

# TASHBAR SEPHARDIC YESHIVA KETANA

Candle Lighting: 4:31

Shabbat Ends: 5:29/6:01

November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

פרק וירא

## MESSAGE FROM THE MENAHEL

Dear Parents,



The opening story of our פרשה presents one of the most famous acts of selfless חסד. תנ"ך in חסד spends an entire chapter in אהבת חסד analyzing in detail every single component of אברם's selflessness, and the level of great personal sacrifice that he was willing to bear in order to perform another act of חסד—even while in great pain, during a tremendous heat wave, and while spending an exorbitant amount of money on these seemingly simple nomads. This teaches us many great lessons about חסד. But, what about אמת?

מלר in שלמה המלך says משלי (ג,ג) in שילוח says אל יעזבך—should never leave you. The Vilna Gaon explains that חסד is doing something “extra” that you have no obligation to do. אמת is doing something for as payback for what they have done for you. Both are crucial. However, the Vilna Gaon’s next teaching is practical and insightful. He says that the reason why חסד is written before אמת in the גזע is because how is it possible that someone would invest themselves in doing חסד before they have completed their obligations of אמת?

As parents, the פירוש הגר"א teaches us a fundamental lesson. חסד is enjoyable to do. אמת isn’t always. Many people mistakenly invest themselves in doing lots of acts of חסד to others outside of their family, while neglecting their obligations—their אמת—of course, חסד is crucial. It’s one of the pillars that the world stands on, but it must not happen at the expense of אמת. At the same time, we must be careful to recognize that sometimes, doing acts of חסד along with our children, is part of our אמת, our parental obligation, because we are teaching them to become בעלי חסד. It’s a delicate balance which requires serious introspection. But one whose rewards will last into future generations.

Wishing you all much נחת and ברכה,

Shabbat Shalom,

Rabbi Moshe Abady

**Mazal Tov to Morah Chumie Altusky to on her engagement to Dovi Epstein!!**

**Mazal Tov to Miss Bracha Fisher on her engagement to Yechiel Berkowitz!!**

## MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL STUDIES DIRECTOR

November is National Family Literacy Month. While literacy, the ability to read and write, is primarily the responsibility of the school, parents can also encourage literacy at home.



Think beyond books. Urge your child to read magazines, newspapers, even grocery store ads. Discuss the contents and share opinions about the information they contain.

There's plenty to read in the kitchen. Food packaging contains recipes, nutritional information, directions and tells where the product was made. At mealtime ask your children to share some of the facts they learned.

Make reading a two-generation event. As your children grow you may no longer read to them, but you can read alongside them. This shows that you value reading too.

Research shows that reading proficiency by third grade is the most significant predictor of high school graduation and career success. Make reading a part of your daily family routine!

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

We started off our week with a very productive preschool in service. We spent the morning taking our CPR and First Aid class. We then had grade level meetings to plan exciting things for the future and the teachers worked diligently in their classrooms.

We ended our day with a very insightful and hands-on class on sensory processing and self-regulation with Leah Hiller, MA, ORT/L.

Welcome to our class, come on in, have a seat, can I get you some water?!?!

Hachnasat Orchim was the focus of this week, all the classes built different creative tents in their classrooms, and each class invited another class to come visit them. Of course food and water was served too! We learned this special Mitzvah from Avraham Avinu!! Bikur Cholim is another important Mitzvah that we learned this week

**Thank you PTA for our new play house!**

Shabbat Shalom!

Morah Chaya Motamedi

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

**MAZEL TOV to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class on Miss Fisher's engagement!**



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

The Fifth Grade girls have worked hard in Science. They designed a filter that could be used in a storm drain to prevent debris from draining to the ocean. They first designed their filters on paper, built the container, tested it, and made improvements. They then used a coffee filter, sand, and small volcanic rock to make the filter. Lastly, they poured dirty water that contained bits of Styrofoam into the filter.

The girls were surprised and overjoyed to find their filters worked! The debris was filtered out! The water was cloudy, but clear of debris that could pollute our oceans and harm sea animals and birds. Good job, girls!

Ms. Nielsen



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Pre1-Tova Motamedi

1<sup>st</sup>-Ahava Yadidsion

2<sup>nd</sup>-Talia Shofet

3<sup>rd</sup>-Esther Simons

4<sup>th</sup>-Maayan Harrosh

5<sup>th</sup>-Ora Shoshana Kuraev

6<sup>th</sup>-Emuna Goldstein

7<sup>th</sup>-Devorah Saeedian

8<sup>th</sup>-Batsheva Lahiji

## PTA Updates

### SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR FIRST PTA FUNCTION OF THE YEAR

**Wine and Cheese Couples Evening,  
Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm  
More details to follow**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Girls and Preschool, No School

## PARASHA TREAT!

In this week's Parasha Sara **Laughed** (laughy taffy) when she was told she was going to have a baby!



## LUNCH MENU

**Monday**-Roast chicken/Green Beans/Rice with Tomato Sauce/Salad

**Tuesday** –Lasagna/Salad

**Wednesday**-Kabob/Rice

**Thursday**-Spaghetti with Meat sauce/Salad

**Friday**-Pizza, salad

## 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...



Already practicing for the play!  
SAVE THE DATE: Dec 21st



Being active during recess!



The seniors got their sweaters!!  
YAY!



Sammy the squirrel eating the leftover of the student's healthy lunches!

