



Our Cheder's Voice

CHEDER CHABAD BOY'S DIVISION

LETTER FROM THE MENAHEL:

Dear Parents,

The name of this week's *parshah*, Yisro, brings up an obvious question: why would the Torah name a *parshah* after a priest? Why would Yisro be the name of the *Parshah* that contains *Matan Torah*? Most importantly, what lesson does this name have for us?

In the beginning of this week's *parshah*, Yisro is drawn to the Yidden. Yisro leaves the comforts of his home and the city where he is famous and travels to a desert to join the Yidden. Once he embraces *Yiddishkeit*, he travels back home to bring the new knowledge and way of life to his family back home, to the people he loves.

Both of these journeys are critical in our relationship with Torah and Hashem. A Yid's relationship to *Yiddishkeit* should be that of a seeker, we are *מבקשי ה'*, seekers of Hashem. Our deep thirst for Hashem should draw us out of all our comforts and bring us to the House of Hashem.

At the same time, we should be inspired by the knowledge we acquired to share it with those we love. We should aspire to share the gift of *Yiddishkeit*, and closeness to Hashem with every Yid.

This is the foundation of Chinuch. We should demonstrate to and instill within our children a deep thirst for *ruchniyus* and Torah, they should see in us *מבקשי ה'* and we should teach and demonstrate our charge and calling to share whatever we know about *Yiddishkeit* with others who know less.

May we succeed to instill these values in ourselves and pass them on to our children naturally.

Wishing you a good Shabbos,

Rabbi Kaplan

SCHEDULE
REMINDERS

Sunday-Tuesday, 28-30 Shevat, January 30-February 1:

Mid-Winter Break

This week's learning was in the merit of the Speedy recovery of Menucha Rachel bas Devorah Leah

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A PEEK AT OUR WEEK

Second grade celebrated *Tu Bishvat* by making a centerpiece with a special *hakaras hatov* message for our parents. The boys took great pride in their projects. See the pictures. Thank you to the Women's League for sponsoring!! In reading, we read *The Fox and the Raven*. The sly fox tricked the raven by offering compliments, so that he could take her piece of cake. The boys shared the moral of the story is.... We began a new chapter in math on regrouping. Rule 1. Break apart the ones to make ten. While working so intensely on our math examples, in came our *Menahel*, Rabbi Kaplan, with boxes of pizza, piping hot, to reward the boys for high scores on their math test. What a great surprise and delectable treat for all!!

Third grade started our week with an exciting *Tu Bishvat* baking project. We made mini fruit tart pies. The boys did a beautiful job decorating their pies. In math this week we continued to focus on our multiplication facts. We are becoming pros at multiplying with 7, 8, and 9! In our writing class this week we learned the concept of "Show Don't Tell" and how to edit sentences using sensory details to make our writing come alive. We ended our week with an "Ach Gadol" activity together with the seventh grade.

Fourth grade learned the introduction to geometry this week. It provides many foundational skills and helps to build the thinking skills of logic and analytical reasoning. Talmidim had a fun review game in math testing each other with digit turning toys. In ELA the students are learning the different parts of speech.

On Monday, the talmidim of 4B became designers par excellence as they worked on their own "Plate Art" *Iekovod Tu Bishvat*. Each boy made a "tree" out of chocolate frosting which they decorated with "snow" marshmallows and fruit candy. (see pictures). A wonderful and tasty time was had by all! On Tuesday Mrs. Eckstein gave the next math test. Any boy who would receive under an 80 would have to take the test over and over until he mastered multiplication and division. As of this writing ALL the boys received a grade of 80 or higher! Kol Hakavod, Kitah Daled!! Tuesday ended with a boisterous game of "Around the World" in Social Studies. The winners were Mendel Keller and Noson Eisenberg. Everyone had a grand time reviewing what we have learned recently. In Reading we are learning about some interesting inventions. On Thursday Mrs. Eckstein brought in a news article about frum siblings in Jew Jersey who are busy inventing and patenting their ideas. All you need to do is get your creative juices going! In Writing, the boys had a grand time writing about what they would be making for supper. Many boys included an appreciation for having their mothers do the cooking instead of them each night! Have a wonderful Shabbos and continued nachas!

In Fifth grade we published our first compositions and are very proud of our writings!!! . Each student did a phenomenal job and got a booklet to take home. In math we learned a new skill - how to add fractions with different denominators. The class began and completed unit 8 in Wordly Wise. They had a test on it. We continue to read about the American Revolution and we learned about parts of The Declaration Of Independence. We see how reluctant the colonists were to declare war, but did so anyway. They felt that they were being enslaved and that their loss of liberty was intolerable. Have a great Shabbos.

**Thank you to the Abel and Lefkovitz families for
sponsoring breakfast for our Minyoners!**

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Happy Birthday

Yakov Burston, Betzalel Kessler,
Dovid Sobol, Chaim Morgenstern, Mordechai Zucker
May you have a Shnas Hatzlochah!

GRADE 4



A big thanks
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ENRICHMENT CLASS



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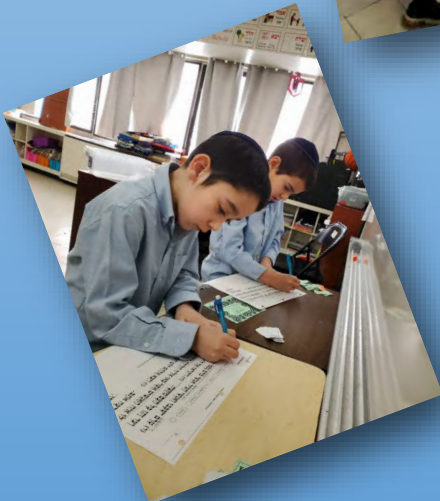
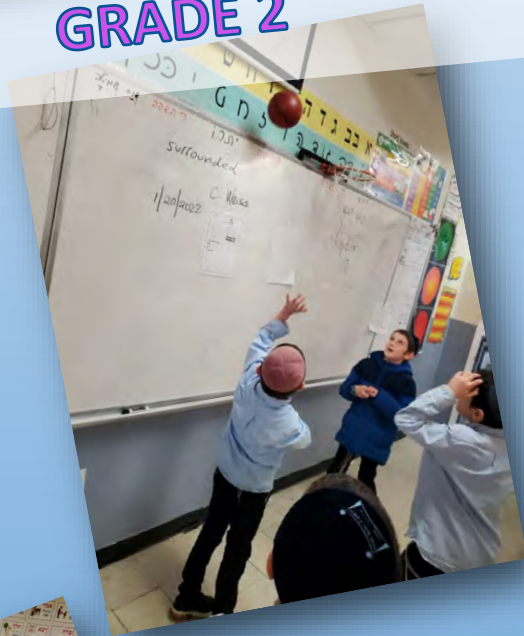
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CONNECTION POINT WINNERS



GRADE 2



MOTZOAI SHABBOS AVOS UBONIM

This Week

Motzoai Shabbos B'shalach

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

7:00 PM-8:00 PM

for all Elementary Boys
Grade 1-8

COME LEARN AND ENJOY!!

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.
A Project of Cheder Chabad of Monsey in conjunction with Cong Tzemach Tzedek

Sponsorship

THIS WEEK'S SPONSORS:

- RABBI AND MRS. ZUCKER IN HONOR OF MORDECHAI'S BIRTHDAY 20 SHEVAT
- MR. AND MRS. RAICES IN HONOR OF YEHOSHUA'S BIRTHDAY 22 SHEVAT

Dear Cheder Parents,

On Sunday, March 13th, we the 8th graders will be making a carnival for the whole school in honor of Purim. The carnival will have food, fun and music entertainment! We are looking for families to sponsor the carnival booths. If you would like to sponsor a booth, please send \$20 with your son to the 8th grade classroom or paypal it to Rabbi Dubinsky @ShalomDubinsky.

If you do sponsor, you will be thanked publicly by the carnival.

Thank you,

The 8th Grade Class