

Our Cheder's VOICE



CHEDER CHABAD BOY'S DIVISION • PARENT EDITION

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פרשת וישב

הדלקת נרות: 4:01

FROM *the* MENAHEL

Dear Parents,

With the days of Chanukah approaching, we begin thinking about the message and significance of light in Yiddishkeit. As Yidden who spend our days learning about and practicing the Mitzvos, one may ask, how did our service transition into being lamplighters? Our avodah is to perform mitvos not to bring light. Why do we use metaphors about light to describe our work rather than focus on the details of fulfilling mitzvos and following halochah?

In addressing this question, our goal is to focus on practical and relevant messages. It is possible for a frum person to lead a life aligned with the dos and don'ts of Yiddishkeit, and yet, remain enveloped in darkness. In the words of the Alter Rebbe read this week 'וּבְחֹשֶׁכָּה יִתְהַלְכוּ בְעִבּוּדֵי ה'

In the creation of the world, darkness was the default state. In our *בראשית*, our beginning, even as frum Yidden, is darkness. This is seen in the fact that the yetser hora comes first, and *עיר פרא אדם יולד* a person is born with tendencies that lead to *tohu, vovohu vechoshech*.

In our celebration of Yud Tes Kislev, we learn about the sacrifices and the extreme steps taken by Yidden to join the Alter Rebbe and transform their lives from darkness to light. As we raise children and focus on teaching them the mechanics of many mitzvos in many settings, we ask guided to ask our-selves, what about light? Are we introducing our children to avodas hachassidus and showing them how to transform darkness into light? Have our children observed people living in an extended aha moment of a chassidishe transformation? This Chanukah, let us listen to the message of the candles and bring light into the food, toys, games and vacation of Chanukah.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Weingarten for bringing our PTA mothers impact to the next level. The Chanuka craft was done tastefully with thought and consideration to the age, logistics, cleanliness and a parent connected to the class.

Thank you Mrs. Lakein, Mrs. (Mushky) Raskin, Mrs. Wolowik, Mrs. Kirschenbaum, Mrs. Gross, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Gaerman, and Mrs. Litvak for sharing with our talmidim a hands-on pre Chanuka activity.

Wishing you a good Shabbos and a happy Chanukah

Rabbi Kaplan

SCHEDULE UPDATES



Chanukah, dismissal 4:10 ALL GRADES

Monday, 25 Kislev,

SIXTH GRADE PLAY FOR GRADES 1-4

Chanukah Vacation:

Thursday Dec. 22 - Monday Dec. 26

School Resumes Tuesday Dec. 27

Tuesday Dec. 27 - Friday Dec. 30,

No transportation All Districts.

Dismissal 4:10

Hey Teves, Dec. 29 - **Book Fair**

Happy Birthday!

Shmuel Zaltzman, Zalman Dietsch,
Avraham Yitzchok Silverstein

**May you have a Shenas
Hatzlochah!**

TIP
OF
THE
WEEK

If your son
comes late
send along a
note

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



a PEEK at OUR WEEK

With joy and excitement, the first grade made beautiful decorations for our classroom likovod chanukah! We also had a great time as we took pictures playing out different scenes for our chanukah book. In writing we wrote about colors and painted colorful rainbows- each writing a masterpiece! In math we had a number line from end to end of the classroom we all lined up and jumped up and down the number line for addition and subtraction examples- the boys were giggling through it!!

Mrs. Mandel - Grade 1A

Grade 1B has been very busy this week. In our PAF reading program we added a new vowel to our repertoire of words that we can now decode. We had a treat at the beginning of the week when Yakov's Mommy came in to make CD dreidels with us. In math we are continuing to focus on addition and subtraction using different strategies. To prepare for Chanukah we read different story books together about Chanukah.

Mrs. Volfman - Grade 1B

Our class continued practicing addition with "regrouping" by counting ten ones to make a ten and transfer it to the tens column. As a visual aid, each boy received ten pipe cleaners and put ten fruit loops on each, to create a stick of ten. They loved the activity and enjoyed munching on the extras. We could not believe how many fruit loops come in each package! Our next chapter in reading explains why the trip to grandma is dragging on. Due to a rainstorm, the Smith family was forced to have dinner at the diner and spend the night in a nearby motel. The accommodations were as "snug as a bug in a rug". This new idiom was added to our list. We made a flip book identifying 4/8 parts of speech and played a game of sorting cards by category of nouns, verbs and adjectives. Wishing all families a gut shabbos and a lichtigen Chanukah!!

Mrs. Levin - Grade 2B

We learned about parts of speech which includes: nouns, verbs, pronouns and adjectives. In math we started working on regrouping 2 digit math problems by separating the tens and the ones and then seeing if there are 10 ones to move to the tens column. We used pipe cleaners and fruity loops to get a hands-on experience. In art, Mrs. Jacobs came to our class and we drew a candle using pastels. Looking forward to another successful week IYH!

Rabbi Naparstek - Grade 2A

The third grade is advancing in Math by leaps and bounds! We have mastered almost HALF of the times tables. Since we are learning families of facts, we are picking up a bit of division as well. We are also continuing to learn about elapsed time. Everyone is so high-spirited between the celebrations of yud tes Kislev and the approaching yomtov of Chanukah. In Social Studies, we are continuing to learn about fire safety. In Science we have begun learning about the five senses. In Writing we learned about descriptive writing. We took a topic (popcorn) and wrote how it appeals to each of our five senses. L'kovod Chanukah, Mrs. Eckstein said she would bring in an old-fashioned popcorn maker to delight our senses! In Reading we learned about 2 children who saved the day. Children can make a difference, too! The highlight of the week was STEM class with Dr. Schnitzel where we made a "lava lamp menorah". (please see the pictures) Dr. Schnitzel reminded the boys how the Yidden are like the pure olive oil that does not mix with other liquids(nations) and always rises to the top! Have a guten Shabbos, freilichen Chanukah, and lots of nachas!

Mrs. Eckstein - Grade 3

We continue to practice our one digit divisor division skills. Most of us know it and we are gearing up for a division party next week on Chanukah. Please take a few moments to make sure your son knows division with one digit divisors using the DMSB method so he can partake in the party. We completed our short novel where we saw how Peg Kehert regained her walking ability and integrated back into class. We took an open book test on unit 4 in our Wordly Wise, and began unit 5. Have a gut Shabbos.

Mrs. Trieger - Grade 5

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