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FROM *the* MENAHEL

Dear Parents,

Parshas Tazria's central theme is tzoras. One of the causes for leprosy is loshon horo, gossiping about others. The teachings of chassidus highlight many areas, some of which will be highlighted here.

We are charged to purify the air with words of Torah. A chosid sees every step in the outdoors as an opportunity to say words of Torah and purify the air. While walking to shul shabbos morning, some children recite Tanya or mishnayos baal peh to purify the air. Imagine how special it is for a young person to see themselves as purifiers of the world? What a gift?!

Chasidus highlights the power of speech. There is a well-known story and teaching of the Baal Shem Tov about someone who declared that he would tear his friends like a fish, the Baal Shem Tov showed them that on some level it happened. This teaches us how careful we should be in speaking in a refined way.

Most of all, the Rebbe's example to each of us was to refrain from ever using negative language in conversation or stories. Negative language should only be used in legal matters that require precision and clarity.

As we go into Pesach, when our families sit around conversing about all areas of life, let us be more gentle, respectful, and sensitive towards others.

Reminder: Friday is Yud Aleph Nissan, the Rebbe's birthday.

Wishing you a good Shabbos,

Rabbi Kaplan

SCHEDULE UPDATES



Thursday April 18, 10 Nissan:

Friday dismissal,
last day before Pesach

Thursday May 2, 24 Nissan:

School resumes

Happy Birthday

Menachem Niassof, Eliyahu

Heskovic, Mordechai

Sternberg,

Menachem Mendel Jaffe

May you have a shnas Hatzlocha!

TIP
OF
THE
WEEK

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



a PEEK at OUR WEEK

Grade 2A could hardly contain their delight as they prepared to see a Solar Eclipse. This experience is an awe-inspiring celestial event that drastically changes the appearance of the two biggest objects we see in our sky: our Sun and our Moon. We watched it in stages. Beginning with the sun looking like a bite was taken out of it, till we could no longer see the sun. Jumping up and down and cheering aloud, it was clear to all, that the boys came full circle in understanding of their learning as well as, recognizing the greatness of Hashem, Master of the World. How lucky we are to be the Chosen Nation!! Moving on to mundane matters, we learned about money. The value of each coin and the faces of past presidents on the face of each coin. Using fake money, they were able to shop till they dropped. In Art, Mrs. Jacobs guided the boys as they drew a beautiful picture of the arba kosos with the matzos in the background. Wishing all a Chag Kasher V'Sameach!!

Mrs. Levin - Grade 2A

The week began with Monday's Solar Eclipse! When Limudei Chol began, we watched a video about solar and lunar eclipses. Mrs. Eckstein explained to the class why we don't have solar eclipses more often. She used a globe and flashlight to show the paths of the sun, moon and planet Earth. We learned why we don't make a brachah on an eclipse, and why it is dangerous to look at the sun during an eclipse. Then we put on the special glasses provided by the Cheder and down we went! We watched the beginning of the eclipse, then we went back upstairs. A half hour later, down we went again! We saw how much of the sun was covered, and noticed how much cooler (and a bit darker) it had gotten! Then we went back up...and finally when we went down by dismissal, the clouds had begun to disperse, and we were able to see the end of the eclipse! Mah Rabu Maasecha Hshem! On Tuesday, continuing with the Theme of Science for the week, we completed our unit on the Weather and the Water Cycle. We made information wheels about the water cycle (see pictures). Wednesday and Thursday were Testing Days for the New York State ELA exam. The boys brought in snacks to fortify themselves and when everyone had finished, we went down early and took advantage of the lovely weather for a well-earned extended outdoor recess. We hope that everyone returns next week for more exciting lessons refreshed and ready to learn! Have a guten Shabbos! ***REMINDER*** Book Reports are due Monday! A shout-out to Yossi Altein for handing in his report early!! Thank you to all parents who updated their children's school supplies!

Mrs. Eckstein - Grade 3A

This week we took two state testes is ELA. The boys tried their hardest. In reading we finished our booklets for the story Kate Shelly. We took an open book test on the vocabulary words and on reading comprehension. We are gearing up for a big math test that I divided in half. The test will be on Monday on the first four skills and on Wednesday for the remaining 5 skills. Please look out for the email I sent home that identifies each skill. The boys have a booklet and a sample test on pages 46 and 47. Please review with your son if he needs it. We also went out to observe the eclipse and were fascinated to see Hashem controlling the celestial bodies. It makes one ponder on the various things in the universe that we don't see or know about. What else is out there? Who created this all? Finally, our electronic games are almost done! It's amazing to see the light bulb go on when the circuit is complete. We will be displaying them on Wednesday for the other classes to play with.

Have a gut Shabbos.

Mrs. Treiger - Grade 5

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