

## TASHBAR SEPHARDIC YESHIVA KETANA

Candle Lighting: 6:24

Shabbat Ends: 7:19/7:54

September 28, 2019

פרשת נצבים

## MESSAGE FROM THE MENAHEL

Dear Parents,

As שנת תשע"ט draws to a close and we welcome in the new decade of תש"פ, I would like to share the beautiful insight of Harav Avigdor Miller, zatzal.



Rav Miller was asked-if Rosh Hashana is the Yom Hadin, the day that Hashem is judging us, shouldn't we spend the whole day saying vidui and confessing our sins?

This is a quote of his reply:

*"On Yom Kippur we're busy saying בגדנו גולנו. We spend the whole day admitting our sins. Now, why don't we do that on Rosh Hashana, you ask. It's a day of judgement. Why don't we confess our sins on Rosh Hashana? There is a very good reason why we don't say vidui on Rosh Hashana. The answer is that there's something even more important to do on Rosh Hashana. We have more vital business to transact, and that's the business of Hashem Melech – the business of recognizing that Hakodosh Boruch Hu is around. You know, I mentioned before that there are people who are pious in details. But they are not pious in the generalities. They don't believe much in Hakodosh Boruch Hu. They believe in kashrus, and in Shabbos, and in taharas hamishpacha, and they won't shave with razor blades. And all that's wonderful. They sit in the sukkah, they buy an esrog, wonderful! But they don't remember Hashem enough. They forget about Him. So, Yom Kippur is for the details. Of course you must speak about the details. Certainly! Certainly if a Jew has sinned, he has to atone for that. But on Rosh Hashana we have to devote time to the premise, the foundation. And the foundation of everything is yiras Hashem – to be aware of Hashem. And that's why on Rosh Hashana, instead of spending the day bent over saying סלח לנו and אשמונו בגדנו, we spend the day on our feet shouting ועד ימלוך לעולם ועד – Hashem was always the King, Hashem is the King now, and Hashem will be the King forever and ever. Because that's the message that has to strike home on Rosh Hashana. And once you become aware of Hashem, once you get into your head that Hashem is King, then you'll be ready for the details of Yom Kippur."*

Rav Miller's insight is so simple, yet so profound. So many of us get lost and can't see the "forest for the trees". We lose sight of the big picture. Rosh Hashana is the time for us to re-examine, reassess, and reconfigure our priorities in life. Balancing all of our myriad responsibilities is a major effort, but before we start with the details, we must realign our priorities with those of our Creator. And when that happens, Hashem reciprocates by making our success His priority. As it says: עשה רצונו כרצונך כדי שיעשה רצונך כרצונו.

May הקב"ה grant everyone a שנת ברכה והצלחה, a כתיבה וחתימה טובה, a שנת גאולה וישועה and a year full of true nachat! Shabbat Shalom and Shana Tova,  
Rabbi Moshe Abady

## MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL STUDIES DIRECTOR

The Tashbar Library is busy and beaming with books and just about ready to open. We received many new books this summer – for children and parents- and are busy getting them ready to be shelved and checked out.



Our library classes will begin immediately after the Chagim. Students visit the library biweekly not just to check books in and out! They learn about how libraries (not just Tashbar's) are set up, they get the opportunity to learn more about individual authors, series of books, genres of literature, and take a peek at the new additions to the library. And, sometimes to listen to a story too!

We encourage checking out books for recreational reading! The Tashbar library is the perfect place for your child to get a book for their nightly reading logs. Teachers accompany their students to the library to help them choose books that are at the right reading level for them and also to guide them for their book report selections.

Please consider honoring someone by donating a book to our library. We encourage you to donate a book in honor of your child's birthday, bar mitzvah or for other special events! We place a dedication plaque in the book with your child's name and special message and your child will be the first student to check out the book! Contact Mrs. Gross for more details. (jgross@tashbarsyk.com).

Parents only hours:

Sunday 9:00-11:00 Boys Campus

Monday 8:30-10:30 Main Campus

Drop by and check out!

We are in the midst of digitizing our library in order to make our system more efficient. If you would like to use some parent volunteer hours by doing data entry, please contact Rabbi Miller (rdmiller@tashbarsyk.com).

בתיבה וחתימה טובה, Rabbi David Miller

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

Can you believe that Rosh Hashanah is already here? The Tashbar preschoolers are ready!! We learned all about Rosh Hashanah and how we crown Hashem as our King. We daven and ask Hashem to be written in the sefer ha'chaim. On Rosh Hashana we hear the Shofar. We have been practicing blowing the Shofar in our classrooms, and we all know that when we hear the Shofar we must be super quiet so Abba and Ima can hear each sound. You'd be amazed at how much our preschool children know about the origins of a shofar, the sounds it makes and so much more!

We learned that on 1st Rosh Hashanah we eat special foods called simanim, the simanim represent the Tefillot we ask Hashem for. We also learned about Tashlich. Some of our classes did Tashlich in their classrooms using their water table and toy fish, and some classes took a trip to the Gesher class to do Tashlich in front of the big fish tank.

Each class made little honey muffins to take home and enjoy!

With best wishes for a year of health and growth!

שנה טובה, בתיבה וחתימה טובה!

-Morah Chaya Motamedi

### PARASHA TREAT!

#### LIFE CEREAL!

This week's parasha tells us ובחרת בחיים-choose life!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 29-30**-Rosh Hashanah, No School

**October 1**-Rosh Hashanah, No School

**October 2**-Tzom Gedalia, 1:30 Dismissal

## 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE NEWS-KODESH

Our budding Talmide Chachamim are well into their Second Grade learning. Besides for everything else that goes on in second grade (beiur tefilla, dikduk, ketiva, parasha and more) we are advancing by leaps and bounds in our Chumash learning. As a matter of fact, we just had our first yediot test and we are already in the middle of the second perek (Bereshit ו'י) of Parashat Vayera!

We are excitedly preparing for the upcoming Yamim Tovim. Besides for learning all about the halachot, we worked on several projects like the one that has been on display in the lunchroom. We also had a Simanim workshop in preparation for the Rosh Hashana Seder!

-Rabbi Amar



## 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE NEWS-GENERAL STUDIES

Our wonderful Second Grade has been so busy, and has been learning so much, that one day we even forgot to leave for dismissal on time! It's hard to stop when you're having so much fun learning!

The boys have been so excited with their current science project. They are learning about what a seed looks like from the inside and what it needs to grow. They learned about "germination" and even started the process of germinating kidney beans. Every day they are observing and recording what they notice is new with their seed and what they are providing for their seed to help it grow. This is actual research that the children are doing on their own.

I'm so happy to see them enjoying their research project. This will continue right before Sukkot. Hopefully by then they will take home a young seedling.

Wishing everyone a Chag Sameach and a sweet New Year!  
-Mrs. Mizrahi



## LUNCH MENU

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

**Thursday**-Red stew, white rice, salad

**Friday**-Pizza, salad

## MAFTIR READERS

Yosef Yaghoubi

Eliyahu Yaghoubi

**Rosh Hashana Mussaf:**

Meir Gabaei

Dovid Yaghoubi



## PTA UPDATES

Thank you SO much to everyone who attended our first PTA meeting of the year this week! We want to give a shout out to every single person because we are very blessed to have so many committed parents in our Tashbar family: Jessica Hyam, Miriam Hadjyan, Chana Youkhehpaz, Miriam Shimoni, Liron Sayag, Laleh Masjedi, Gila Farzadfar, Rachel Saadat, Rena Kohengadol, Liora Refua, Tali Benlulu, Leah Moallim, Naomi Wander, Tallie Nourollah, Tikva Braum, Zivah Gabaie, Esther Sakhai, Ronit Ahoobim, Rachel Bekhor, Debbie Ghanem, Karina Okonina, Chana Nourollah and Elham Azizi. Thank you all, and a big thank you to Laleh Masjedi for providing us with healthy snacks!

We were super impressed and humbled with everyone's support and we're so excited to be working with each and every one of you. If you were not able to make it, please still reach out and ask how you can get involved.

At the meeting, we discussed our agenda for the year and explained the different ways parents can help. We had plenty of mothers suggest fun and creative ideas and we were able to bounce ideas off each other in a positive and warm group setting. We also discussed different protocols so there is clarity moving forward through the school year. Members filled out forms detailing their suggestions and ideas and signed up for various volunteer opportunities. Please be in touch if you would like to add your name to these lists.

Be on the lookout for details for our first PTA event to be announced after the Yamim Noraim. Looking forward!

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## THIS WEEK IN PICTURES...

