



OUR CHEDER'S VOICE

CHEDER CHABAD BOYS DIVISION

LETTER FROM THE MENAHEL:

In this week Parshah, *Shemos*, the *golus* begins, our forefathers begin toiling and suffering under the oppression of their taskmasters, the Egyptians. *Chassidus* explains that the various forms of labor described in the Torah have corresponding spiritual labors that represent various ways of "toiling in Torah".

There are many references in *chazal* that ascribe terms of the workplace and physical labor to Torah study: "One should give himself over to Torah study like an ox to a yolk and a donkey to carry a load."

We are also taught that the harder we work on performing *mitzvos* and Torah learning, the less we will need to toil on earning a living and serving the nations of the world. The complete and absolute dedication to Torah learning frees us from worldly labors and servitude.

Let us continuously remind ourselves and our children of Hashem's promise to us in this regard and may we truly commit absolutely to the study of Torah and performance of *mitzvos*.

Thank you to third through fifth grades for the beautiful displays created to mark the Rambam's *yahrtzeit* and thank you to our very own Ari Light and Zushi Borenstein for the guided tours they provided to all the grades.

In honor of *Chof Daled Teves*, Rabbi Dovid Kahanov came to Cheder and shared inspiring stories about the Alter Rebbe. Rabbi Kahanov's engaging style kept the *talmidim* riveted while he share fascinating stories and inspiring *chassidische* messages about the Alter Rebbe and *Chassidus* in general.

With wishes for an open heart in serving Hashem and a good Shabbos,

Rabbi Kaplan

Monday, January 11: Shoneh Halochos test #1

Thursday, January 14 : Chidon Test #3

Wednesday, January 20: Boy's Ohel Trip

SCHEDULE
REMINDERS

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A PEEK AT OUR WEEK

Mrs. Mandel's first grade class wrapped up their math unit with a test on which the students excelled in subtraction strategies. In reading, the boys are adding suffixes to root words and reading final double consonants in words. Many 'characters' visited the classroom as the boys sorted short vowel sounds. They have been working on their reading comprehension skills by placing sentences in sequential order and decoding words that allow for the application of word analysis skills. Thank you to Shimmy Levertov Sender Setton and Mendel Jordan for bringing in new games for our first graders recess break.

For the past couple of weeks, the boys in Mrs. Nadav's class have been working hard on combining geography with their writing skills. Each boy chose a place in the world that he was interested in learning more about. They then located these places on the globe. Each boy came up with a long list of questions that he wanted to find out about. Mrs. Nadav brought in books for each location, and the boys began to research their topic. After deciding which facts they would like to include in their reports, they then organized these facts. They are currently busy writing their reports and designing beautiful covers. Each boy will also be creating a diorama of something connected to his country or location. What incredible work!

In science the class has been exploring the different basic states of matter: solids, liquids, and gas. Solids and liquids are things we are familiar with, but how can we know that gas exists if we can't see it? We therefore experimented with creating carbon dioxide by mixing vinegar and baking soda and then "poured" that gas onto a lit flame; the gas really did put the flame out! We also created and played with a very unique material which is both a solid and a liquid at the same time. Science is fascinating!

Mrs. Eckstien is happy to be back in school! In math the boys are making tremendous headway in multiplication. In reading they learned two stories about challenges people encountered and how they solved their problems. This was followed by a discussion in which boys in the class shared stories about challenges they had overcome and how they had solved their problem. One of the stories is the famous story, "Stone Soup" and the boys are looking forward to it being acted out in class on Monday. In science the class has completed the unit on the five senses. The class was divided into groups; each group will present one of the five senses next Thursday, on Monday. And last, but not least, the boys are "current" (Wordly Wise word!) and up-to-date on all the "current events" (pun intended) since they reviewed News on the Run.

This week was a busy week in Mrs. Volfman's third grade. They continued with many different activities in their unit on telling time, extending it to figuring out elapsed time, as well. In writing, using the "Write Approach" method of teaching writing, the boys are working on their paragraphs about important inventions. They continued and finished chapter 4 in their vocabulary unit. In ELA they read two different passages and then worked on the skill of recounting and retelling stories in the proper sequence of events of the story. The week was concluded with current events - News On the Run.

Did you hear? Dojo is gaining momentum in Mrs. Levin's fifth grade classroom. Seeing is believing!! Every boy is a star!! Please accept the invite email and ask your son his score. Stay tuned!! This week's vocabulary words included: Assembly, banquet, edible, and harvest. The boys were asked to find other words from the list to connect with harvest. They chose celebrate, cargo and task. The class learned many interesting facts about potatoes in the reading selection that they read this week. Some facts include that they originate in South America, are a staple food, available year round, and are affordable.. We know that potatoes are a must for kugel and chulent, as well.

Have a wonderful Shabbos!



Student Of the Week



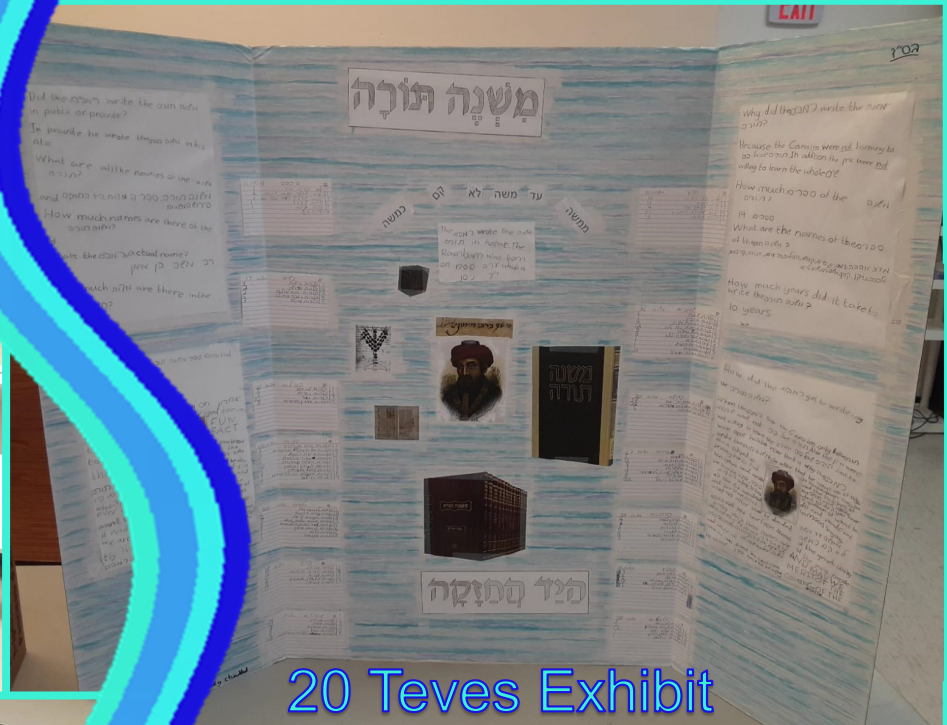
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Gavriel Bongart, Schneur Simcha Huisman
and Schneur Sirota

Mazel Tov Menachem Mendel and Aizik Serebryanski on
the birth of a new baby brother!

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May You Have a Shnas Hatzlochah!





24 Teves, Speaker



MOTZOAI SHABBOS AVOS UBONIM

*This Week
Motzoai Shabbos Shemos*

GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR FATHERS AND SONS
TO BOND AND SPEND VALUABLE TIME TOGETHER!



- PRIZES
- REFRESHMENTS (HOT DOGS)
- MELAVA MALKA STORY

Location:

TZEMACH TZEDEK SHUL
2 LANGERIES DR.
MONSEY, NY 10952
6:30 PM-7:30 PM
for all Elementary Boys
Grade 1-8

COME LEARN AND ENJOY!!

* ALL PARTICIPANTS SHOULD COME WITH MASKS AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS SPECIAL LEARNING TIME!

* BOYS MUST COME WITH AN ADULT (FATHER OR ZAIDE) OR OLDER BROTHER (OVER 16) TO LEARN WITH.

Sponsorship

THIS WEEK'S SPONSORS:

- REFOEL AND ETTI HUISMAN AND FAMILY IN HONOR OF SCHNEUR SIMCHA BIRTHDAY - 25 TEVES
- CHEZKI AND ROCHEL LITZMAN AND FAMILY IN HONOR OF SHOLOM DOVBER BIRTHDAY - 28 TEVES

MAY THEY EACH GROW UP TO BE A TRUE ח"ל בצבאות השם IN GOOD HEALTH - AND BRING
MUCH CHASSIDISHE NACHAS TO THE REBBE AND HIS FAMILY !

Please call or email Rabbi Shusterman: 917 282 3505 or ryscheder@gmail.com to sponsor an Avos Ubonim evening - in honor of a birthday, yahrtzeit, or special occasion.

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**EVERY CHAYOL THAT SAID TEHILLM FOR AT LEAST 15 MINUTES AND REPORTS BY MON-
DAY, ON MASHPIA ACCOUNT OR WITH THIS PAGE WILL RECEIVE SQUEEZE BALL.**