

## TASHBAR SEPHARDIC YESHIVA KETANA

Candle Lighting: 4:27

Shabbat Ends: 5:26/5:58

November 22nd, 2019 פרשת חיי שרה

## MESSAGE FROM THE MENAHEL



Dear Parents,

In this week's פרשה, we learn about the incredible sensitivity and מדת החסד of Rivka Imeinu. The בית הלוי points out that the appropriate wife for Yitzchok Avinu wasn't just a girl who would be devoted to chesed, but a girl who would have enough sensitivity and consideration to be able to do chesed in the best possible way. He explains that there was tremendous wisdom in the request of Eliezer, עבד אברהם. He knew that if he would ask a girl for water, Rivka would be in a quandary because if she gives him to drink the water, she shows she has the מדת החסד, but what would she do with the rest of the water in the jug? If she takes it home to her family, there would be an issue of germs since Eliezer had already taken a drink from the jug. If she would spill the water out onto the floor and draw more water for her family, it would be a lack of sensitivity to Eliezer. The only solution would be to offer to give water to the camels. This way the leftover water would not go to waste or cause hurt feelings. But if Rivka only gave some of the leftover water to the camels and she didn't continue giving to the rest of them once the jug was done, it would still be obvious to Eliezer that she was trying to get rid of the water. The only way to perform this act of chesed with complete sensitivity and selflessness would be to give water to Eliezer and to **ALL** of the camels even though it meant going back and refilling the jug over and over again. Nevertheless, Rivka Imeinu succeeded in this incredible act of chesed. Eliezer knew that a girl who would be able to have such a strong מדת החסד with the care and concern for every individual's feelings combined with the wisdom involved in performing acts of חסד to their fullest, would be the right wife for יצחק אבינו.

This focus on middot is the cornerstone of what we at Tashbar aim to build in our students. Our students are taught to exemplify our avot and imahot in a very real way. Whether through devotion to tefilla, enthusiastically performing acts of chesed, or putting their entire being into לימוד תורה and fulfilling the רצון ה'.

Throughout the week, our students were busy preparing for a special appreciation event which we had on our Boys Campus on Friday honoring the Ghermezian family. The Ghermezian family has been supporters of our school from its infancy and the seeds which they planted have developed into a beautiful orchard which is the school we are all part of today! It was so meaningful to see the personal notes of thanks our students wrote to the Ghermezians. We presented a portfolio with these beautiful notes to some of the Ghermezian brothers who were incredibly touched by the sentiment. May their chesed and the Torah of our students join together to build the Torah in our community for generations to come!

Shabbat Shalom!

Rabbi Moshe Abady

## MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL STUDIES DIRECTOR



Tashbar Library: Drop by and check out!

Our library has a great selection of books for **you!** Parents are encouraged to check out their own books to read and also to bring home for the family. We have a variety of novels, biographies, and inspirational books just for adults. Come drop by and check some out. Our librarian, Mrs. Jodi Gross will be happy to help you find your perfect read!

The Boys Campus Library is open for parents on Sunday mornings and the Girls Campus Library is open for parents on Monday mornings.

We are in the process of digitizing! We have tens of thousands of books that are being digitized to make our library more efficient. Mrs. Tikva Braum, our computer teacher, has taken on this amazing task. Several parents have volunteered to input data into our new system. If you would like to earn Parent Volunteer hours by helping us with this project, please contact me ([rdmiller@tashbarsyk.com](mailto:rdmiller@tashbarsyk.com)).

-Rabbi David Miller

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

This week we have been learning all about Shabbat Kodesh! There is so much preparation that goes into this special day of rest. Each class is preparing different art projects to take home such as candle sticks, Shabbat books, Shabbat placemats and so much more!

In this week's Parasha we learn a beautiful lesson of Chesed and Zerizut from Rivka. Eliezer asked Rivka for water and she not only gave him, but she ran and gave to his 10 camels as well. We know that the Midrash says that Rivka was such a Tzadket that Hashem made the water come up to her so she wouldn't have to do any extra work!

Some of our classes dressed up as Rivka and Eliezer and acted out the Chesed Rivka did. Our Kindergarten class had a mock wedding in honor of Yitzchak and Rivka's wedding! In our music class this week, one child in each class got to dress up as Eliezer and one as Rivka and they danced around and pretended to feed the camels water.

Our Kindergarten finished their Baruch Hashem board. The kids were so excited they said "Baruch Hashem we filled the board!" We hope that this beautiful concept of thanking Hashem will be instilled in each of their Neshamot!

-Morah Chaya Motamedi



## 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE NEWS-NAVI/BEIUR TEFILLA

BH the sixth grade is excelling in ביאור תפילה, נביא, and יהדות. Every navi class we bombard our boards with an enthusiastic, effective review of last class. We delve into the navi, ask insightful questions, and learn incredible life lessons Bh. We are already finished level two in our electricity program!! **BH our 6th grade class is having a siyum on Monday for finishing the first 3 perakim in Shmuel Aleph!!**

In ביאור תפילה, the girls are learning פסוקי דזמרה, with פירוש המילים. They are shtieging away, and enjoying each and every day!!

-Morah Abady

## 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE NEWS-CHUMASH

In Sixth Grade we are learning with excitement and fun! In Chumash we are learning *Az Yashir*. This allows us to see all the *Nisim* Hashem did for Bnei Yisrael then, and the *Nisim* he continues to do for us now. Keep up the good work!

-Miss Goldstein

## 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE NEWS-PARASHA

The 6th graders are working each week to develop their in-text Parasha skills. They are doing so well, Baruch Hashem, and continue to improve every week. Not only are they finding answers to weekly Parasha questions in the Chumash, but they are learning the major Yediot of each Parasha, and getting to know the special family tree that they come from. On the side, the 6th grade class has done an excellent job on our Tuesday-noBluesday "make it מתוק" challenges, coming up with creative ideas of how to make a negative situation positive. Looking forward to so much more learning and growth!

-Miss Shmagin

## 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE NEWS-IVRIT

In the Ivrit class the 6th graders are working diligently reviewing דיקדוק in זמן הווה ועבר and then trying to be creative and use new vocabulary words in their sentences. The fact that the girls work so nicely and באחדות makes it even more enjoyable to teach them!

Mrs. Sohayegh

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

Sixth grade is hard at work so far this year. In math they have covered ratios, place value, and multiplying and dividing decimals. Soon they will progress into working with fractions.

In science, they explored the layers of the earth as well as learned about volcanoes and earthquakes. Next, they will learn about the role water plays on earth.

As for history, 6th grade is reading about ancient civilizations. Currently, they are learning about China and the dynasties and the Great Wall.

I am proud of what the girls have accomplished so far and look forward to so much more learning and achieving!

-Ms. Olivares

6G Students in English class have had quite a "poetic" month... literally!! They have been exploring the Poetry genre in literature, with selection analysis stemming from our textbook, leading to original class poetry writing, accompanied by spirited poetry readings!!! Students wrote original Haikus with extra focus on the theme of nature, to display in a "Hall of Haikus" located in our very own hall gallery!! After learning about the structure and style of the Ode poem, students wrote original "Ode to an Eggplant" poetry, embracing a humorous, whimsical and authentic approach to this unique form. 6G observed, and sketched an actual eggplant for the purposes of retrieving the best possible descriptive words to include in their writing. They then wrote their poems, based on the authentic style of the Ode. Students also wrote about what poetry, as a literary art form, means to them.

Essay writing is essential!!!! Students in 6G have been learning about the essentials of essay writing based on strategy, component and craft. In the coming weeks, students will be learning about and writing essays based on the middle school essay types that they will individually guide from process to product. Looking forward to seeing what our 6G expository experts will create!!!

-Ms. Haviva Kierzenblat

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

**Pre1**-Rivka Bracha Masjedi

**1<sup>st</sup>**-Eliana Shamounpour

**2<sup>nd</sup>**-Talia Heravi

**3<sup>rd</sup>**-Nava Paktan

**4<sup>th</sup>**-Orly Aminian

**5<sup>th</sup>**-Avigayil Cohen

**6<sup>th</sup>**-Liel Ben Eliyahu

**7<sup>th</sup>**-Bracha Motamedi

**8<sup>th</sup>**-Hanya Leiner

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>**-Legal Holiday

Girls and Preschool, No School

## PTA UPDATES

**This Tuesday Night!!**

**Cheese and Wine Evening**  
**Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**7:30 PM**

**The Lighthouse**  
**1026 South Robertson Boulevard**

**RSVP: Sara David 818-687-1614**

## LUNCH MENU

**Monday**-Baked ziti/salad

**Tuesday**-Breaded chicken, brown rice, salad

**Wednesday**-Chicken burgers, roasted potatoes, soup, salad

**Thursday**-Legal Holiday, No School

**Friday**-Legal Holiday, No School

## PICO BNOS

There will be NO Bnos this Shabbos Parashat Chayei-Sara, due to a Shabbaton. Bnos resumes NEXT Shabbos Parashat Toldot from 2:30-4.

For questions or sponsorships please email [ndenbo@gmail.com](mailto:ndenbo@gmail.com)

## PARASHA TREAT!

This week's Parasha Treat was  
Magnifying Glasses...

Ask your child to tell you why!



## 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.