BOYS DEPARTMENT

TASHBAR SEPHARDIC YESHIVA KETANA

Candle Lighting: 5:10

Shabbat Ends: 6:09/6:42

February 8th, 2020

פרשת בשלח

MESSAGE FROM THE MENAHEL

Dear Parents,



In פרשת בשלח, we learn about the final stage of the incredible redemption of the slave-nation of בני, as 'a intervened and brought the greatest world power, מצרים, crippled to its knees. At long last, the בני חורין were בני ישראל. Yet, surprisingly, אור have another approach. They teach that there was no real redemption, but rather a transfer of ownership-before we were עבדי פרעה משם אינו מישט אינו מיש

Wait a minute! Is this whole freedom thing a hoax? Are we really still slaves? Why, then, do we refer to חסים as זמן חרותינו? The answer lies in another חז"ל -חז"ל א-except for one who toils in Torah

אין לך בן חורין-there is no truly free man, אלא מי שעוסק בתורה-except for one who toils in Torah.

Now, wait a minute! This is getting really confusing! First, we were told that even though we thought we became free, we were really still slaves and now we are told that EVERYONE in the world is a slave, and only we are free?! This doesn't seem to make any sense!

But, the answer is actually very clear. Every person is indeed a slave. A slave to our desires, a slave to our character defects, a slave to our resentments, a slave to our pride. We like to think of ourselves as free, but in truth, we are shackled and beholden to our desires. The only key to unlock the chains of slavery is the תורה.

'a says ה' בראתי יצר הרע. מורה חבלין. מיצר הרע. מורה חבלין ו-created the בראתי יצר הרע. מורה מורה מורה מורה מורה מורה. ו-created the ו-בראתי יצר הרע. מורה מורה. The Torah teaches us to take the high road and rise above our basest desires and limitations. With the תורה, we are truly free. And the path to תורה began as a nation broke from its bondage to ידמן חירותינו. it was the truest עבדי השם of עבדי השם.

Shabbat Shalom! Rabbi Moshe Abady

MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL STUDIES DIRECTOR

Exploring Historical Los Angeles ... in Social Studies and Science

This semester we have two field trips planned to allow students an opportunity to learn about the city we live in. These trips are an integral part of our Science and Social Studies curriculum.

Later this month the 6th graders will learn about water reclamation first-hand. Their earth science curriculum deals with the components that make up our planet and water plays a huge part. The students will go to the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant, the city's oldest and largest wastewater treatment facility. The plant has been operating since 1894. Students will get a guided tour of the plant and visit the plant's Environmental Learning Center to learn more about how wastewater bio-resources are used for energy generation and agricultural applications.

In April, 3rd and 4th graders will visit El Pueblo de Los Angeles. This historic site, located in the heart of Downtown, was founded in 1781, and is considered the birthplace of Los Angeles. Students will ride the metro train to Union Station and will walk to Olvera Street where they will visit the Avile Adobe, Los Angeles' oldest residence -built in 1818! 3rd grade social studies centers on Los Angeles history and 4th graders study information about the state of California. This trip provides an experience that they can't get inside the classroom.

Previously, the 5th graders went to the Los Angeles River, a major river in Los Angeles county that flows from the Simi Hills and Santa Susana Mountains through the San Fernando Valley and Downtown Los Angeles to the Pacific Ocean in Long Beach. The prepared for the trip by learning about water filtration in their science class.

We're looking for drivers to take the 6th grade boys to the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant (near LAX) on February 25th. If you are able to help out, please contact me at rdmiller@tashbarsyk.com or your child's science teacher. This will count towards your Parent Volunteer Hours. You do not need to have a child in 6th grade to join us!

-Rabbi David Miller

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

What an exciting Parasha we learned this week! Parashat Beshalach! We learned about Kriat Yam Suf, the parand we learned about Shabbat Shira. The children were amazed learning about the many Nissim Hashem has done for us and continues to do for us each and every day!

On Tuesday we enjoyed a visit from Dr. Aviva Golian! Dr. Golian showed the children a 3D apron of our digestive system and she explained to us how our body works. She then showed us different tools that a doctor uses and taught us their names and the jobs they do. We then got to try on the stethoscopes and hear our friends or our own hearts beat. Thank you, Mrs. Golian!!

On Wednesday we enjoyed a health lesson from Mrs. Laleh Masjedi-The Health Coach! Mrs. Masjedi spoke to the children about eating healthy, exercising and getting a good night's sleep. Mrs. Masjedi asked the children what their favorite healthy foods and exercises are, and they even did some exercise to get their heart rate up. Thank you, Mrs. Masjedi!!

A big welcome to our new friends Devora Prager (Gesher) and Yair and Levana Zangan (Nursery) and to the Prager Family!

Mazal Tov to our beloved Nursery Aleph Morah, Morah Esther Weiner, for winning the Lainer Distinguished Educator Award for Early Childhood Education from the BJE!

-Morah Chaya Motamedi

5th GRADE NEWS-KODESH

The 5th grade boys are about to finish another amud of Gemara and enjoy some extra recess as a reward for their hard work! This Gemara has taught us about bowing in Shemone Esre, and why the 19th beracha was added.

In Chumash we are learning about how Bnei Yisrael got the מן in the desert.

In Mishna we are learning the laws of which witnesses are not kosher to testify in a Jewish court.

In Navi we learned the amazingly exciting story of Gideon who with the help of Hashem and only 300 brave Jews, beat an enemy army of 135,000!

The 5th grade boys are working hard and accomplishing a lot! Looking forward to continued learning and growth!

-Rabbi Aufrichtig

5th GRADE NEWS-GENERAL STUDIES

The Fifth Grade Boys had an exciting week! As part of a CIJE (Center for Innovation in Jewish Education) module for Engineering Design, they had to design and build a bridge that would cover a 30 centimeter span, using only 100 popsicle sticks and white glue, after which they would test them to see how much weight they would hold. The boys studied different types of "truss bridges" and decided on which one to make: a Pratt Truss, Howe Truss, Warren Truss, or a "K" Truss. They did this after reading an exciting and true story in their Mosdos Literature Anthology about a 15 year old whose bravery and quick thinking saved two men whose engine had crashed after a bridge collapsed during a heavy rainstorm, as well as warning the stationmaster in time to save the lives of countless passengers on another train. The boys tested their bridges last week by placing Social Studies books on top to see how many they could hold before their bridges broke. Amazingly, one bridge held ten books before collapsing! Engineering Design shows students the process by which engineers design, test, and redesign structures in order to make them safe for people to actually use. Kudos to the boys for their amazing bridges!

-Ms. Nielsen



LIBRARY UPDATE

What's New in our Library?

We have tons of books for parents to check out to read to and with their children and books for adult readers too.

Library hours for parents are:

Boys Campus: Sundays from 9:00-11:00 am **Girls Campus:** Mondays from 8:30-10:30 am.

We hope to see you then!
(Please note that the library will be closed on Monday, February 10th)

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 17th-Legal Holiday Boys, Sunday Schedule

MAFTIR READERS

Yissachar Abady Moshe Hadjyan Naftali Ben Yehuda Shlomo Kuraev Yonatan Nissim Bekhor Moshe Lahiji

Moshe Chaim Boukris Shimon Mahgerefteh

Benyamin David Osher Okonina
Yaakov Dozetas Gavi Sabbagh
Aharon Farzadfar Moshe Sakhai
Meir Gabaie David Yaghoubi
Yosef Chaim Ghanooni Yonatan Zakariaei

LUNCH MENU

Monday-Baked ziti, salad

Tuesday-Roast chicken, green rice, salad

Wednesday-Chicken burger, roasted potato, salad

Thursday-Red stew, rice, salad

Friday-Pizza, salad

PARASHA TREAT!

This week's parasha treat was fluffy clouds...

Ask your child to tell you more!

SAVE THE DATE!

Tashbar PTA presents A Father & Son Evening! Wednesday, February 19th, 2020

6:00-8:00 PM

For all students in Preschool-8th grade! Look out for the flyer and details to come. We can't wait!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Pre1-Moshe Yanai 5th-Meir Gidanian

1st-Osher Okonina, Moshe Chaim Boukris **6**th-Eliyahu Yaghoubi

2nd-Yitzchak Zaggy **7**th-Eliyahu Shans

3rd-Gavi Kuraev, Yosef Yaghoubi **8**th-Harel Maman

4th-Yaakov Dozetas

PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Off to the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant...

We are planning a field trip for 6th graders to visit the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant in late February. This is the city's oldest and largest wastewater treatment facility. The field trip will complement the earth science curriculum that they study in class. We need drivers and chaperones! This will count towards your Parent Volunteer Hours!

If you are able to help (even if you do not have a 6th grader), please contact Rabbi Miller at rdmiller@tashbarsyk.com. Thanks!