

Message From the Menahel



Dear Parents,

Our פרשה begins with יעקב running to חרן with a dual purpose and mission. The הלוי בית points out that people move either to run away from a bad or dangerous situation or to go to something even better. The dual role of יעקב is hinted to in the opening words-"and יעקב left שבע באר, and he went to חרן." He left שבע באר to follow the guidance of his mother, רבקה, who told him to escape from עשו— and he went to חרן to follow the direction of his father, יצחק, who told him to go to חרן to find a wife.

Whenever we make a move in life, we have to stop and think—are we running away from something? Or, are we going to something even better? So many people spend so much time running away from their fears or past. They never stop to focus on where they're headed—which is where their greatness lies!

In a similar vein, Rav Avigdor Miller comments on the חז"ל that says there were four men who never sinned—בנימין, ישי, עמרם, and כלאב. Rav Miller asked, if these men accomplished the seemingly impossible task of never committing a sin throughout their lives, why are they not listed among the greatest men in Jewish history? Why do we remember משה, יעקב, יצחק, אברהם etc. as the greatest and not these men? Rav Miller answered that greatness doesn't lie in inaction. Greatness is found in the positive great acts of men and women throughout history! We must be forward thinking if we want to attempt to accomplish our purpose and bring out our greatness from within!

It was such a pleasure greeting and seeing all of the parents at Parent-Teacher Conferences this week. It's wonderful to know that we have wonderful partners such as yourselves in the shared goals of educating your precious children. May we all see much נחת!

שבת שלום,
Rabbi Moshe Abady

December Important Dates

Friday

12/30

Chanukah Vacation—No School





Chana Fisch



Karen Valdez

Lunch Menu 12/12 - 12/16

Monday	Baked Ziti / Bread / Salad	
Tuesday	Roast Chicken / Green Beans / Rice with Tomato Sauce / Salad	
Wednesday!	Kabob / Rice / Tomato	
THURSDAY	Red Stew / Rice	
FRIDAY	Pizza / Salad	

Snacks פרשה



This week the students received chocolate rocks to correspond with the rocks surrounding יעקב's head in his dream



It's amazing how much we are learning! Here is a small glimpse of our classes...

In חומש we are learning פרשת קדושים... There are so many Life Lessons that we've gleaned from the many mitzvot in this פרשה. "You May Be the Only ספר תורה One May Ever See", or "If Jews don't make קידוש גויים will make הבדלה" are just a couple of the phrases that help us understand the concept of תהיו קדושים, making a קידוש ה' and separating from the ways of the גויים. There are so many more interesting insights we've learned, and are looking forward to learning even more!

In יהדות we've started learning about the חנוכה story and are working on a beautiful bulletin board featuring a חנוכיה.

In מלאכות we've already learned a great song and our creativity is really surfacing with each and every מלאכה. We are compiling a booklet of all מלאכות and so far so good!

The girls have recently started to practice for the 8th grade play! The 7th graders have the privilege of being in the play this year and we are eagerly looking forward to an awesome production.

Save the date: January 7th, מוצאי שבת.

Mrs. Panahi

In Mrs. Fisch's seventh grade Navi class the girls have been learning to translate and summarize the Pesukim on their own. They work both B'chavruta and individually and they are making the knowledge their own. Some of the girls even wrote a voluntary summary of Perakim Bet and Gimmel. They did a great job. I am so proud of the skills that they have developed.

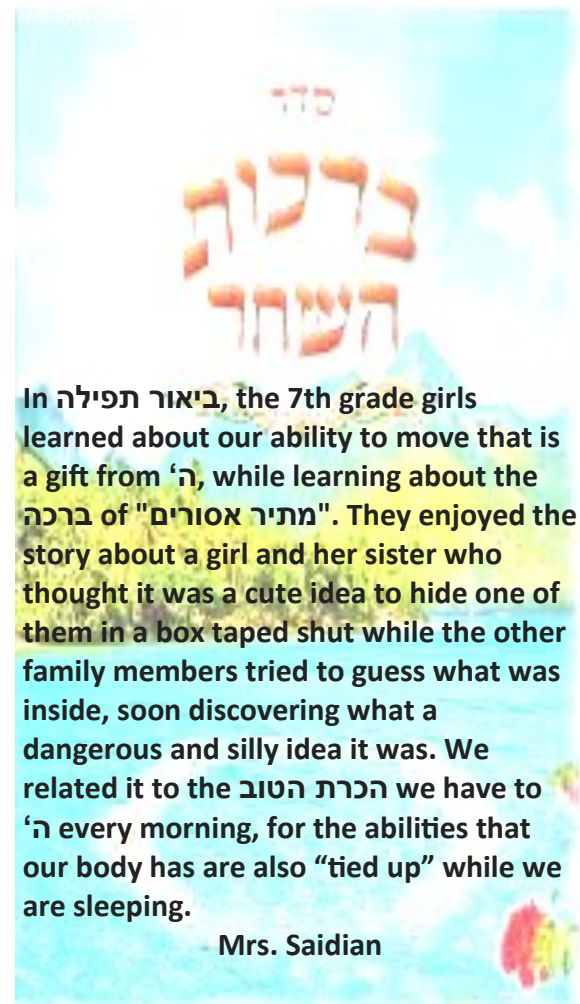
Mrs. Fisch

7th Grade's Bulletin Board



The seventh graders worked on preparing a beautiful melava malka for all the junior high girls this week. The girls made beautiful decorations, placecard souvenirs, prepared delicious food, and produced a slideshow on the theme. Stay tuned for pictures and more details of the event!

Miss Cohen





Sooooooo Busy in Seventh Grade!!!

Seventh grade students from Ms. Haviva's English classes have been learning about using "WORLDLY WORDS" in their writing by learning to replace the humdrum with more sophisticated descriptive vocabulary. Students worked both individually and in groups where they were given the role of restaurateur and were asked to develop original menus using more edgy vocabulary to describe their featured foods. They learned the skill of using graphic organizers to organize and cluster their thoughts and details before creating the layout of their menus. They also learned about persuasive paragraph writing in connection with using more cutting edge vocabulary to develop multi paragraph "magazine articles" written from the point of view of a restaurant owner appealing to both culinary critic and connoisseur. They are now beginning a literary unit on Poetry and "not to brag" but... many did VERY WELL on their first Poetry Vocabulary Test!!!!

Ms. Haviva

7th grade-pre algebra

We started the course with a review of basic properties of whole numbers and the concept of variables. We continued with lessons on translating word phrases into equations and solving them by inverse operations which lays the necessary foundation for solving problems. The students have learned basic skills and strategies that are needed for problem solving. We have also finished lessons on exponents and powers of ten followed by exponents of decimal numbers. We are now in the middle of chapter 4. The students are learning about systems of measurements for both the metric system and customary system. They will learn how to measure with different measuring devices to make them have a better understanding of both systems.

Mrs. Kohan

In the last couple of weeks, the 7th graders have been busy learning about Ancient China. So far, the topics have been the Great Wall, Mongol Empire, the Ming Dynasty, the Qing Dynasty, and the voyages of Zheng Ho. In our most recent lesson, they showed great interest in Zheng Ho and his seven voyages to the west. They are now familiar with why he was sent, how he traveled, and the presents he brought back for his Emperor.

Mr. Weatherford



Nutrition Facts

Previously in Life Science we discussed the inhalation and exhalation process and the importance of breathing deeply in everyday life. We are currently wrapping up the chapters on nutrition. Specifically we learned about the Key nutrients the body needs to function properly. Making the right food choices is essential for a healthy and happy life. We will begin learning about the essential organs of the digestive process next.

Mr. Seretti

Chazak Ubaruch to the following girls for successfully completing the Cheshvan Tehillim chart:

Liora Kohanchi, Liel Ben Eliyahu, Liona Ghanem, Mia Ghanem, Emunah Goldstein, Atara Kohengadol, Yael Panahi, Shira Paktan, Sara Saeedian, Yael Maryamian, Bracha Motamedi, Leor Okonina, Devora Saeedian, Shira Vahedy, Shira Yael Cohen, Hodaya Flactman, Tehila Flactman, Batsheva Lahiji, Bracha Seleh, Haviva Gidanian and Simcha Solaiman-Tehrani

Special Congratulations to the following Junior High Girls who have finished the entire Sefer Tehillim:

Ariela Ben Eliyahu, Talia Ghanem, Shaina Maryamian, Mari Okonina, Aviva Yadidsion, Sara Arfacohen, Esther Saeedian, Tehila Seleh.

Important: Your daughter will only be able to get the prize if she returns the signed Tehillim chart.

Notes will not be accepted.



This past month the theme was צניעות. The program was kicked off with a beautiful ראש חודש breakfast with an amazing performance by the eighth grade about צניעות. Each week, teachers taught their students about a different aspect of צניעות: Actions, clothing and speech. For every improvement a girl made in צניעות she filled out a צניעות gem to fill up our צניעות bulletin board. We got over 50 gems in all. Congratulations to Ariela Ben Eliyahu for filling out the most gems.

Stay tuned for our כסלנו program about doughnuts and thanking ה'.



G	B	B	U	R	I	E	D	K	L	A	D	D	E	R	O	P
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H	A	R	H	A	M	O	R	I	Y	A	I	V	S	K	N	S
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RIDDLES

1. What is a word comprised of 4 letters, still is also made of 5. Occasionally written with 12 letters and later with 5. Never written with 5 but happily with 7.
2. I will come one time in a minute, two times in a moment, but will never come in a thousand years. Who am I?
3. One night, a king and queen went into a castle. There was nobody in the castle, and no one came out of the castle. In the morning, three people came out of the castle. Who were they?

1. Yaakov stopped in the Yeshiva of Shem and Aiver for _____ years
2. Hashem shortened the way for Yaakov when he turned back to go to _____
3. In his dream, Yaakov saw a _____ that reached up to the sky
4. _____ were climbing up and down in Yaakov's dream
5. The twelve stones that Yaakov gathered all fought that they wanted to be under his _____
6. The stones were the same stones from the altar that _____ built
7. On the same spot Yaakov slept, the _____ would be built
8. During the years Yaakov was in Yeshiva, he did not _____ at night
9. Yaakov met his wife at the _____
10. On his own, Yaakov was able to roll off the huge _____
11. Yaakov had no money because Eisav's son, _____ took it all
12. Yaakov cried because he had no _____ to give Rachel
13. Yaakov also cried because he saw he would not be _____ with Rachel
14. Lavan hugged and kissed Yaakov in order to search for his _____
15. Yaakov gave Rachel _____ so he would know it was really her he was marrying
16. What's this weeks Parsha? _____

Answers: 1. What, Still, Occasionally, Later, Never, Happily. 2. The letter M. 3. The knight (right), the king and the queen!



Anyone who brings in a Tashbar צדקה box will receive a gift certificate to Pizza World!

1 Slice of Pizza

1 Small Fries

1 Small Drink

Can you guess the connection between this week's bulletin board and this week's פרשה, פרשת ויצא?



The Book Box

We use all of our senses in the library to spy and find books on safety, books with cds, parsha books, short stories, animal books and, most exciting of all for this time of year—Chanukah books! These are but just a sampling of what we've been circulating this week.

We have officially launched our Chanukah gelt campaign and would be most grateful for your contributions to help us buy the sizzling hot new books just off the presses.

Thanks a Latke