

## TASHBAR SEPHARDIC YESHIVA KETANA

Candle Lighting: 5:10

Shabbat Ends: 6:09/6:42

February 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 ישראל, as ה' intervened and brought the greatest world power, מצרים, crippled to its knees. At long last, the בני ישראל were בני חורין. Yet, surprisingly, חז"ל have another approach. They teach that there was no real redemption, but rather a transfer of ownership-before we were עבדי פרעה and now we became עבדי השם.

Wait a minute! Is this whole freedom thing a hoax? Are we really still slaves? Why, then, do we refer to חז"ל as חרותינו פסח? The answer lies in another חז"ל-חז"ל there is no truly free man, 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.

ה' says "I created the יצר הרע, and I created the תורה as an antidote". 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 פרעה and became the עם הנבחר of עבדי השם-it was the truest חירותינו!

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 6<sup>th</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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! 3<sup>rd</sup> grade social studies centers on Los Angeles history and 4<sup>th</sup> graders study information about the state of California. This trip provides an experience that they can't get inside the classroom.

Previously, the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls to the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant (near LAX) on February 24<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to help out, please contact me at [rdmiller@tashbarsyk.com](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 יד and 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



## 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE NEWS-KODESH

The second semester of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade started with a bang! The girls are throwing themselves into their studies. They are reading and translating the Pesukim beautifully. Our Chumash wall is filling up with more "Milim Kosot" each day.

We have just learned the ד' לשונות של גאולה and will soon commence to learn the עשר מכות. We are looking forward to creating our own מכות scrapbooks. The girls display exemplary skills breaking down words from the pesukim- they know so many shorashim, prefixes and suffixes.

In Navi, we are translating the pesukim with great fluency. Our skills of על מי נאמר and מי אמר למי are getting stronger as we learn through the pesukim. We are mastering answering questions בלשון הפסוק and are expanding the depth of our learning. We are making Gideon's war come to life with live props. We can't wait to learn more!

5<sup>th</sup> grade's outstanding Middot and refined speech are sure to be giving the Ribono Shel Olam much Nachat. We are learning the Yesodei Halashon Program from the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation to enhance our speech even more. It is my greatest privilege to be teaching such a fantastic group of refined, caring, and idealistic girls.

-Mrs. Brander



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

The Fifth Grade Girls 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 girls 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 girl 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 girls tested their bridges last week by placing Social Studies books on top to see how many they could hold before their bridges broke. One bridge held four 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 girls 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 17<sup>th</sup>-Legal Holiday**  
**Girls and Preschool, No School**

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Tashbar PTA presents**

**A Mother & Daughter Evening**

Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

6:00-8:00 PM

For all students in Preschool-8<sup>th</sup> grade!

More details to follow...

We can't wait!

## 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!

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

**Pre1**-Naomi Moran

**1<sup>st</sup>**-Rivka Gidanian

**2<sup>nd</sup>**-Chanie Iskhakov, Yael Farzadfar

**3<sup>rd</sup>**-Liora Paktan, Chavi Panahi

**4<sup>th</sup>**-Orly Aminian

**5<sup>th</sup>**-Naomi Okonina

**6<sup>th</sup>**-Tehila Motamedi

**7<sup>th</sup>**-Bracha Motamedi

**8<sup>th</sup>**-Bracha Seleh

## PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

### Off to the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant...

We are planning a field trip for 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> grader), please contact Rabbi Miller at [rdmiller@tashbarsyk.com](mailto:rdmiller@tashbarsyk.com). Thanks!