

TASHBAR SEPHARDIC YESHIVA KETANA

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Shabbat Ends: 6:15/6:49

February 15th, 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 6th 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 Gesher 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 תינוקות של בית רבן and answer them letova!!

In our music class this week we pretended we were farmers! We planted seeds and pulled out 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

6th GRADE NEWS-KODESH

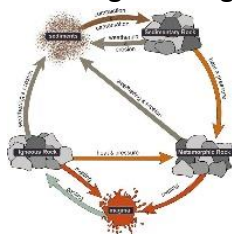
Mazal Tov to the 6th grade boys for finishing Daf Gimmel Amud Alef in Bava Kamma and for finishing Parashat Bo. The boys and Rabbi Cavalier celebrated with Slurpees! In Gemara, the boys have been learning about the 4 categories of damages. We just finished the category of נזק -fire and the boys are learning about taking responsibility for their property and the property of others. In Chumash we are about to start Keriat Yam Suf! We are also learning Shemuel Alef in Navi and Hilchot Tefilla. The boys are progressing and growing into Talmidei Chachamim! Kol Hakavod!!

-Rabbi Cavalier

6th GRADE NEWS-SCIENCE

In 6th grade science class we just finished chapter 5 which talks about different types of rocks and rock cycles. We learned that a rock is a naturally formed, non-living Earth material. Rocks are made of minerals. We also learned there are three different types of rocks: Igneous rocks, Sedimentary rocks, and Metamorphic rocks.

We also learned that rocks go through a cycle:



We now are working on chapter 9 which talks about water, its characteristics, and different forms of water that exist on planet earth. Did you know that only 3% of the whole water on planet earth is fresh water and out of this 3%, 97% are in the form of ice? That means most of the fresh water on planet earth is in the form of ice in the north and south poles.

As an interactive learning experience, students were divided into groups and each group was assigned a different topic to work with and make a poster to present next week. In conjunction with learning about all the wonderful roles and quality of water, we are visiting "Hyperion Water Reclamation" on Tuesday, February 25th to have a close look at how waste water is treated and cleansed with modern advanced technologies.

-Mrs. Kohanchi

6th GRADE NEWS-HISTORY AND ENGLISH

In English Language Arts, students have expanded their writing skills to writing workshops which have included writing narratives and creating their own stories. Students have learned how to develop character; settings, themes, plots, climax and endings to their stories. Students presented their stories to the class with great reviews. The stories were creative, imaginative, well-constructed, interesting and fun. Although it was hard to decide, students voted on two winners for the best original stories. Yosef Sakhai won first place and Nerya Maman won second place in the original story contest! In addition, students are expanding their writing techniques to include writing complex sentences, understanding cause and effect, drawing conclusions, defining parts of speech and summaries of current news stories that we read in the News on the Run Newsletter.

In History, our focus has led us to the Ancient Civilizations of Egypt. Students have read, summarized and through oral presentations discussed the social, economic and political lifestyle of Egypt. Students have used graphic organizers to compare and contrast this ancient civilization to our present-day society. In addition, students have drawn pictures of some of the artifacts of that period. They have also written letters to family and friends using hieroglyphics, the ancient writing form used in Egypt. The students are doing really well! Keep it up!

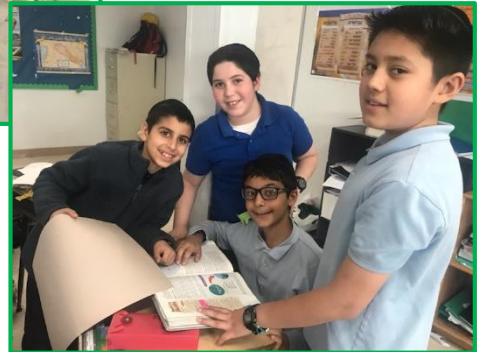
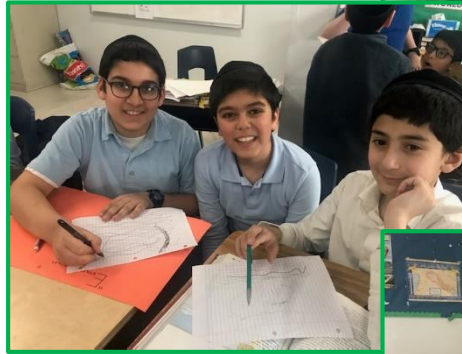
-Ms. Johnson

6th GRADE NEWS-MATH

The 6th grade boys are off to a wonderful start in the second semester. We have crossed the threshold from divisibility awareness into actually finding the greatest common factor and lowest common denominator. This allows for us to reduce fractions, as well as add and subtract them. The boys are working very hard to ensure that this quarter continues to demonstrate their upward academic trajectory. Keep it up!

-Mr. Sullivan

6th GRADE PICTURES



VISIT FROM HARAV YEHUDA FINCHAS, FOUNDER OF THE TORAT HABAYIT INSTITUTE



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 17th-Legal Holiday
Boys, Sunday Schedule

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Pre1-Baruch Ovadia Cohen

1st-Yonatan Nissim Bekhor

2nd-Moshe Hadjyan

3rd-Yaakov Cavalier, Moshe Nourollah

4th-Ovadia Amrani

5th-Yosef Chaim Mahgerefteh

6th-Yosef Sakhai

7th-Avraham Iskhakov

8th-Yitzchak Mahgerefteh

LUNCH MENU

Monday-Legal Holiday, 12:00 Dismissal, No Lunch

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!

MAFTIR READERS

Uriel Benlulu

Aharon Farzadfar

Meir Gabaie

Yehuda Gidanian

Yaakov Moshe Panahi

Yosef Sakhai

Ariel Shadaiee-Yashmerani

Uriel Yadidsion

Yosef Yaghoubi

Yonatan Zakariaei

TU B'SHVAT!



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

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