

Year in Review - Programs, Girls Division

Emoji Simcha Program



Battle of the Books 5 - 8 and Enrichment 4

Students were encouraged to read as many titles from a list of books as they could during the duration of the competition. All of the books related to the school-year theme: #happiness. Students received individual prizes and the winning team earned lunch at Chai Pizza Pomona.

4-8G Mother-Daughter Breakfast-

Our annual Mother-Daughter Breakfast incorporates student writing and artwork into our theme. This year, students composed beautiful poems describing what makes them who they are. They also created individualized artwork describing their unique qualities.

6G Mother-Daughter Bat Mitzvah "Roots and Wings" Program

For this program, students learn about their heritage and their special Jewish names. They composed essays and created beautiful butterflies highlighting the roots from which they came and the ways in which they will soar in the future.

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.

Pre-Purim Fun

Continuing our around the world theme, our students got into the Purim spirit by preparing for their travels. They packed suitcases and got their boarding passes ready as they prepared to embark on the journey.

6G/7G Creative Writing Club -

Girls in sixth and seventh grade joined for special creative writing classes on Fridays this year. They learned literary techniques and created beautiful poems and fictional stories.

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 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.

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.

4 - 8G Parsha Kriyah Program

Through the weekly *parshat hashavua*, our girls enhanced their *kriyah* fluency and accuracy by reading aloud to an adult.

3G Siyum Bereishit Performance

Our third grade girls and their mothers celebrated a siyum of *Sefer Beraishit* at a melave malka musical performance.

Rosh Chodesh "Spirit Day" program

Each Rosh Chodesh, our girls enjoy a "Spirit Day" activity. These programs usually focus on a theme and infuse the school with ruach.

7G Beit HaMikdash program

As part of the seventh grade Chumash curriculum, our girls learn the intricate details pertaining to the Beit HaMikdash and create their own models.

Makkot Fair

Spirit Day Nissan is filled with activities surrounding the ten makkot and other Pesach related concepts.



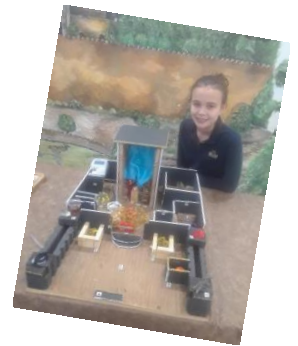
Aseret Yemei Teshuva Clay Project

During the Aseret Yemei Teshuva, our students learned hands on how we are like in the hands of our creator, Hashem.

Yom HaShoah Commemorative

Eighth grade students created PowerPoint presentations based on their original research of a Holocaust topic. They presented these PowerPoints to students in grades 5-8. Students also participated in an assembly in which they met a

Holocaust survivor and heard her personal story of survival and resilience. They then asked poignant questions and listened to the answers.



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!

Pesach Around-the-World Writing Program

Students research countries around the world, discovering when and how Jews settled in these remote places. Our students described beautiful Pesach traditions that these Jews celebrate and published an Around-the-World Haggadah that included full essays and student-created artwork.

3G 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.



Tomchei Shabbos Supplies Drive

ASHAR collects school supplies at the beginning of the school year to benefit the families of Tomchei Shabbos.



SuccessMaker

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



100 Day Celebrations-

Many of our classes enhance their math curriculum with the celebration of the hundredth day.

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4 - 5 Grade Guitar Lessons

We expanded our music literacy program to include 4th and 5th graders this year. Students learned how to read notes and play guitar.

7th Grade Project Ochel

Our seventh grade girls participate in a monthly chesed project by cooking dinner for the families of Project Ochel

7G Pesach Children's Books Publications -

Seventh graders wrote, illustrated, and published their own children's books about Pesach. They then read their books to children in the Early Childhood on Rosh Chodesh Nissan.



7G 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.

6G 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.

5G State Research project

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

5G Canada Pop-up Book

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

Vacation Learning Programs

ASHAR students receive a *Limudon* chart before each extended school break. Students are rewarded for learning Torah and davening over the vacation.

Rockland County Challah Bake

ASHAR has the privilege of hosting the Rockland County Challah Bake. Women from across Rockland County join together for an evening of unity and inspiration as they knead and braid delicious challah to adorn their Shabbat tables.

Student of the Week program

Throughout the year, students are 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.



Yediot Klaliyot program

Students are tested on a regular basis on basic Jewish concepts and general knowledge. Information is grade appropriate and skill building throughout the grades.

Social/Emotional Learning Program

Social Emotional Learning is an educational process that teaches students the skills necessary to deal with oneself, others and relationships. It helps them recognize their emotions and learn how to manage those feelings. ASHAR is committed to providing a positive atmosphere to help children learn and grow through the use of social emotional awareness.

5 - 8G Chanukah Macaabia

Emphasizing the lessons learned on Jewish Pride, our middle school girls competed through song, dance and art. The results were truly amazing.

Teams

- Torah Bowl Team
- Basketball Team Varsity
- Girls Junior Basketball Team



Hands-on Science

● Science with Mr. Greene

Mr. Greene, "The Science Guy," visited the first and second grades. Mr. Greene is like a field trip that comes to you!

Equipped with a cart of props, he 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
- 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 flower and animal dissections; 7th grade cell projects; 7th grade biology Public Service Announcements projects
7th grade dichotomous key projects
- 8th grade chemistry and physics labs; 8th grade Rube Goldberg projects

Worldwide Rosh Chodesh Project - (rosh_chodesh_project@gmail.com)

A part of a worldwide Initiative of the Rosh Chodesh Project to inspire Jewish Pride and Emunah, ASHAR participated in a monthly curriculum which included a video and worksheet expertly produce by the Rosh Chodesh Project.

Davening Playbook

The girls in the middle school were challenged to reflect on their own davening, identifying their strengths and the parts that “were not there yet..”

1st Grade Aleph Bet Siyum

Our first grade girls made a beautiful Siyum on the completion of the Alef Bet.

Shushan Purim Around-the-World Carnival

Girls in grades 6-8 researched a country and investigated the unique minhagim of Jews from that area. They then created carnival games based on the minhag. They displayed their research on posters they created. Students in the lower grades visited the carnival on Shushan Purim for a day of fun while learning about Jewish traditions around the world.



The ASHAR Community Events

- After-School Karate program
- PTA ice skating event
- Family Fun Day
- **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.

- **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.

Tomchei Shabbos Battle of the Cans

Our annual Tomchei Shabbos Battle of the Cans gives the girls an awareness of what Tomchei Shabbos is all about and teaches them the valuable lesson of giving to others.

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.



5G Elmwood Reading Program

The fifth grade girls visited the bilingual Yiddish special education classrooms at the Elmwood School. The girls read to the students and helped them create a craft project.

3-8G Challah Bake

In honor of Parshat Chayei Sarah, the entire Girls Division, grades 1-8, baked challah under the tent of Sarah Imeinu.

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.



Rosh Hashana Simanim Cookbook

In honor of the *chag* of *Rosh Hashana*, ASHAR's Girls Division created their very own cookbook along with original covers that they each designed.



Rachel Imeinu Video Project

In honor of the *yahrzeit* of Rachel Imeinu, the girls created scenes portraying acts of kindness towards others. A video was put together that broadcasted their results.

Tu B'Shvat Co-Curricular Projects

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!



Middle School Emunah and Tefillah Program

As part of a month which instilled Emunah and some of our core beliefs as part of the Jewish nation, we presented a curriculum produced by www.Torahlive.com which had an animated video series with the voice and lessons of R' Dovid Orlofsky of a boy becoming bar mitzvah and addressing key issues of Emunah. It came complete with mini segments of the video and a workbook.

6G 100 Brachot Competition

Our sixth grade girls battled it out to see who could be the first to make 100 brachot out loud in school. Charts were filled in as more and more brachot were made.

8G Industrial Hall of Fame -

As part of their social studies unit on the Industrial Revolution, students created models of inventions and wrote captions for a mock museum exhibit.

Lag Ba'Omer Outings and Barbeques

The girls enjoyed outdoor fun on Lag Ba'Omer. Our first and second grade girls remained at ASHAR making smores over an open fire pit. Grades 3-8 traveled to the Jacobson home for a barbeque picnic.

8th grade Biblical Women Public Speaking Unit -

Our eighth graders incorporated value lessons learned from our Biblical matriarchs in their public speaking unit in ELA.



Trips

- 1st Grade Finkelstein Library Trip
- 1st Grade Stepping Stone Museum Trip
- 2nd Grade Maritime Aquarium Trip
- 3rd Grade Bronx Zoo Trip
- 4th Grade Museum Village Trip
- 5th grade Recycling Center Trip
- **6th Grade Lower East Side Tenement Museum and Eldridge Street Synagogue Trip** As part of the ELA curriculum, students in 6th grade read literature and wrote reports about the experiences of refugees and immigrants. Their trip to the Lower East Side allowed them to relate to the experiences of Jewish immigrants in New York.
- **6th Grade Hafrashat Challah Trip at the Challah Fairy**
In conjunction with their Chumash lesson on Hafrashat Challah, our sixth grade girls took a trip to the Challah Fairy where they were able to perform the mitzvah themselves.
- 7th Grade Philadelphia Trip
- 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip



- 8th Grade Museum of Jewish Heritage Trip
- HASC/ Gan Ezra Chesed Trip

5th Grade Eretz Chemda Program

The Eretz Chemda Program of the בית המדרש להלכה בהתיישבות ארץ ישראל is a distance learning program that teaches students all about מצוות ישראל and its special.

7th Grade Afterschool Homework Club

The seventh grade girls participated in an after-school homework group on Tuesdays and Thursdays to not only improve their grades, but also to work on critical skills.

4th Grade Birkat Yaakov Research Project

With the completion of Sefer Beraishit, our fourth grade girls are each given a shevet to research and present to their classmates. A book collaborating their efforts is produced each year.

Middle School Project Runway

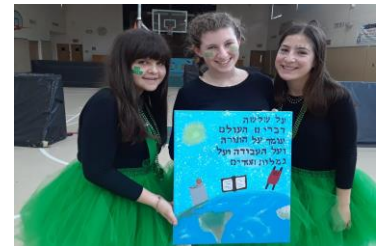
ASHAR 5th, 6th, and 7th grade girls have worked tirelessly the last few weeks creating their very own fashions. The challenging part was that their fashions were to be made from “out of the box” materials. Some of the fashions were made from garbage bags, bottle caps, cds, aluminum foil, coffee filters and paper. Each girl presented her fashion creation to the rest of the girls on our very own red carpet. Enjoy watching ASHAR’s fashionistas!!

Middle School Color War

Teams representing the four elements of nature battled it out through song, dance, art and good spirit.

Pre-Purim Fun

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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