

End of Year Programs - Boys Division Co-Curricular and General Studies

Sukkah Building Contest

Our *sukkah* building contest was a phenomenal success! More than seventy families participated in our contest. Each and every *sukkah* was a winner and each participant received a prize.

Six Flags Read-a-Thon

More students participated in this year's Six Flags Read-a-Thon than ever before. Students up to age 13 received free tickets to Six Flags to use this summer upon the completion of extra-curricular reading!

3B World Communities Presentation

The third grade Around the World Celebration was a culmination of their year-long Communities Around the World social studies curriculum. The emphasis on reading and writing about each country the students explored was complemented by student-created artwork. This year, we integrated Jewish traditions and culture from the various countries studied.

Yachad/ASHAR Color Run

ASHAR was very excited to partner with Yachad for our annual Color Run. Yachad, The National Jewish Council for Disabilities, is a thriving global organization dedicated to addressing the needs of all Jewish individuals with disabilities and ensuring their inclusion in every aspect of Jewish life.

Chanukah - Around the World

Every day of Chanukah, students visited another location around the world. We learned about a special minhag that Jews in that location perform on Chanukah. We visited Australia, Tunisia, Iran, Israel, and other countries.

Chanukah Math Stories

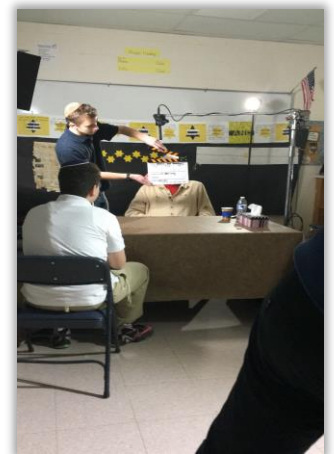
Students in grades 1-3 wrote math stories related to Chanukah and created a publication featuring their math word problems and drawings.

Names, Not Numbers

Our 8th graders participated in the Names, Not Numbers Oral History Film Documentary Program. They visited the Museum of Jewish Heritage in Battery Park to learn about the Holocaust's impact on the Jewish narrative. In addition to studying the Holocaust, the students learned filming and interviewing techniques. They researched survivors' stories, conducted interviews, and created a full documentary that was premiered at a community-wide event.

Cafe Europa Intergenerational Visit

Our 8th graders continued their intergenerational experience by participating in a Rosh Chodesh Adar activity with Rockland County Holocaust Survivors. Students interacted with survivors, created Purim masks, and developed lasting relationships.



Eldorado School Visit and Presentation

Our eighth graders delivered an outstanding presentation to the sixth grade students at the Eldorado School in Chestnut Ridge. Our students presented a PowerPoint explaining the various stages of creating an oral history film documentary. Our students then took turns at the mic answering questions about the Holocaust from both teachers and students at Eldorado.

8th Grade Student-Published Yearbooks

For the first time, our students created and published their own yearbooks electronically using Microsoft Publisher software.

8th Grade Public Speaking Unit

Boys in 8B learned and practiced rhetorical elements by composing and presenting speeches on topics of their choice.

Shushan Purim Around the World Carnival

Students in lower grades visited a carnival our older students produced on Shushan Purim for a day of fun while learning about Jewish traditions around the world.

Makkot Pre-Pesach activity

Spirit Day Nissan was filled with activities surrounding Yetziat Mitzrayim.

Celebrate Israel Parade

ASHAR prides itself on its support of Israel. The love of the Land of Israel is prominent in our curriculum and extracurricular activities. ASHAR shows our support of Israel by marching in the Celebrate Israel Parade.

Yom Ha'atzmaut Extravaganza - Final Destination Israel

Continuing our "Around the World" focus, we celebrated Yom Ha'Atzmaut by spotlighting Jews from different countries and their Aliyah to Israel.

Shnayim Mikrah Ve'echad Targum -

Students received prizes for completing grade-level-appropriate reading and translating of the weekly Parsha.

Rosh Chodesh "Spirit Day" program

Each Rosh Chodesh, students celebrated with exciting activities relating to the Hebrew month and the Yomim Tovim that were approaching.

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<input type="checkbox"/> 1st Grade – 3 טקסות	<input type="checkbox"/> 5th Grade – 25 טקסות
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<small>NOTE: Listening to the lesson in shul can count as 1x for the pesukim.</small>	
<small>My son read the pesukim (2x) and translation (1x) as per his grade's requirement in this week's parsha.</small>	
Parent's signature _____	
שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום	
<small>If you are interested in sponsoring a future תורה, please email afreedland@ashar.org or visit Ashar.org/Sevit</small>	

Tu B'Shvat Fruit and Planting Activities -

Students created a variety of projects for Tu B'Shvat that corresponded to units of study in general studies. Second graders measured and counted to create trail mix while third graders used fruits and vegetables to create skewer flags of the countries they were studying in social studies. Fourth graders created their own greenhouses, and watched their sponge houses bloom!

Hands-on Science

● Science with Mr. Greene, "The Science Guy"

Equipped with a cart of props, Mr. Green gives all students real hands-on opportunities to connect with the scientific concepts they have been reading, discussing and writing about in class.

- 4th grade gardening science unit
- 4th grade lab reports
- 5th grade body systems project
- 5th grade owl pellets lab
- 6th grade rocks and minerals labs
- 6th grade meteorology projects
- 6th grade volcano projects
- 7th grade cell projects
- 7th grade biology Public Service Announcements projects
- 7th grade dichotomous key projects
- 7th grade flower and animal dissections
- 8th grade chemistry and physics labs



SuccessMaker

SuccessMaker is an adaptive and prescriptive scheduling intervention program delivering both reading and math curriculum. Our first through fourth graders participate in the SuccessMaker program.

7B Presidential Research Project

Students researched the life and accomplishments of a president of the United States. They wrote full research papers with citations and bibliographies.

6B Ancient Civilization Research Project

Students researched topics of their choice relating to Ancient Greece and Rome. They created slideshows on the topic, including sources and documentation. They also created incredible visual displays.

5B State Research project

Students researched a state of their choice, incorporating research and writing skills into project-based learning.

5B Canada Pop-up Book

Students created 3D pop-up books about Canada, honing their research and structured writing skills in one fun, creative project.

Student of the Week program

Throughout the year, students get highlighted as students of the week, for specific accomplishments. The idea is for students to build an ownership of themselves, to promote self-esteem, and for them to see their picture on the wall giving them ownership of the school.

TEAMS:

Torah Bowl Team

Hockey Team

Boys Basketball Teams

TRIPS:

1st grade Finkelstein Library Trip

1st Grade Stepping Stone Museum Trip

2nd Grade Maritime Aquarium Trip

3rd Grade Bronx Zoo Trip

4th Grade Philipsburg Manor Trip

5th Grade Recycling Center Trip

6th Grade Franklin Sterling Hill Mine

7th Grade Philadelphia Trip

8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip

8th Grade Museum of Jewish Heritage Trip



Curriculum Changes in 2018:

- Formative Loop
- Eureka Math
- iReady pilot class
- Next Generation Science and Math
- The Write Approach Structured writing program
- Framing Your Thoughts grammar and sentence structure program
- Around the World - Destination: Israel Third Grade Social Studies Theme

The ASHAR Community Events

- After-School Karate program
- PTA ice skating event
- Family Fun Day
- **PTA Movie Night** - Our students enjoy a special night out with a family friendly movie and refreshments. A special thank you to the PTA for sponsoring this event.

2018 Middle School Boys Program



Minyanaire Program and Presentation

Program created to incentivize davening and reward the top Daveners each week with an honor roll system.



"Meet the new you" Elul - Drone Raffle

A campaign at the start of the new year with each student submitting an idea of how they would make this year there best – a drone was the grand prize for the raffle.



5 - 8B – Hebrew Free Burial Association

A trip to Staten Island to a cemetery overrun with leaves to help clean it up and give the boys an appreciation of Kavod HaMes.



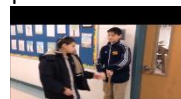
5 - 8B - MetLife Stadium – Trip

A trip to MetLife Stadium for the 6th and 7th grade understanding the inner working of MetLife stadium. Students learned the fascinating things that go into play in its weekly transition from Jets to Giants teams and the different elements that make a successful stadium.



Middle School - I'm a Jew and I'm Proud Initiative "Kislev"

An initiative of promoting Jewish pride that included the distribution of "I'm a Jew and I'm Proud" stickers and pens. Students were infused with stories told about us being special as a Jewish nation and its responsibility as such.



Chanukah Ivri Anochi Music Videos – Youtube

As part of the Jewish pride initiative, the boys directed their own music videos depicting Jewish pride to the song "Ivrei Anochi" by Benny Friedman.

Chanukah 5-8B Chagiga/Dancing/Raffles

As part of our Chanukah celebrations, students participated in a chaggigah with door prizes for all attendees, culminating in celebratory raffle prizes.

Chesed 24/7 boys (pizza and gym)

Yissie Steinhart brought his Chesed 24/7 boys to play sports with our middle school boys after enjoying a pizza lunch together, promoting acceptance and building empathy among our students.

Gemach Initiative - Locker cleaning and photography Gemach

As part of our Chesed Awareness, we highlighted the many gemachs – (chesed organizations and personal chesed initiatives) that take place around Monsey and challenged the boys to find a need/challenge in our school and address it. They were instructed to write a proposal to earn seed money. There were many creative ideas, from a locker-cleaning gemach to help disorganize boys keep an orderly locker to a picture-taking gemach.



Eemunah and Tefillah Video Series (with R' Dovid Orlofsky)

As part of emunah month, students learned to focus on the importance of tefillah. Students viewed the animated videos created by



www.Torahlive.com and narrated by R' Dovid Orlofsky. Students responded in writing in their workbooks.



Worldwide Rosh Chodesh Project

A part of a Worldwide Initiative of the Rosh Chodesh Project to inspire Jewish pride and emunah, ASHAR took part in a monthly curriculum which included a video and worksheet expertly produce by the Rosh Chodesh Project. (Roshchodehproject@gmail.com)



50k Point Matan Torah Challenge and Celebration

In preparation for the Yom Tov of Shavuos, the middle school boys were challenged to reach a collective 50k points in extra-curricular learning. The boys surpassed their goal and earned almost 90k points. The boys celebrated this achievement with sushi, pizza, and ice cream.



Chutz Le'seder High Earners Bowling Trip, Chutz Le'seder - 5th-grade class trip to Local Shul and BBQ, Bbq 306 Top Learners Outing

Students were challenged to complete extra-curricular learning, either using technology or with parental support. Boys were rewarded consistently with trips and outings using a 3-tier reward system.



100 Brachos 4-week Contest and BBQ

Rabbi Chaitovsky led the boys in a brachos challenge, with the goal of achieving the desired 100 daily brachos. The boys marked off the brachos they said throughout the day. This raised awareness of their daily brachos and the importance of 100 daily brachos.

Take a puzzle piece with your campaign and raffle

As the end of the year approached, the boys were presented with a bulletin board full of pictures of all the programs and messages of the year, asking them to identify which program was meaningful and why. The boys' reflections indicated that they gained a lot this year.



Nosei Biol Chaveiro Middah Initiative and Raffle

As another part of our chesed message, the boys learned to recognize and share in others' pain through stories of both gedolim and ordinary people.

Cocoa Club - Mishnayos Before Davening

In keeping with ASHAR's goal of utilizing every minute, boys who began their day learning mishnayos with Rabbi Freedland, before davening started, were treated to hot cocoa during breakfast.



Davening Playbook

Rabbi Jacobson challenged the boys to reflect on their own davening, identifying their strengths and the parts that “were not there yet...”



Yom Ha'atzmaut Staff Basketball game

As part of our Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration, which included videos celebrating the accomplishment of Israel and its contribution to the world in all areas, 8th grade students competed against ASHAR staff in the annual student-rebbi basketball game.

Yom Ha'Shoah assembly with Kumzitz singing The-Piaseczna-Niggun

Yom Ha'Shoah education started with the lighting of 6 candles by the 8th grade commemorating the 6 million victims. The program ended with a kumzitz to the tune of The Piaseczna Niggun, reflecting the resilience of the Jewish people

Yom Yerushalayim Programming

On Yom Yerushalayim, students learned about the many miracles which occurred during the Six Day War and were impressed with the success of the war and the obvious “hashgacha pratis in it all.”



Shushan Purim “Rebbes compete” contest and auction

As part of our Shushan Purim celebration, which included boys coming in costume, the boys were able to vote on which rebbe they felt would win a certain competition. It was a thrilling experience for the boys to see their rebbeim compete.



SMVT - Shnayim Mikrah Ve'echad Targum

The Shnayim Mikrah initiative encouraged boys to improve their kriah skills while learning the parsha, based on the Gemara which says that Shnayim Mikrah Ve'echad Targum promotes longevity.



Lag Ba'omer Bonfire

The entire school was treated to a mini – bonfire complete with dancing and s'mores as they celebrated Lag Ba'omer. The younger boys listened to stories about Lag Ba'omer and learned what they were celebrating through the bonfire.



Lake Congers outing and BBQ

In addition to the bonfire, the boys enjoyed a trip to Conger's Park, replete with sports and fishing. The fishing allowed boys who are not into sports to shine in their own way, an idea we stress at ASHAR. The trip culminated with a scrumptious hot dog BBQ and fries.



Rosh Chodesh Adar School Dancing

The boys entered the month of Adar, filled with positivity and simcha, with an impromptu dance around the school led by Rabbi Twerski and Rabbi Bendrihem.

High Exposure Reward trip

In celebration of their many learning accomplishments, the students were treated to a trip to High Exposure for rock climbing and team-building activities.



Tomchei Shabbos Battle of the Cans

One of the important messages we try to impart to our boys in ASHAR is the message of being proud members of Klal Yisroel. One of the organizations that we look at and say "Mi Ki'amcha Yisroel" is Tomchei Shabbos. Our boys participate in the annual can-collection drive with the winning class earning a pizza party.

Shas Milim Quizlet/Quizalize Competitions

Utilizing technology to teach our students is not just a general studies goal at ASHAR. Gemara learning reached a new level this year with the use of Quizalize and Quizlet Live for Gemara milim. Using Rabbi Bendrihem's wordlists, Rabbi Freedland created vocabulary lists online, allowing the students to compete and engage in intense competitions.

8th grade Honor and Makkos Siyum/Dinner

Rabbi Chaitovsky and his 8th grade Honors Gemara class completed Misechta Makkos and celebrated with a dinner.

Rebbe BBQs

Rabbi Braunfeld's 4B barbecue is one example of an exciting siyum the boys earned at ASHAR.

Yediot Klaliyot program

Students studied and completed several general Jewish knowledge tests during the course of the year.