

## TASHBAR SEPHARDIC YESHIVA KETANA

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November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

פרשת לך לך

## MESSAGE FROM THE MENAHEL



Dear Parents,

It is so refreshing to be back in the rhythm and routine of a flourishing, vibrant school year. As we leave the lofty period of the **איתנים** -ירח- the powerful spiritual injection of Elul, Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur and Sukkot, we enter these winter months with full suitcases packed with inspiration. And, what better tool is there to cultivate these lessons than our very precious Sefer Bereshit, packed with life lessons and meaning in every **פסוק**!

In this week's **פרשה**, the **תורה** describes what happened when the Egyptians discovered **שרי** who was hidden from them. **פרעה** and they praised her to **פרעה**. They didn't just tell **פרעה**. They praised her to **פרעה**. As **שלמה המלך** writes in **מהללו** **לפי משלי-ואיש לפי מהללו**. Just as a furnace removes the impurities from gold and silver and presents you with these metals in their purest form, so too man can be measured by what he praises.

If you want to get to know the true essence of a person, listen carefully to what they get excited about. Imagine that three people go to a wedding, one goes home talking about how delicious the food was, one describes how beautifully the chuppah, flower arrangements, and decor were set up, and the third talks about the deep aura of Kedusha which was felt throughout the ceremony. Each of these people are telling us a tremendous amount about themselves and what they value most.

While this tool from **שלמה המלך** is a great barometer to get a better understanding of the people around us, it's also a painfully accurate tool to measure our own spiritual status. Pay attention to what gets you excited and what you praise, and you'll get to know yourself a whole lot better in the process! And, as parents, we have an extra great responsibility to pay attention to our words because, even more than we realize, our kids are paying very, very close attention to what makes us tick...and they are framing their own world around our words-truly humbling and scary to think about!

Maybe this is a good time to apply the old slogan "fake it till you make it!" Let's talk openly in our homes and get EXCITED about Torah, Mitzvot, Shiurim, Tefilah and everything else that we want our children to live their lives based on. You never know, it might just cause us to live our lives on a much higher plane, in the process!

Wishing you all much **נחת**!

Shabbat Shalom!

Rabbi Moshe Abady

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

## MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL STUDIES DIRECTOR

Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders visited the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library this week and took a deeper look into American history. They gained insight into the life of the president and the numerous duties and skills needed to be a part of a governing body. Amongst other things, the students learned about the Cold War and the fall of the Berlin Wall. (Today is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its fall).



The Situation Room activity was fantastic! This is a technically integrated role-playing activity where students work together to solve a simulated crisis based on real historical events. Our students took part in the “Oval Office” simulation and were asked to make decisions concerning the Invasion of Granada, which took place during the Reagan administration. Students were chosen to play the parts of President Reagan and his chief advisors.

For many students, the highlight was going aboard Air Force One, the airplane that was actually used by President Reagan.

A special thanks to our drivers and chaperones: Mr. Flactman, Mr. Saeedian, Mrs. Y. Vahedy, Mr. Shans, Mrs. R. Mahgerefteh and Mr. Maman.

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

This week we welcomed our music teacher, Morah Chaya Shapiro, back! We were super excited to sing and dance and act out scenes from the parasha through music and movement. Our Music class is a comprehensive program, complete with skill building in following directions, auditory cues, rhythm and beat, coordination, throwing and catching, singing and memorization, and so much more! Plus it's loads of fun!

This Shabbat, יא' השון, will be Rachel Imenu's Yahrtzeit. We learned about Rachel and what a Mitzvah girl she was. May all of our Mitzvah boys and girls continue to emulate her beautiful Middot!

Our Kindergarten classes have been focusing on a beautiful unit all about ברוך השם. We have so much to thank Hashem for every day! How beautiful that the kindergarten children get to recognize the many things Hashem does for them by bringing in special ברוך השם notes that go on the ברוך השם bulletin board. ברוך השם, the board is filling up!!

Shabbat Shalom!  
Morah Chaya Motamedi

## 4<sup>th</sup> GRADE NEWS-KODESH

The 4th grade budding Talmidei Chachamim are in full swing learning. In Chumash we are well into Parashat Shemot. We recently finished Perek Gimmel and have started Perek Daled. In Mishnayot we have already finished Perek Aleph and are well into Perek Bet. The boys are extremely excited about the two new subjects we started last week-the first is Navi sefer Yehoshua and the other is a brand new subject called Yesodei Halashon. Yesodei Halashon, a program of the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation, is an interactive curriculum aimed at teaching students how to uncover the fundamentals and secrets of proper speech and to use that ability to enhance their interpersonal relationships! We look forward to continued growth and learning!

Shabbat Shalom!  
-Rabbi Segan-Kohanim



## 4<sup>th</sup> GRADE NEWS-GENERAL STUDIES

The amazing boys of Mrs. Palatt's 4<sup>th</sup> grade have been busy exploring and learning about many topics! They have read interesting mini biographies about Mae Jemison, the first African American female astronaut and space scientist, and about Henry Wells and William G. Fargo, the founders of Wells Fargo Bank. We've even discussed how today's system of banking works and how it was established, (before ATMs!) with questions arising including how banks actually earn money!

A favorite part of 4<sup>th</sup> grade is the Bonus Point system of rewarding students for their exemplary behavior and outstanding work. Points are given out for quietly getting ready for a lesson, listening and working with focus without socializing, and for completing extra credit work. Sometimes they are even awarded points for neat writing! There is friendly competition to earn the most points the fastest, even though all students with 5 points or more receive a prize! Prizes are awarded every two weeks. The majority of the extra credit assignments are challenging, thought provoking, and focus on critical thinking skills. The boys particularly like solving Sudoku number puzzles, which definitely exercise the brain!

The boys were proud and felt a sense of accomplishment at having completed their social studies projects about California's regions. Each team or partnership was assigned one of the four regions of California - Desert, Coastal, Mountain, Central Valley - to depict in a creative way. They used boxes, cardboard, colored paper, clay, sand, glitter, and even lights to design and put together their projects. These boys worked hard writing, drawing, and collecting pictures and items that would show off their regions. It was impressive to see the dedication, excitement, resourcefulness, camaraderie, and creativity that went into this Social Studies assignment!

-Mrs. Palatt

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**November 11<sup>th</sup>**-Faculty In-Service, Pupil Free Day

**November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>**-Legal Holiday  
Boys, Sunday Schedule

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

**Pre1**-Aharon Shasho

**1<sup>st</sup>**-Yerucham Cohen

**2<sup>nd</sup>**-Menashe Saidian

**3<sup>rd</sup>**-Shimon Mahgerefteh

**4<sup>th</sup>**-Yehuda Kohen

**5<sup>th</sup>**-Yehuda Paknoush

**6<sup>th</sup>**-Moshe Yehonatan Arfacohen

**7<sup>th</sup>**-Yisrael Meir Louk

**8<sup>th</sup>**-Dan Haroonian

## ERETZ CHEMDA

This week our 6<sup>th</sup> graders/Shiur Aleph began an exciting new program, Eretz Chemda!

Eretz Chemda is a program to teach the students about Eretz Yisrael and the מצוות התלויות בארץ. Every other week, the students join a livestreamed class with a Rebbi in Eretz Yisrael. Each participant received a beautiful workbook with worksheets, stories about Eretz Yisrael and so much more! The students really enjoyed the first class and participated enthusiastically. We are looking forward to many more inspiring classes!

## LUNCH MENU

**Monday**-Faculty In-Service, Pupil Free Day

**Tuesday** –Roast chicken, rice with tomato sauce, salad

**Wednesday**-Chicken burger, roasted potatoes, salad

**Thursday**-Red stew, rice, salad

**Friday**-Pizza, salad

## MAFTIR READERS

Aharon Farzadfar

Avromi Simons

Benyamin Yaghoubi

Benyamin David

David Zvi Refua

Elsafan Balakhane

Moshe Nourollah

Shimon Mahgerefteh

Yissachar Abady

## PARASHA TREAT!

In this week's parasha, Avraham was told to "Go Go" squeeze!

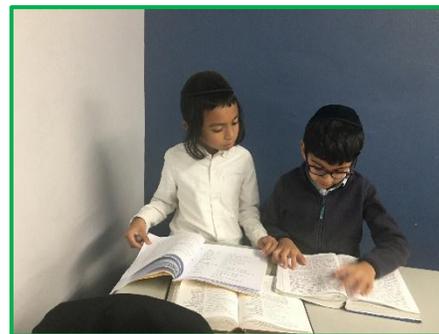
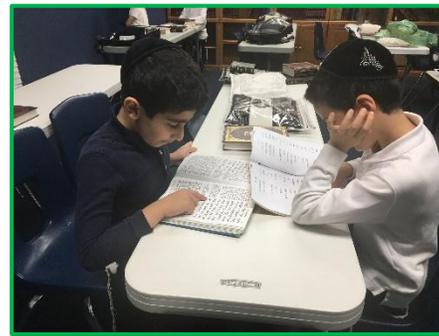
## HELP YOUR SCHOOL!

Tashbar Sephardic Yeshiva Ketana is enrolled in the Box Tops for Education program! You can start collecting and submitting Box Tops at any time.

The school's ID number is 9683158. Box Tops are easier to submit than ever before! Parents can download the Box Tops app on their phones and scan eligible shopping receipts and the school will receive the profits!

Tashbar is now enrolled in Ralphs Community Contribution program! Register today to earn money for our school every time you shop. To participate simply visit <https://www.ralphs.com>. Once logged into your Ralphs account you can search for TASHBAR SEPHARDIC YESHIVA KETANA either by name or BC619 and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a rewards card.

## THIS WEEK IN PICTURES...



## SPECIAL ONEG SHABBAT WITH GUEST SPEAKER RABBI DOUEK



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