

## TASHBAR SEPHARDIC YESHIVA KETANA

Candle Lighting: 5:17

Shabbat Ends: 6:15/6:49

February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

פרשת יתרו

## MESSAGE FROM THE MENAHEL



Dear Parents,

Our פרשה opens with the famous words וישמע יתרו-and Yitro heard. But, the תורה doesn't tell us what he heard! This leads רש"י to explain that the תורה is describing what יתרו heard that spurred him to come into the wilderness and leave his life behind. רש"י explains that he heard about the splitting of the Yam Suf and the war of עמלק.

If that's so, where was everybody else? After all, the תורה tells us that everyone around the world heard about the two events. This teaches us a tremendous insight into human nature. Many people feel inspired at different times in their lives by various events or people that they interact with. But, inspiration is usually nothing more than a short-lived boost of energy to help propel us to the next level. And, these opportunities for real inspiration don't present themselves to us on a daily basis (unless you are looking for them, but that's a whole different topic!). When we feel inspired, it is critical that we take action immediately! This is a common misconception that we can often fool ourselves into thinking-"there will be other opportunities, I'll act later, it's okay, I'll never forget this inspiration." That's flawed thinking. Inspiration is not knowledge based. Inspiration is a feeling that we get to spur us to do what we already know that we need to be doing and feelings come and go. That's what is so remarkable about the fact that יתרו knew this great secret, and took action. But, the fact that he was the only person in the entire world who grabbed the opportunity and acted on it, tells us just how prevalent the misconception about human nature is. It urges us to be that one person who hears that clarion call and aspires to reach levels that we never realized were possible. This quality is one of the greatest secrets of growth, and it's all hidden away in a few classic words of רש"י, written hundreds of years ago.

May we all merit to live inspired, and to lead our children by example, to grab every opportunity to strive and grow higher and higher every day.

Shabbat Shalom!

Rabbi Moshe Abady

## MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL STUDIES DIRECTOR



### Algebra: Even at Home!

Earlier this week I overheard a 6<sup>th</sup> grader grumble, “Oh no! Do we have to do algebra!?!” Truthfully, the answer is, “You’ve been doing algebra since Pre-1!”

What is “algebra?” Simply put, algebra is about finding the unknown or putting real life variables into equations and then solving them. When the teacher gives children 3 blocks and asks them to “guess” how many more they need to have 5 blocks altogether, that’s the beginning of algebraic reasoning. As the children mature they will see this represented as  $3 + x = 5$ .

When students discover how many pizzas to order for a birthday party to ensure that everyone gets an equal amount, they use algebra. Determining how many inches of yarn are needed for a project and knowing how many skeins to buy, requires algebra. Figuring out how many pages of a book you need to read each day in order to finish reading *before* the book report is due? You’ll need algebra!

More than learning simply to add, subtract, multiply and divide by rote, using algebra teaches students that critical thinking is the main component of solving everyday math questions. In real life, we are rarely presented with math equations to solve. We do come across situations where we have to know the amount of ingredients needed to double a recipe, how much schach we need to cover the Sukkah and how many mats to buy, which car gets better gas mileage and what time to we need to leave the house in order to get to school on time!

Involve your children in real life equations. Encourage algebraic thinking in everyday activities. Ask your child how many forks are set on the Shabbat table when you have three more guests and you’ll be demanding algebra!

-Rabbi David Miller

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

This week we celebrated Tu B’shvat! Our Geshet class had a birthday party for the trees with balloons, fruit, cake and crowns. Nursery Aleph had a Tu B’shvat Seder and Nursery Bet baked a cake and decorated it as a tree, and had a little picnic under a tree.

In honor of Tu B’shvat and to wrap up their Berachot unit, our Kindergarten class had a berachot party too. Before making berachot and eating their yummy food, they davened for all חולי ישראל. May Hashem accept all the tefillot of our *בית רבן* and answer them *letova!!*

In our music class this week we pretended we were farmers! We planted seeds and hacked the weeds, we then stretched and grew as tall as trees! We even pretended to pick fruit! We had so much fun using different props while we sang and danced.

On Thursday, we enjoyed a visit from Dental Fun Zone. Thank you to Mr. Fred for showing us the different tools that dentists use and teaching us their names and the jobs they do. Mr. Fred also taught the kids a song that parents can sing together with their children while they brush their teeth. The song, (to the tune of ‘The Wheels on the Bus’) *“the wheels on the BRUSH go round and round, all through my mouth”*, is a reminder to brush in a circular motion. The children were so excited to take home the special goody bags they received with a brand new toothbrush, toothpaste and other goodies! We can’t wait to use them to keep our teeth healthy and strong! Thank you, Dental Fun Zone!

-Morah Chaya Motamedi

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

The 6th graders are a truly motivated and diligent group of girls! They are enthusiastic and a pleasure to teach. They are learning each Parasha's yediot and are asking thought-provoking questions, doing beautiful work, and constantly want to learn more! Stay tuned for our very exciting Mishkan Project as the Parshiot about the Mishkan are coming up! Kol Hakavod to all of the 6th graders who have been doing their weekly CAP activity and making their brachot out loud for our Brachot Program this month!

-Miss Shmagin

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

What an exciting week we had in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade! On Monday we had a special "חומש" activity in honor of טו בשבט. We learnt the פתגם כי האדם עץ השדה, and therefore made beautiful family trees. In חומש we are now learning פרשת בשלח, and we are learning all about the מן. The girls love learning Chumash and they are doing beautifully! Keep it up!

-Miss Goldstein

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

The 6th graders are incredible! In Navi class, the girls are grasping all the information as we fly from perek to perek! With our Bombard your Board points piling up we are due for a pay day in the next week! In Beiur Tefilla class, the girls learned 'Yehi Chivod' and are going to be adding this special tefilla into their daily davening! We are so excited! Our Electricity program got a whole new spin, with our own, hand-made 'vending' machine! The girls are almost ready for an electricity explosion! I'm so proud!

-Morah Abady



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

6th Grade is working hard in math, science, and ancient history. In math, we have begun working with fractions and prime factorization. Soon we will be ready to add and subtract fractions. In science, we have been learning all about the water on Earth, from freshwater lakes to salty oceans and waves. Ancient history brought us to Ancient Rome, where we explore a colosseum and the reign of Roman emperors. I am excited about all the learning the girls are doing! I am confident we will continue to progress.

-Ms. Olivares

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

Sixth graders are "Summing" it up....With Summaries that is!!!

To embrace, with sheer excitement, our Fiction/Short Story genre unit in literature, each student is working on a "Summing Up the Short Story" project. Students chose an individual short story from the reading textbook that they will be presenting as an oral language, art and writing presentation. They are exploring the process of crafting strong summaries while offering a sample peek into a potpourri of short story selections. They will be fusing into their presentations, the lot of literary elements that they have been studying based on the fiction/short story genre.

6G students have been studying the essential essay types in writing and are now focusing on constructing decadent, detail rich descriptive essays. Students wrote essays based on the "precious heirloom" and will now be writing an additional descriptive based essay in celebration of Tu Bishvat. Each student will be creating a descriptive essay based on the exquisite existence of an individual tree. They will be writing from the point of view/angle of the tree itself, describing daily life, characteristics, environment, resources provided...both aesthetic and essential, as well as obstacles faced. They will then be matching their essay with an illustration proudly displayed with the project. I dedicate this project to my grandmother, Nanee, who never set her eyes on a tree that she didn't love!!!

-Ms. Haviva Kierzenblat

## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 17<sup>th</sup>-Legal Holiday  
Girls and Preschool, No School

## PICO BNOS

There will be no Bnos this Shabbat,  
פרשת יתרו

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Pre1-Tehilla Saidian

1<sup>st</sup>-Ayalah Shadaiee

2<sup>nd</sup>-Tsofia Shushan, Liora Mahgerefteh

3<sup>rd</sup>-Bina Azizi

4<sup>th</sup>-Esther Yaghoubi

5<sup>th</sup>-Anaelle Seliger

6<sup>th</sup>-Liona Ghanem

7<sup>th</sup>-Leeor Okonina

8<sup>th</sup>-Odelia Kohanchi

## LUNCH MENU

**Monday**-Legal Holiday, No School

**Tuesday**-Lasagna, salad

**Wednesday**-Kabob, rice

**Thursday**-Spaghetti with meat sauce

**Friday**-Pizza, salad

## PARASHA TREAT!

This week's Parasha treat was crayons...

Ask your child to tell you more!

## VISIT FROM HARAV YEHUDA FINCHAS



## TU B'SHVAT!



Junior High 1000 Brachot Out Loud!

**TASHBAR PTA PRESENTS**

**AN EVENING OF DINNER  
AND BONDING WITH YOUR CHILD**

**KIDS**

**NIGHT**

**FATHER AND SON**

**TUESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 18  
6-8 PM**

**BOYS CAMPUS  
LUNCHROOM**

**FATHER & SON \$30  
EACH ADDITIONAL CHILD \$10  
RSVP BY FEBRUARY 16  
\$20/PERSON AT THE DOOR**

**MOTHER AND DAUGHTER**

**MONDAY,  
FEBRUARY 24  
6-8 PM**

**GIRLS CAMPUS  
LUNCHROOM**

**MOTHER & DAUGHTER \$36  
EACH ADDITIONAL CHILD \$12  
RSVP BY FEBRUARY 20  
\$20/PERSON AT THE DOOR**

**DAIRY DINNER WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWED BY A FUN ACTIVITY!  
FUN FOR YOUR PRESCHOOLER TO YOUR MIDDLE SCHOOLER!**

**RSVP TO SARA DAVID 818-687-1614  
VENMO TO TASHBAR PTA**