

FROM*the***MENAHEL**

Dear Parents,

Today, Rosh Chodesh Sivan, is the day when the Yidden encamped around Har Sinai like one person with one heart, "keish echod belev echod". The Rebbe spoke about a Shabbos themed on achdus, a shabbos that would be dedicated to celebrate and practice unity.

Of the long list of preparations to receive the Torah, like slavery in Mitzraim, eating the Manna, Ahavas Yisroel is something we can still do today in preparation for receiving the Torah. We aren't expected to enslave ourselves again so that we can better receive the Torah, however, we can and should practice Ahavas Yisroel.

Our instincts lead us to think about and fend for ourselves, to be self-centered rather than other-centered. This is the natural disposition of humans. Learning to shift our attention and focus on others requires a life-long commitment to self-improvement.

As our children come home for shavuos, and spend more time in shul with friends, please point out areas of improvement in regards to the way children treat each other. In every shul, there are kids being excluded, kids fending for themselves at the cost of other kids, etc.. When candies are thrown at a bar mitzva boy or choson, kids elbow and push others to get candies, etc. This is one example of a setting that supports survival of the fittest rather than Yidden helping those in need, those who are weaker, smaller and younger than us.

We can never overdo education and modeling in the area of interpersonal relationships. On occasion, we encounter someone learning about loving another Yid while hurting someone. Walking out of a class dedicated to ahavas Yisroel and making fun of a friend. We need to take every opportunity to speak up and teach the way of the Torah. The cheder's Chumash and Gemoro champ program were designed to remove the competition for a first winner position, rather, to give every child the opportunity to rise to the top.

We thank Mrs. Niasoff for arranging the teacher appreciation delecacies in honor of Rosh Chodesh, along with the Solomon and Weingarten families for arranging this on behalf of the entire PTA. With wishes for a good Shabbos and kabolas HaTorah besiomcha ubepnimiyus **Rabbi Levi Kaplan**

SCHEDULE UPDATES

Shavuos Schedule:

Tuesday June 11, Erev Shavuos - Friday dismissal Friday, Isru Chag - no cheder Sunday, 10 Sivan school resumes **Bear Mountain Trip Grades 1-4** Sunday, June 16, 2024, 10 Sivan **Ieaving 9:30 Weather permitting Reminder:** No transportation, Wednesday, June 19

Happy Birthday!

Menachem Weingarten

May you have a Shnas Hatzlochah!

Ask your children to see their completed week workbooks.





aPEEKatoUR WEEK

So much is happening in class 2A!! We are continuing to read about Colonial Times and are learning about what it takes to build a country. Who designed the American Flag? The National Anthem was written by Francis Scott Key. It took 36 years to build the Capital and it was completed in 1829. The Bald Eagle is our National Symbol, even-though Ben Franklin disagreed, for he felt it was a poor choice since the eagle steals food from other birds. Others said it is brave and flies freely. The Eagle can be found on stamps, dollar bills, and the Great Seal of the U.S. All this factual information had us sitting on the edge of our seats. In Math, we are now stopping to measure everything in sight!! Our cubbies, pointer finger, shoes, smartboard, desk. You name it!! Also, We learned about the four Cardinal directions and how to read a map. Each boy is mapping out his route from home to a public location such as Cheder, shul, and Evergreen. In Spelling, we are warming up for a great end of year Spelling bee. Listen up for the Champion. After learning about Transition words, which keeps the idea in a sentence flowing ex: First, Next, Then, Finally, etc. we made paper airplanes and went outside to send them off. (see pics) IY"H, next week, we will be making a Shavuous project, for the nashim tzidkaniyos, our dear mothers of class 2a. Wishing all a Gut Chodesh! Kabolas Hatorah Besimcha Ubepnimivous!!

Mrs. Levin - Grade 2

A Class 3A has only two more pages in our Math books! We have been reviewing and expanding our horizons in all areas. In Spelling, we learned all about Contractions. In Reading we began a story about a boy who wanted a pet dog. . . However, the one he got was not AT ALL what he expected. We discussed how he felt about it . . . tune in next time to find out the surprising twist in our tale! In Social Studies we continued learning about the different types of schools people went to in Colonial times. . .as well as different styles of education, and what people did for recreation, (remember, there was no electricity then!) We learned why people wanted to travel to the New World. and we discussed how people to this day want to come to the great Country we live in. . .the good ole US of A! We have almost completed the Upper Case letters in Script as well. On Thursday, during current events, we discussed D-Day (which actually was June 6th, Thursday's date). We also discussed the bumper crops in Eretz Yisroel, a fulfillment of the Possuk: ברכתי את וצויתי. We learned about the difference between "wants" and "needs". In addition, we took full advantage of the glorious weather at the beginning of the week, and went down to the schoolyard a few minutes early. The boys are becoming quite adept at catching and hitting the ball. Thank you, Yossi Mendelow for bringing a soft bat to school and letting us use it to practice our skills. In addition, Mrs. Eckstein treated everyone to refreshing ice pops on the hottest day, Monday. Thank you Rabbi Blotner for ending our week with cold ice cream to reward our Shabbos Mevorchim "Tehilim zuggers". Have a wonderful Shabbos! Mrs. Eckstein - Grade 3A

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