

5:34 ברשת כי תשא/ הדלקת נרות כא אדר / Friday, March 5

CHEDER CHABAD BOYS DIVISION

Dear Parents.

There is a teaching of the Alter Rebbe set to the opening *posuk* of this week's parshah that seems rather painful. The teaching is as follows:כי תשא את ראש בני ישראל לפקודיהם. *Ki sisa*, when you wish to lift up, es rosh benei Yisroel the head spiritual awareness) of the Jewish people. lifkudeihem [it is achieved by] bringing loss upon them.

We are stricken so that we can be elevated. How painful it is to consider that the only way for our moral and spiritual consciousness to be raised is by us experiencing pain and suffering. Who hasn't heard of the expression "growing pains"? Some see this as a way to explain an unexplainable pain, but the Alter Rebbe's teaching tells us that it a necessary part of growing.

In sending our children to cheder we look forward to experiencing the joys of seeing them learn new things. We schep nachas from hearing them retell stories they learned, the songs they learnt, the pesukim, mishnayos and geshmake gemoro insights they gained as well as the chassidishe inyonim they have absorbed.

Yet, growth requires pain. When we are confronted by a chinuch challenge it is important that we don't move away from it, rather, they lean into it and utilize it as a growing experience.

We are very excited to see the launch of the Cheder wide, pre Yud Alef Nissan, Baal Peh program. Thank you Rabbi Sosover for learning this effort and speaking to all the classes. Please encourage your son to give the Rebbe a gift in this area keeping in mind that you can farher him. Ask your son to show you his baal peh journal and encourage him to fill it in.

Thank you to the many parents who sent me a beautiful *mishloach manos* in honor of Purim. Your warmth permeates the hearts of your children who presented the mishloach manos with such warmth and pride. These moments will stay with me for a long time as a deeply touching memory.

Immediately after Purim, talmidim began learning the halochos of Pesach. A big thank you goes to the office staff for producing the many beautiful hagados that are serving as the foundation of the Pre Pesach curriculum.

Wishing you a good Shabbos,

Rabbi Kaplan

SCHEDULE
REMINDERS



Wednesday, March 10: Minyan Ski Trip, see details inside



A PEEK AT OUR WEEK

The boys in Mandel's class are thrilled with their art lessons on shading and blending with pastels. Many hidden art talents have been revealed as they create their masterpieces. The class finished their entire chapter on place value of 2 and 3 digit numbers. The boys scored beautifully on the chapter test this Monday. All the alligator came to visit the classroom and helped the first graders compare numbers by opening his mouth to the greater number.

This week Mrs. Nadav's class concentrated on "opinions". They spoke about how differently each person thinks, expresses himself and sees the world. People have different tastes, different pleasures, clothing and many other differences. In their writing, the boys expressed their opinions about various topics such as whether they prefer winter weather or summer weather, whether they'd rather explore the moon or the ocean and whether they think that we should have school in the summer (very strong opinions about that one!). As an activity, the boys were all given the same exact materials to use and asked to create whatever they chose. Wow, did we get a big range of creations!

A highlight of the week was the special trip to the prize store to choose their own well-deserved prizes. Each boy received money based on how many points he earned. In addition, the class won a special treat for the entire group. The boys are so excited that they will be having a weekly music class with Mr. Sobol. What a treat! The students in Mrs. Volfman's third grade reviewed all the skills they learned in their multiplication and pre-division unit. They had a test and now are ready to move on to division. In science this week they began their unit on weather and the water cycle. The boys made a craft activity depicting the water cycle. In writing this week they wrote creative stories, adding their own to ending to a story. We finished our week with our favorite News on the Run- current

events.

The days are quickly passing and the excitement in Mrs. Eckstein's third grade classroom is palpable as the boys are preparing for Pesach with Rebbe. In English they, too, are gaining momentum as they continue learning about the water cycle. They also completed the presentations of the boys' inventions, and have proceeded with learning abbreviated biographies of famous inventors such as Benjamin Franklin, the Wright brothers, Thomas Edison, etc. In addition, they have advanced to DIVISION! Please continue practicing multiplication, as the boys, literally, need to know it backwards and forwards! In writing, the boys wrote a story about "The Lump Under my Blanket". This helps the boys practice paragraph writing and well as expressing their creativity. There were some very creative submissions and everyone enjoyed hearing what their friends wrote.

Mrs. Levin's class was happy to welcome Yisroel Altein to their class. As they continue their unit on fractions, they are adding and subtracting fractions with like and unlike denominators. They are catching on quickly while earning two dollar bills for their good work. Sold on the deal!! The boys were listening intently to a story based on fantasy called "A Street Boy". Two young boys switch places and must learn to adjust to the others life. Everyone agreed to

be thankful for there is no place like home!!

Mazel tov to our monthly math challenge Moshe Vernick!

Have a wonderful Shabbos!

winners: Dovid Wolfson, Yanky Silber, and Avraham





STUDENT OF THE WEEK













Happy Birthday

Gavriel Noach Herrmann, Mendel Rosenfeld and Menachem Nussbaum

Gur Children's voice

May you have a Shnas Hatzlochah!

SKI TRIP #2

Minyan participants who have excelled in keeping seder, davening with kavonoh and joining the mini chassidus shiur, we will be going on their second outing, a second ski trip at Mountain Creek Ski Resort.

Bez"H Wednesday, March 10.

All students will start the day with lessons provided by the local instructors at Mountain Creek Ski Resort.









REPESENTATIVES

GRADE 5

Yosef Weingarten

GRADE 6

Moishy Backman

GRADE 7

Yanky Silber

GRADE 8

Momo Drew

KOL HATORAH KULA REPESENTATIVES

Zushi Borenstein Yossel Litzman Sholom Dovber Lowenbein

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