

פרשת משפטים / הדלקת נרות 5:09 ל שבט / February 12, Friday

DUR CHEDER'S

CHEDER CHABAD BOYS DIVISION

LETTER FROM THE MENAHEL:

Dear Parents,

Today Rosh Chodesh Adar, marks our entrance into the joyful Month of Adar. Chassidus teaches us that joy is a choice, we can chose to welcome simchah into our lives. Simchah is a cornerstone of serving Hashem.

One of the areas in which children need the most guidance is managing emotion. Just as children struggle with the idea of managing the emotions that come up, they struggle with the idea that they can be in charge of bringing up and cultivating new emotions.

In the language of *chassidus*, the idea of *moach shalit al halev* entails two areas, first to contain the heart from improper desires and then to lead the heart into positive emotions.

As our children grow up, the latter area is often neglected. This time of the year is a great time to focus on our ability to nurture our feelings.

Many children are taught about the importance of happiness. However, what they see in most of the adults around them is an emotional state that is primarily impacted by their environment rather than their choice. Our avodah to increase in joy consists of two things: Doing actions that engender simcha and diminishing our focus on depressing things by distracting ourselves with thoughts and actions of our choice.

In honor of Rosh Chodesh Adar, the PTA gifted every student with a hamentashen as they came to *Cheder* today. We wish to thank the families who sponsored the *Hametashen*: the Eli and Mrs. Cohen, Drew, Steinmetz and Altein families.

Thank you Rabbi Kessler for welcoming our *talmidim* this morning with *simchah*. May we merit to experience the true and ultimate joy with the revelation of *Moshiach* in this month.

Wishing you a good Shabbos and a good chodesh,

Rabbi Kaplan

Monday, February 15:

Boys Parent Teacher Conference 7:30 – 9:00 PM

Chidon Test #4. No Transportation all districts.

Tuesday, February 16: North Rockland district no Transportation

Thursday, February 18: Kol Hatorah Kula Test #4

Thursday, Taanis Esther, February 25: Friday dismissal

Sunday, February 28: No School



A PEEK AT OUR WEEK

Welcome back from midwinter vacation! Although we had a shorter school week, the boys still managed to get in quite a bit of learning.

Mrs. Eckstein's third graders have just about completed ALL the multiplication tables! (They will be tested on Tuesday, iy'h.) They played Multiplication Bingo, which was an enjoyable way to review. Since we are in a snowy pattern weatherwise, the class learned a story about a mother and daughter who were caught in a blinding blizzard while looking for a lost sheep. They managed to find their way home by following the stream downriver. In writing, the boys did a beautiful job writing about where they would go if they had a choice to drive/fly anywhere. They have really developed nice writing skills! At the same time, they are increasing their vocabulary skills as well, as we are progressing in Wordly Wise. And, of course, the boys are all current in current events, as they perused the News on the Run. A message from

Mrs. Eckstein: Please ensure your sons have all their school supplies (pencils, etc)

and enough snacks...growing boys get hungry!

Mrs. Levin's fifth graders began a unit on fractions by drawing and shading in equal parts and naming the numerator/denominator. The boys followed a recipe using measuring cups and popped popcorn. They also wrote a sensory poem describing their experience while enjoying fresh hot popcorn. A good time was had by all!! Mazel tov to our Monthly Math Challenge winners: Yehuda Rosenfeld, Menachem Mendel Elisha, Yosef Yitzchak Klein, Momo Drew, Avraham Moshe Vernick, Sruli Weiner, Dov Goldberg, Leibesh Isenberg, Avrumy Schild, Menachem Plotkin, Levi Bogomilsky, Michy Lakein, Dovid Blotner, Yitzchak Krispine, Benny Baumgarten, Yaakov Katz, and Ari Light.



Student Of the Week



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Avraham Shmuel Simpson, **Shneur Zalman Elisha**, Menachem Weinstein, **Mordechai Rosenfeld**, Michy Lakein

Gur Children's voice

May You Have a Shnas Hatzlochah!

























