

## TASHBAR SEPHARDIC YESHIVA KETANA

Candle Lighting: 6:54

Shabbat Ends: 7:49/8:23

September 7, 2019

פרשת שופטים

## MESSAGE FROM THE MENAHEL



Dear Parents,

In this week's Parasha, we learn the mitzva שום תשים עליך מלך-the mitzva to appoint a king. The most famous king in ישראל was דוד המלך. Incredibly, דוד המלך's beginnings were not very glorious. Of all of the sons of Yishai, he was the last to be considered for king. As he wrote in Tehillim, אבן מאסו הבונים היתה לראש פנה-the stone which was despised by the builders, became the cornerstone of the building. So too, דוד המלך was despised as being king but in the end, he was the one who was chosen. דוד המלך was a true leader!

During the battle that דוד המלך fought against the פלישתים, דוד arrived on the scene and heard the disgraceful words being spoken by גוליית, a powerful and giant soldier of the פלישתים. דוד went around the encampment asking the other Jewish soldiers how they could allow גוליית to blaspheme and disgrace God and the Jewish people in such a manner. דוד took the initiative. He was a leader even before he was king!

We see from here that one does not have to be in charge in order to be a leader. There are many ways for a person to exhibit leadership even when not in a position of power. Chazal tell us- במקום שאין איש השתדל להיות איש- in a place where there is no man, put in the effort and be that man. We often hear stories about people in challenging situations who "rise to the challenge" or "take the initiative". This is what Chazal is referring to! Sometimes, there's a need for someone to step up and do what's right and encourage others to join them in doing what's right for the greater good. We may think to ourselves "who am I to stand up? There are all these other people here who are not stepping up to the plate, why would I promote myself like that?" But if this is what we all ask ourselves, nobody will stand up! Nobody will take the initiative! Nobody will do what's right! Our Rabbis are teaching us that there are times when we must be courageous and be the first to stand up so that others will follow suit and we will have the great opportunity of being the ones to spread goodness in the world.

Baruch Hashem our year has gotten off to an incredible start and we are looking forward to another year of helping the future leaders of our community reach their greatest potential and empowering them so that they will be the ones who will stand up for the greater good in any situation life may present before them!

Shabbat Shalom!  
Rabbi Moshe Abady  
Menahel

**Mazal Tov to the Cavalier family on the birth of a baby boy!**

**Mazal Tov to Akiva and Chana Nourollah and family on the birth of a baby boy!**

**Mazal Tov to Morah Batya Nourollah on her new grandson!**

**Mazal Tov to the Sohayegh Family on the engagement of their son!**

## MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL STUDIES DIRECTOR

Welcome back!

The human brain is designed to learn. Yet in order to learn, our brain must first attend to, focus on, and then absorb new experiences. Our students are adapting to many changes in school and will be for the next few weeks. New teachers, new students, new routines. New schedules, classrooms, even getting used to different styles and sizes of desks and chairs!

Teachers have spent some time formally and informally assessing their students. This gives the children an opportunity to attend to their new surroundings and begin to focus on the changes. From here on in, they will have many opportunities and experiences to absorb information and techniques to further develop as individuals.

At the upcoming Back to School Night, you will have an opportunity to hear directly from the teachers about the procedures in your child's new class. Being informed will help assure that your child's transition is as smooth as possible this year.

Some say it takes 21 days to develop a new habit. As your children habituate to their new school routines, be sure to spend time on this at home, too. Be consistent with homework and bedtime routines. Morning procedures need to be readjusted now that the family is no longer in "summer mode."

If the enthusiasm and smiles that fill the school are an indication of this year's back-to-school experience, then Tashbar's 2019-20 school year is off to a powerful start!



## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

Welcome Back!!

What a great week we had in Preschool!! The children are slowly getting more and more familiar with our routines and our class rules.

This week I had the wonderful opportunity to visit each class and read a book with the children! In Gesher and the Nursery classes we read "Off to School" and in the Kindergarten classes we read "My First Day in Kindergarten" Reading together with the children was so much fun! We got into little discussions about school- who takes us to school? Do we walk or drive? What do we do at school? Who misses Ima and Abba? And so on...It was really special!!

Shabbat Shalom!  
Morah Chaya



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 10**-Boys Back to School Night

6:15-Mincha

6:30-Program Begins

We expect sessions to conclude at approximately 8:45/9.

**September 15**-Project Focus

**September 18**-Preschool Back to School Night

**September 29-30**-Rosh Hashanah

## LUNCH MENU

**Monday**-Roast chicken, green rice, salad

**Tuesday**-Lasagna, salad

**Wednesday**-Kabob, rice, salad

**Thursday**-Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad

**Friday**-Pizza, salad

Our condolences to Morah Roya on the passing of her sister.

מן השמים תנחמו

## MAFTIR READERS

David Sakhai

Benyamin David

Moshe Yehonatan Arfacohen

Uriel Yadidsion

## PARASHA TREAT!

### ATOMIC TAFFIES!

One of the commandments Moshe gives in this week's parasha, is the prohibition to bribe a judge.

Although the atomic taffies may look like regular innocent taffies, once you begin eating you see how sour and messy they are. So too with bribery, it may seem harmless but it enables corruption and causes bad.

## THIS WEEK IN PICTURES...



Harav Bitan



Chavruta Learning!



Mazal Tov Yehuda Gidanian!



Mitzva Boy!

