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FROM *the* MENAHEL

Dear Parents,

This Shabbos we read parshiyos, Tazria and Metzora. The halochos, mitzvos and topics of both parshiyos speak about the impurity and weakness that are part of the human condition. The laws of impurity include many forms of tumah; from those resulted by the cheit Etz HaDaas, to those caused by lashon horo. Every Yid, man, woman or child can become impure. All our material possessions, food, clothing, home and even the earth can be impure, each with their own causes and conditions.

During this time of year, we also mark the passing of the twenty four thousand students of Rabbi Akiva. In addition to limiting sources of joy, we take to heart the lessons from this tragic event, which include the critical importance of respecting our differences and one another. Even great people, learned and scholarly men whose occupation is Torah study, may fall short in the area of respect. Their Torah learning and piety may even contribute to their misguided disdain for others.

At cheder, we focus on Ahavas Yisroel year-round. Having many boys spend their days together, demands frequent reminders, talks and fresh insights into Ahavas Yisroel. The themes of this time of year make it easier to reach the heart of our children, bringing home the message about the importance of respecting others.

Please ask your children to share something they may have learned about Ahavas Yisroel this week. Discussing it at home will help instill this foundational value in the heart of our children. Thank you Rabbi Shusterman for coordinating a gift of wine to the melamdin for Pesach. Thank you to Rabbi & Mrs. Shusterman for their daily commitment to the success and growth of the cheder. Wishing you a good Shabbos and a good Chodesh,

Rabbi Kaplan

SCHEDULE UPDATES



**Sunday - Siyum Horambam and
farbrengen at 12:00 PM @ Meinei
Hayeshua**

**Lag B'omer schedule:
Leaving to Crown Heights 9:10 AM
Dismissal for all grades 4:15 PM**

Happy Birthday!

Mendel Lustig, Mendel Setton

May you have a Shnas Hatzlochah!

Mazal tov Rose family on the birth of a baby boy!

TIP
**OF
THE
WEEK**

Parents can substitute
as cheder for ECredits
towards tuition.
Hours are flexible and
we are always in need.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



a PEEK at OUR WEEK

The boys in Grade 1B are back at learning in full swing! We began our new reader "Camp Hilltop" and BH the boys are reading so beautifully! We added words with the he diagraph "sh", as well as learned how to write contractions that include the word "not". In math we are learning how to group objects to show numbers as tens and ones. We enjoyed different interactive activities to reinforce this concept. This week we also had art. The boys learned how to draw bonfires using different shapes and then painted them with water color. In our art lesson they were taught different painting techniques on blending colors. The boys drew beautiful pictures!

Mrs. Volfman - Grade 1

With a fresh spring atmosphere in our classroom we began learning a new unit in math all about coins and dollar bill counting. Each student crafted their own coin spinner and had a fun game counting the coins along with the numbers on the spinner! On the board there were huge coins and we wrote in our booklet a special feature for each type of coin! Dovi Setton brought in Argentina \$\$ Avrohom Yitzchok Silverstein Mexico pesos and Levi Goldberg a Canadian coin.

Our first graders received new readers and skills books for the next level we just reached. In phonics, we spelled words with the ang and ong sound - song long, rang and added more words to our sight word list. The boys that completed this weeks homework were excited to receive a reward. We are so happy to be back.

Mrs. Mandel - Gade 1

Upon returning to Cheder, with renewed vigor and zest, the boys shared aloud what they enjoyed most about Pesach. In Reading, "Are We There Yet", the Smith family finally reached their destination, grandma's home. Grandma was delighted with the homemade cupcakes and honey she received from Blake and Milo, her grandchildren. The grandchildren were pleased too. The "OW" vowel team as in rainbOW was introduced. Our unit in math was all about "Telling Time". Hour, minutes, seconds, A.M. and P.M., Noon and Midnight, digital and analog, grandfather and grandmother clocks. They heard about the confusion of my recent return flight from Israel which left at 12:05 A.M. on Wednesday and I showed up Thursday. (I purchased a new ticket and hopefully will be reimbursed.) The boys were excited to take books out from the library (see pics). Lesson 17 in spelling-Long I words ex:wild, mild. Test next week Thursday. Once again, we are starting our nightly homework routine.

Gut Chodesh! Gut Shabbos!

Mrs. Levine - Grade 2

On Monday everyone returned to school from Pesach vacation rested and ready to learn! Continuing with our "inventors" theme, we learned about the invention and development of the modern-day bicycle. We drew Venn Diagrams comparing and contrasting the different bikes described in the passage (we learned the word, passage, as well!). In Math we have been reviewing our multiplication and division skills. We also learned all about the different types of graphs and how to draw them. Never forget to give the graph a title! In Science, we learned about the various tools that a meteorologist uses to forecast the weather. We learned that a barometric "high" means good weather; but when the barometer "falls" it means storms are moving in. In Writing, we wrote why we enjoy Pesach (we enjoy every Yomtov, actually!). On Wednesday, the class took part I of the New York State ELA exam. Every Talmid tried his best, and so Mrs. Eckstein gave out Sandwich Cookies for snack on Thursday. In addition, we topped off the week by watching the end of the video from the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation, which we began before Pesach. It was perfect for Sefira-times, as it highlighted the Mitzvah of Bein Adam Lechaveiro. Part II of the ELA exam is on Monday, iy"H. PLease make sure your son comes to Cheder well-rested and with enough snacks to get him through the afternoon. Have a good Shabbos and Guten Chodesh!

Mrs. Eckstein Grade 3

Welcome back everyone! We are in our last semester for grade 5. It's New York State Testing this week and next week. We also reviewed adding and subtracting mixed numerals. We added on a new skill of subtracting a mixed numeral from a whole number. In vocabulary we completed unit 12 and had a review paragraph with fill ins. We then took a vocabulary test. At the end of the week we started reading a play and discussed how information is relayed differently in dialogue. More about the play next week. Have a great Shabbos.

Mrs. Trieger - Grade 5

[Link for Pics](#)