changes that we implemented this year. They offered their assistance in creating an even stronger educational program for the future.

Several of the implementations that were reviewed and discussed are as follows:

- Separate Divisions for boys and girls and its positive impact on the school culture.
- Science - An additional science period per week was added to seventh and eighth grade and the curriculum was updated.
- Math - Formative Loop computation drills were implemented in most classes. Eureka Math was piloted in several grades.
- ELA – Content-based literacy skills were emphasized with a focus on writing across the curriculum.
- Kriyah - Formal kriyah assessments were administered in most classes focusing on accuracy and fluency.
- Social-Emotional - The CAPs program joined with ASHAR to allow us to better reach the social-emotional needs of our students.

The Board of Education and administration look forward to working together to attain our common goal of making ASHAR the best it can be.

**ASHAR PTA'S ANNUAL SHAVUOT**

# BAKE SALE

**BAKE/BUY**

**A HOMEMADE YUMMY DESSERT**

PURCHASE FOR \$18

**DROP OFF**

**7PM-8PM**

**THU MAY 17**

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WRAPPING AVAILABLE FOR \$10

**PICK UP**

**8:15-9:15PM**

**THU MAY 17**

5 Pearl Drive, Monsey

DELIVERY AVAILABLE FOR \$10

[ashar.org/bake-sale](http://ashar.org/bake-sale)

## MUD, SWEAT & CHEERS

Register Now  
For the OHEL Xtreme Challenge Classic

JOIN US AT THE 4TH ANNUAL

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CAMP KAYLE CLASSIC

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5 TOWNS

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MONSEY, NY

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- Challenge your body and test your limits
- 5-mile or 1.5-mile course options
- 750 participants
- Transportation provided
- Children, adults, families, and participants of all abilities welcome
- Separate start times for men, women, and families
- Proceeds to benefit the children and families of OHEL and Camp Kayle

For more info call Yissie Steinhart, 845-570-3810

ONLY \$300 first half

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FUN AND EXCITING ACTIVITIES!

ARTS 'N' CRAFTS  
BAKING

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## BACKYARD CAMP

JUNE 26 - JULY 19

FOR GIRLS GOING INTO SECOND AND THIRD GRADE

For more info call Raichel Aron and Chaya Bendrihem at (845)-354-3103

*Mazel Tov to Adele and Judah Koolyk on the birth of a granddaughter!*



8B and 8G at Eldorado School in Chestnut Ridge.



**KBY HOSTS  
COMMUNITY WIDE  
'CULINARY CREATIONS'  
LADIES BRUNCH**

**AT THE HOME OF JENNIFER LEVINE | May 6, 2018  
3 COTTONWOOD LANE WESLEY HILLS | 11 AM**

- Cook** Submit an original dairy or pareve recipe and bring your culinary creation the day of the brunch
- Taste** Sample a variety of delicious dishes at the brunch
- Share** Enjoy your take home gift of an Original "Culinary Creations" cookbook

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For guidelines, to submit an original recipe and to make reservations, click below.

<https://www.kbyshul.org/event/culinary-creations-ladies-brunch.html>

Minimum donation of \$36 per person.

Sponsorships available. RSVP by April 26.

For questions, please call Jen Levine 914-329-0314 or  
Tammy Schaum 917-655-5190 or Liza Katz 845-642-5158

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A portion of the proceeds will go to Shop & Share,  
A community fundraiser run by Esther Bayla Schwartz.

To find out more about Shop & Share, please call Esther Bayla Schwartz at 845-356-8059.

Brunch is in memory of Neema Zazon z"l,  
the original luncheon chairwoman

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boys ages 3 – 4

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