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הדלקת נרות: 6:45

FROM *the* MENAHEL

Dear Parents,

This Shabbos we complete sefer Shemos and call out "chazak" together. Based on the insights of chassidus, we can present a stark contrast between the celebration marking the completion of Sefer Bereishis and Sefer Shemos. Bereishis speaks primarily about the avos who are referred to as yesharim, upright men. In the language of chassidus, they were components of the Divine chariot the Merkavah of Hashem.

In contrast, sefer Shemos, speaks of the Yidden as an am, a slave nation, in the lowest of lands. To be understood as the lowest class, in the lowest nation. In the final parshiyos, the Torah describes how ordinary Jews build a mishkan for Hashem. They didn't hear it directly from Hashem and having previously been in the 49 gates of impurity in Mitzraim, they rose up to such a distinguished state that they built a home for Hashem.

As parents, we would like our children to be yesharim, straight and upright citizens and Yidden. We may be disappointed when they fail or when we see leanings to inappropriate things for which we may put them down. Chumash Shemos, especially the final Parshiyos, reminds us that the Torah was given to people who were previously deeply immersed in impurity. It is to people deeply attached to the material world that Hashem revealed himself and asked them, and only them, to build a home so that he can dwell exclusively among them.

Let us show our children that Torah isn't meant for angels, the Torah has what to say to people who struggle with their Yetser Hora. In the parsha of Tzitzis we say "asher atem zonim", the Torah is speaking to people with weaknesses and help make them stronger. Chazak, Chazak, venischaseik!

Thank you to the PTA for the appreciation gifts on Rosh Chodesh. The Rebbies, teachers and administration staff alike were uplifted by your care and devotion.

Looking forward to a joyous Shabbos and upcoming week,

Rabbi Kaplan

SCHEDULE UPDATES



Pre Purim Carnival:

Mar 17, 2024

Sunday, Mar 31:

12:00 PM

Event for Mothers grades 5-7

Happy Birthday

Sholom Lasker,
Sholom Dovber Katz,
Gavriel Abayov

May you have a shenas Hatzlocha!

TIP
OF
THE
WEEK

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



a PEEK at OUR WEEK

This week, we began our unit in Social Studies, on the United States of America. We listed the abbreviations, a special feature, and food, associated with each state. Did you know that Alaska is known for its' salmon, Florida for oranges, Idaho potatoes and New Jersey for blueberries? Has your son been singing the names of the 50 states to the tune of Od Yishama? The boys noted all the states they visited or passed through. During recess, they are enjoying playing with puzzles, on the map of the U.S. and the Seven Continents. Using our imagination, we completed a story starter. I opened the door and was surprised when . . . there stood Mr. Joe Biden, our President. I invited him in and served him dinner. What I didn't know was that it really was my dad dressed up for Purim. It turned out to be a good prank!! As Winter is ending and Spring approaching, we got lucky and played outdoors in the nearby park. (See pics). Gut Shabbos!

Mrs. Levin - Grade 2A

The Third grade had a very busy and productive week, b"H! In Reading, lekovod Adar Bais, we learned a story called The Magic Combs, about a king who learned his lesson when he tried to enjoy tricks at other people's expense. Then in Writing, the boys wrote about a time they got into trouble and what happened (most of the stories were fiction). In Social Studies we continue to learn about the development of Settlements in the new World. We discussed how many people came for Freedom of Religion. In Math we have begun learning Remainders, as well as Two digit x two digit multiplication. Please review basic Multiplication and Division skills with your sons. In Science, we began learning about the Weather and the Water Cycle. Of course, lekovod the beautiful weather, we enjoyed going out early to bask in the warmth and sunshine! Thank you, Rabbi Coffer, for watching us play! In addition, since Dr. Schnitzel is not on the schedule until after Pesach, Mrs. Eckstein did three Science experiments with the class to teach about chemical reactions. We learned how to make invisible ink, how oranges combined with baking soda make your mouth bubble, and why food coloring swirls around in milk when you add dish soap to the bowl. We rounded off our busy week with Current Events in News on the Run, and the weekly raffle. Now it's time to catch our breaths and return next week Be"H refreshed and ready to learn more and more!! Have a guten Shabbos!

Mrs. Eckstein - Grade 3A

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