# Our Cheders VOICE CHEDER CHABAD OF MONSEY חדר חב"ד - מאבטיר

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## CHEDER CHABAD BOY'S DIVISION · PARENT EDITION

## **FROM the MENAHEL**

#### Dear Parents,

Today is Rosh Chodesh Kislev. On Rosh Chodesh Kislev, 5738, Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka obm, seeing the great celebration of the chassidim, proudly expressed how impressed she was by their deep love to the Rebbe, especially the love of the bochurim to our Rebbe.

A French professor once asked the Rebbe, how he instilled such great love in his chassidim. The Rebbe responded that the chassidim are just reflecting back the love the Rebbe shows them! How amazing!

Chazal tell us that the quill of the heart cannot be fully expressed in writing. Chassidus is very much about the heart. Many ma'amorim teach a chosid how to open his heart in serving Hashem during davening and learning. Chassidus also speaks often about the three loves a Yid should have: to Hashem, His Torah and to another Yid (His people).

Children are all about love. The love between parents and children is natural; it comes effortlessly, is supernatural and is the basis of the home and family. Once a child ventures into the world, demands begin to be made of him. A person at all ages and stages of life is expected to perform; at work and in the classroom, every person must step up. Like the posuk says אדם לעמל יולד a person is born to toil. This can lead to the world being a harsh place. Chassidus then enters and begins to extend love into the rest of our lives.

Many communities begun adopting the values and ideas of chassidus, and many chassidim have work to do to actualize the values of chassidus that we already know. Bringing love into our lives requires avodoh penimis, deep commitment to patient work with ourselves and the world around us.

As we celebrate Rosh Chodesh Kislev by expressing the love between chassidim and the Rebbe, let us reflect on how we can bring the teachings of the Rebbe and chassidus into our children's lives, let us reflect on how we can bring the love, acceptance, and patience of our homes into the rest of their lives, in their interactions with the classmates, strangers, and of course those who teach them Torah even as they are presented with demands and expectations.

Wishing you a lichtige Chodesh Kislev, as ואהבת is the numerical equivalent of the word אור twice.

#### Rabbi Kaplan

# SCHEDULE UPDATES



19 Kislev all grades
dismissed at 4:10
Monday—Wednesday
of Chanukah, dismissal
for all grades is at 4:10.

# Happy Birthday!

Yaakov Gross and Shmuel Shmotkin May you have a Shnas Hatzlochah!

Mazal Tov Rabbi Rosenberg on the birth of two Finiklach!

OF THE WEEK Sugar Sodas aren't allowed at CCM even on birthdays.



## aPEEKat OUR WEEK

This week grades pre1a-4 had a presentation on the topic of "Recycling." Mrs. Gabbioff brought along her blue/green containers and recyclable sample materials. The boys saw an interesting film on landfills, the place where all garbage ends up and the sorting center for our bottles, cans and paper. What a mess!! Each boy was given a recycled pencil, rubber band, magnet and understanding of keeping our world beautiful.

In conjunction with starting our level b reader the class took the PAF proficiency test on spelling reading and reading comprehension. In math we focused on the strategies of count on, doubles plus one and doubles minus, and solved addition word problems. In our recycling unit we learnt about landfills and watched a video on the process in the rockland recycling plant.

Mrs. Mandel - Grade 1A

"Time flies when you are having fun". This week we learned about IDIOMS and their true meanings. The boys could hardly contain their laughter! Wish you could have been there to see. Also, we played a game using homophones, THERE, THEIR and THEY'RE. In math, our egg-crates were filled with beans to MAKE A TEN and then BREAK APART the next addend to find the sum. We continued the unit "Our World" to learn about the hemispheres and equator. A special shout out to our librarian, Mrs. November, for assisting each boy in finding the perfect book. Coming to the library is the HIGHLIGHT of our week.

Mrs. Levin - Grade 2B

This week we learned how to take an addition fact and find the sum by breaking up the smaller number to get to 10 and then adding the remainder. We used beans with a chart for a hands-on experience. We had fun learning about idioms. We learned the difference between "there, their, and they're", and when to use them in a sentence. We learned about the different continents and oceans. Looking forward to another successful week IY"H!

Rabbi Naparstek - Grade 2A

The Talmidim of Kittah Gimmel were kept busy all week! On Monday we had a presentation about recycling. This worked out well, as we learned passages about recycling and composting in our Readers. In Math we completed the unit on regrouping, in addition as well as subtraction. There will be a test iy"H this coming Tuesday. Your son's homework folder is filled with review sheets. On Thursday all parents were invited to our Science Expo. The boys proudly displayed their Animal Reports, and EVERY talmid had someone who came to see what we learned! One mother gladly posted a short video of the classroom setup for anyone who couldn't make it. Our next project will be a book report (no expo), due after Chanukah (information will be forthcoming over the next week or so). Please look at the pictures posted of our classroom; the boys love finding pictures of themselves in the newsletter! Have a good Shabbos and guten Chodesh!

Mrs. Eckstein - Grade 3

Most of us know our multiplication tables! We continue to review three digit by 2 digit examples and know where to put the decimal. We also learned about multiplying decimals by 10s, 100s, and 1000s. The class had a test on unit 4 in vocabulary as well as a quiz on unit one in our story "The Year I got Polio."

Have a great Shabbos.

Mrs. Trieger - Grade 5