

TASHBAR SEPHARDIC YESHIVA KETANA

Candle Lighting: 5:36

Shabbat Ends: 6:32/7:07

March 7th, 2020

פרשת תצוה

MESSAGE FROM THE MENAHEL



Dear Parents,

Our פרשה opens with the מצוה of lighting the מנורה each day with שמן זית זך- pure olive oil. I once heard a beautiful thought from Rav Beryl Gershenfeld, Rosh Yeshiva of Machon Shlomo. He said that in Judaism, there are two fruits that are sacred-olives and grapes. We use olive oil in a קרבן מנחה, to light the מנורה, and even to anoint a newly appointed מלך or כהן גדול. We use wine from grapes along with every קרבן and for כידוש, הבדלה, ברית מילה, weddings etc.

What is it about the juice of grapes and olives that is so special? The answer is that with every other fruit, the fruit is more valuable than the juice. Tropicana doesn't use their highest quality oranges to make juice-THOSE get sold for eating. The slightly irregular fruits are the ones that get juiced. But with grapes and olives, the wine and olive oil is FAR more valuable than the fruit. That's why olive oil and wine are sacred to Judaism-because we value the פנימיות- what is inside, far more than the חיצונית- what's outside!

That is what's so special about our school! We work hard to inspire, motivate, encourage, uplift, and ignite the spark in each child, enabling them to actualize their פנימיות- their inner beauty and the potential that they have inside.

Shabbat Shalom!
Rabbi Moshe Abady



Spelling – How Necessary is it in 2020?

This week we held our 2020 Spelling Bee. These contests add excitement and healthy competition to our ELA (English Language Arts) classes. Aside from the fun and anticipation of an annual bee, is teaching spelling really necessary?

The importance of spelling has been questioned in recent years, especially since more and more people rely on word processing programs with spell-check. However, research continues to show that learning to spell improves reading and writing fluency, reading comprehension and vocabulary.

Teaching spelling is an integral part of language instruction. It helps students master the basics of language. Learning to spell helps cement the connection between the letters and their sounds and makes students aware of the patterns and constructs in English words. It involves knowledge of grammar and expands the student's vocabulary

Learning to spell encourages students to use different senses and strengths. If you worked with your child recently to help study for Tashbar's 2020 Spelling Bee, you may have witnessed this. Did you notice the look on your child's face as they were visualizing the word? Did your child "write" the word in the air, or use their fingers to trace the word on their arm? Did reviewing the spelling list add new words to their vocabulary?

We are so proud of all of our students who put in so much effort to review their lists and participated in regular class bees to determine who would be the finalists. Thank you parents for encouraging your child!

Congratulations to the following students:

1st Grade Girls: 1st Place: Maayan Benlulu 2nd Place: Eden Harrosh 3rd Place: Shaindel Rivka Harrison

2nd Grade Girls: 1st Place: Yael Farzadfar 2nd Place: Hadassa Baubot 3rd Place: Esther Kohen

3rd Grade Girls: 1st Place: Esther Simons 2nd Place: Avigail Farzam 3rd Place: Liora Paktan

4th Grade Girls: 1st Place: Tehila Wander 2nd Place: Esther Yaghoubi 3rd Place: Maayan Harrosh

5th Grade Girls: 1st Place: Anaelle Seliger 2nd Place: Tova Refua 3rd Place: Liora Kohanchi

6th Grade Girls: 1st Place: Emuna Goldstein 2nd Place: Shira Paktan 3rd Place: Liona Ghanem

The 7th and 8th Grade Spelling Bee is still going. The representatives have mastered their lists and are now studying the 9th grade spelling list and will compete next week!

-Rabbi David Miller

PRESCHOOL UPDATES:

Our Nursery classes enjoyed their Purim party with their mothers. They decorated crowns, rolled and filled hamentashen and the children performed a few Purim songs! Thanks for joining us!

Our Kindergarten classes put on a little Purim play with adorable costumes. It was absolutely adorable! The children were so excited to impress their mothers with their confidence!

Our Purim Bonanza was a huge success! The kids all came dressed up in their costumes and some of our Morot dressed up as well!! We enjoyed a moon bounce and a fun petting zoo with goats, chickens and rabbits!!! The joy on each child's face was priceless!!

-Morah Chaya Motamedi

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Pre1-Rina Zaggy

1st-Ahava Yadidsion

2nd-Gavriella Kohanchi, Yehudit Moeinzadeh

3rd-Esther Simons

5th- Ora Kuraev

6th—Sarah Saeedian

7th-Leeor Okonina

8th-Batsheva Lahiji

LUNCH MENU

Monday-Baked ziti, salad

Tuesday-Purim, No School

Wednesday-Shushan Purim, No School

Thursday- Red stew, rice, salad

Friday-Pizza, salad

PARASHA TREAT!

This week's Parasha treat was belts...

Ask your child to tell you more!

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 9th-Taanit Esther, 1:30 Dismissal

March 10th-11th-Purim/Shushan Purim, No School

PTA UPDATES

What a busy week we had getting everything ready for our Purim Shuttle campaign. With the help of Mrs. Debbie Ghanem and many parents, we were able to put together beautiful Purim baskets for all the teachers and staff. Each faculty member received a basket full of goodies, decorated immaculately down to every last detail. The outpouring of appreciation from the teachers and staff was so nice, as we reciprocated the appreciation we have for each of THEM! Thank you to all the parents who participated in our Purim Shuttle campaign. It was a huge success!

A special thank you to all those involved in prepping and packing our stunning boxes: Mrs. Debbie Ghanem, Mrs. Chaya Motamedi, Mrs. Karina Okonina, Mrs. Liora Refua, Mrs. Diane Kuraev, Mrs. Rena Kohengadol and Mrs. Channa Lalezarian!



Happy Purim!

Mrs. Aviva Asaf

Mrs. Sara David



PURIM BONANZA!

