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FROM *the* MENAHEL

Dear Parents,

Wow. It is Shabbos Bereishis! The Rebbeim have ingrained in us that the way we set ourselves up Shabbos Breishis impacts the entire coming year. This is a call to us to reflect on how we should set up our Shabbos Bereishis? In what direction are we looking to orient ourselves for the entire year? How do we maximize the opportunity given us on Shabbos Bereishis? Chassidus teaches us that teva, the default position of the world and of human beings, is to focus on self preservation and to be unapologetically selfish. Focusing on others and Hashem is a teva sheni, something that must be taught, learned and practiced. In the context of Shabbos Bereishis, this means that if we don't reflect and set a goal, our natural orientation will be to focus on selfish and self-serving things and set up the year that way chas veshalom. We should keep in mind that self-serving truly means self-destructing.

How can we orient our children to be teachable and to absorb the messages of Torah and chassidus? How can we help them orient themselves to live with purpose and a focus on helping others? This week's parshah tells us that the purpose of our creation is leovdoh uleshomroh, laasos ulesaken. We are charged to fix a broken world. This includes ourselves, our yetser horoh and natural tendencies.

At cheder, we work hard to present every talmid with Torah values. These values often resonate with our students, which is great. However, there are times when what they hear and learn isn't a natural fit, it doesn't seem right to them initially. What do we do then? As parents, you provide your children with the perspective and understanding of how to approach new lessons and paradigms that Torah teachers and offers to each of us to improve our lives. Please encourage your children on this Shabbos Bereishis to be open to learning and applying new ideas, Torah values that may not be their default view. This orientation will set them up for an entire year filled with Learning and living Torah.

Please encourage your children to recite tehilim this Shabbos and send them back with a note sharing what they said. Our minds and hearts are overflowing with feelings for our brothers and sisters in Eretz Yisroel, our focus has been to channel these emotions to learn and daven with more intensity. On Shabbos, you can direct this energy to intensify davening and the recitation of Tehilim.

Wishing you a good Shabbos and may Hashem protect all of klal Yisroel,

Rabbi Kaplan

SCHEDULE UPDATES



Sunday, October 22,
7 Cheshvan:
Boys PTC
10:00 am—1:30 pm

Happy Birthday!

Dovid Groner, Levi Pewzner,
Chaim Meir Lustig
May you have a Shnas Hatzlochah

TIP
OF
THE
WEEK

Students may not
buy or sell, and
should not bring
money to cheder

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



a PEEK at OUR WEEK

On the first day back, we enjoyed hearing from everyone by question of the day all about their yom tov. At this level in phonics, plural s was added to our suffix list, we explored with words like maps, hats, caps. It was such fun to craft Neckties for our new letter "N" and decorate it with "N" picture cutouts. Math number hunt, working in pairs each group recorded on the number sheet a drawing of an object found in the classroom to that specific number count, for example by the number 3, we found 3 white boards, for the number 5 it was 5 vowels in the abc's. Can you believe it? our big first graders took their first math test this week, they did absolutely fantastic.

Mrs. Mandel - Grade 1A

B"H we are back at Cheder and our learning continues on as always. We were introduced to the new Season of Fall/Autumn and wrote a poem about the changes that are taking place. The favorite activity for all is gathering leaves and jumping in the leaf piles. In Math, we are completing our unit on Place Value. In connection with our reader, we learned about Idioms. The boys are having a good laugh when figuring out the "Figurative Meaning". Please remind your son to call his bubby and let her know that she is the "Apple of His Eye". I am very proud of their spelling test results. Gut shabbos! Gut chodesh!

Mrs. Levin- Grade 2A

It was so exciting to see everyone back at school! We had some great writings from the boys about their highlights of Succos. Our class had so much to share about their many guests and all about how nice their hakafos were. It was so interesting to learn about baby kangaroos called Joeys. In math, we'll be learning concepts of time and money. We had a wonderful class discussion about facts of the fall season! Our boys are such fast learners and we are looking forward to gaining many new skills and concepts in the months ahead! A gezunten vinter!

Mrs. Feldman - Grade 2B

The Talmidim of Kittah Gimmel returned from Succos vacation ready and eager to learn! And learn we did! We reviewed Math, learned about birds in our Animal Booklets in Science, and began an article about endangered animals in Reading. This week we also added two new subjects to our curriculum: the handwriting books were distributed and we began learning Social Studies. We learned about lines of latitude and longitude, and the equator and prime meridian. We tied this to Parshas Beraishis, and learned about the International Dateline. In writing, we used a template to learn about paragraph writing, and the boys wrote about their favorite season. The week wound down with News on the Run and the weekly Raffle (the prize, fittingly, was a ball that looked like a globe). PLEASE NOTE: There will be a Spelling Test (unit 2) on Tuesday, and a Wordly Wise Test (unit 1) iy"H Thursday. In addition, please help your son choose an animal for his "Animal Report" (details will be sent home on Monday iy"H). Finally, although it is only mid-October, many boys are running low on important school supplies, such as pencils. Please ask your son, and replenish the stock ASAP. Thank you, and have a guten Shabbos and gut Chodesh.

Mrs. Eckstien - Grade 3A

Welcome back after a relaxing Yom Tov. The Fifth Grade is back to working hard and doing their best. This week we played a review vocabulary game on unit 2 and then had our Wordly Wise test. In science we did a few experiments demonstrating how to lower air pressure and seeing how things got pushed or transferred. (siphoning, blowing under a paper) In math we are continuing with our skills in rounding decimals and learning how to add and subtract with decimals. We heard some compositions from previous grades and are getting ready to start writings our own this coming week. The titles are 1. Change 2. A Gift I would Like to Receive. Please check that your son has an idea ready for Monday. We finished our short novel- How to be a Perfect Person in Three Days - and are now officially perfect. Have a Great Shabbos.

Mrs. Trieger - Grade 5

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CHUMASH

BIMONTHLY CURRICULUM REVIEW

Cheder Chabad Boys of Monsey



Grade 1B, Rabbi Rosenberg

Preparing to begin
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Grade 1A, Rabbi Naparstek

Preparing to begin
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Grade 2B, Rabbi Silverstein

פרשת לך לך פרק י"ג פסוק י"ב
Chumash and select Rashis

Grade 3A, Rabbi Sirota

פרשת ויצא פרק כ"ט פסוק ח"י
Chumash and most Rashis

Grade 2B, Rabbi Silverstein

פרשת לך לך פרק י"ג פסוק י"ב
Chumash and select Rashis

Grade 3B, Rabbi Vogel

פרשת ויצא פרק כ"ט פסוק א'
Chumash and most Rashis

Grade 4A, Rabbi Weisberg

פרשת ויגש פרק מ"ה פסוק ט"ו
Chumash and Rashi

Grade 5, Rabbi Silber

חומש שמות
פרשת בא פרק י' פסוק כ"ג
Chumash Rashi and select
מפרשים

Grade 6, Rabbi Carlebach

חומש במדבר פרשת במדבר
פרק ג' פסוק א'
Perek alef: Chumash Rashi
Perek Beis: Chumash

Grade 7, Rabbi Ezagui

חומש שמות פרשת משפטים
פרק כ"א פסוק ט"ו
Chumash Rashi

Grade 8, Rabbi Dubinsky

חומש במדבר פרשת שלח
פרק י"ג פסוק כ'
Chumash with select mefarshim