

# Our Cheder's VOICE



CHEDER CHABAD BOY'S DIVISION • PARENT EDITION

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## FROM *the* MENAHEL

### Dear Parents,

This week, we will gather to hear the aseres hadibros read. The event of receiving the Torah, mamad har sinai, is one that changed the DNA of Yidden forever.

One of the most important functions of a cheder and a Jewish upbringing is to instill the message that you are different, distinct and separate from the entire world deep into the heart and soul of every Yid.

What is good for the 'Johnses isn't good for us.' We are Yidden, we are wired differently. When we do a mitzva Hashem responds. When a non Jew puts on tefilin or keeps shabbos it does not elicit a Divine response. This change happened at mamad har Sinai.

We cannot fully express what it means to be tethered to Hashem, to be Hashem's children, His nation. We can however unpack little bits of it in the chinuch messages we give to our children. These are enduring truths that require constant reinforcement.

Our goal in educating our children at Cheder Chabad is that their connection to Torah give them a sense of elation and purpose. Elation first, at the merit we have to be the recipients of Hashem's most precious treasure, the Torah. And then a sense of purpose to live like a Yid.

Some want to bring the parenting modal of loving and accepting children as they are without expectations into the educational institutions. While there is a place for it, it is more often misused and misunderstood. A cheder has values and breeds a certain type of life. It is intended only for those who seek that lifestyle.

As Yidden our relationship to the world is one of utility, it is here to help us serve Hashem, and not as an ends. The more we can separate our children from the being enmeshed in gashmiyus in their youth, the more this message will resonate.

We are the am hanivchar, a chosen nation. To be chosen means that we are necessarily distinct. Let us live up to the ultimate vision of this awesome day, the day we received the Torah and said בנינו ערבים בעדינו.

Wishing you a good Shabbos,

**Rabbi Kaplan**

## SCHEDULE UPDATES



**Sunday-Tuesday, February 12-14:**

**Mid-winter break**

**Wednesday, February 15: School Resumes**

**Monday, February 20:**

**No transportation all districts**

**February 21-24: Regular Transportation**

**Tuesday, 30 Shevat, February 21:**

**Boys PTC #2 7:30pm-9:30pm**

## Happy Birthday!

Eliyahu Aryeh Leib Gross, Yakov Burstson, Betzalel Kessler, Dovid Malachi Sobol, Menachem Mendel Fuchs and Ahron Lewis

**May you have a Shnas Hatzlochah!**

Mazal tov Chaim Morgenstern and Mordechai Zucker on the occasion of their **Bar Mitzvah!**

**TIP**  
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WEEK

Parents can substitute cheder for ECredits towards your tuition balance. Hours are flexible and the need is always there.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



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We played an interactive game on sight words with huge memory cards ! The boys had a chance to come up to the white board and choose memory cards. In phonics we learnt about the quotation mark. When someone says words in a sentence, we open and then close the quotation marks at the end. Our first graders are structuring sentences like pros. They also know where a question or exclamation point goes! Enjoy the mid winter break with your precious son, we hope you have lots of fun!

Mrs. Mandel - Grade 1

We began this week making a Tu B'Shvat centerpiece with a special message for our dear parents. Mrs. Jacobs showed the boys how to draw a pineapple, which they painted beautifully. The rest of the week went by very quickly.

Wishing everyone a wonderful vacation! Gut shabbos

Mrs. Levin - Grade 2

Boruch Hashem the year is coming along and we are making progress in all areas. Fractions equal fun. We learned how to find the greatest common factor between two numbers and used that number to simplify a fraction. We got many tips that helped us to do the example more efficiently. We read a story called "Black Stallion" and tried to predict the outcome. Many of us agreed that we too, would like to spend a summer in India and go home by boat. Unit 9 was completed in vocabulary and we will have a test when we come back after vacation. The class learned a new word game called Wordle and we are having a blast playing it. Have a great Shabbos and enjoy your vacation.

Mrs. Trieger - Grade 5

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