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Shabbat Parshat Re'eh

Candle Lighting: 7:27 Shabbat Ends: 8:43

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Welcome Back!

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Last week, we welcomed our **teachers** back to school and, this week, we welcomed our **students** back to school. A fresh beginning, new teachers, new classmates, new ideas. The first day back is so exciting!

This year, there was even more excitement than usual as we began using our newly remodeled and transformed Cooper Yeshiva

High School Beis Midrash. The *sefarim* waiting to be opened. The intricate stone-work. The magnificent wooden shelving and furniture. The bright lighting. The warmth conveyed by the new windows. The tile floor and welcoming arch – reminiscent of Yerushalayim. In a word, the *beis midrash* is **stunning**. It is the product of a vision to create a showcase for Torah and to project to our students and families the high value that our community places on Torah learning and davening. This project is even more special because it is the result of a cooperative effort between multiple donors and multiple volunteers – each contributing to this holy endeavor.

At the end of this week's *parasha*, Parashat Re'eh, the Torah describes the *mitzvah* of *aliyah l'regel* – visiting the Temple in Yerushalayim – on the Jewish holidays. The Torah says, "(the one who is visiting the Temple) will not appear before Hashem empty-handed; each person according to his gift, according to the blessing that Hashem, your G-d, gives you." This passage contains two phrases that seemingly express the same concept – "everyone according to what he can give" and "according to the blessing that Hashem, your G-d, gives you".

Rav Shimshon Raphael Hirsch suggests that each of these phrases refers to a different aspect of how a person is measured. Rav Hirsch explains that a person is not measured by his wealth or fortune. Rather, one way that a person is measured is "according to his gift" – based on where he or she gives his or her gift. Specifically, does the person prioritize *tzedakah* and other holy endeavors. There is a second measure of an individual – "according to the blessing that Hashem, your G-d, gives you". Giving to one's capacity – this is another measure of an individual. According to Rav Hirsch, the Torah in this passage outlines the standard of Jewish giving – prioritizing support for Jewish values to one's capacity.

On many levels and in many dimensions, this project exemplifies this ideal – of prioritizing support for Jewish values to one's capacity. For the donors and volunteers who conceived of this project, the remodeling of the *beis midrash* was first and foremost to be a *Kiddush Hashem* – a glorification of Hashem's name. Everyone who has seen the *beis midrash* understands that this standard has been achieved. Furthermore, these donors and volunteers stretched themselves to give to the maximum – expending money, time, energy, creativity and sleep – to realize the vision. No project of this magnitude just happens – it requires cooperative and sustained effort of individuals at the highest level. These acts of giving themselves are also a *Kiddush Hashem*.

We welcome you to visit the school to see our new gem!

Shabbat Shalom,
Rabbi Benjy Owen



Administrator Corner First Week

Rabbi Hauser -JS Principal 1-8

Excitement filled the halls of MHA this week as school started on Wednesday! We started the day with a special assembly where everyone was introduced to MHA's new staff as well as our new students for this year with cheers and clapping. On Wednesday evening, the PTA hosted our traditional opening day BBQ which was packed with families, both old and new. There were special prizes for all and everyone had a chance to meet our new families and staff members. It was clear from all the smiling faces of our children that the school year has started with a lot of positive energy for learning. It is my prayer this year that all our children come to school every day ready to learn with as much excitement as they did this first week of school!



Spotlight On Reading Skills

Lisa Luiken -3rd Grade GS

Learning to read is a complicated process but as students become more skilled, the world of books opens up. At this point phonics and pronunciation become less important than understanding and using information. Developing comprehension skills and helping students use higher order thinking is important as they read more involved texts. As we start a new school year here are some tips for helping your child work on these skills:

1. Question - As you read with your child ask him or her to restate information about the setting, plot and characters. Discuss together what happens at the beginning, middle, and end of the selection. What's the problem in the story? How is the problem solved? Come up with an alternate ending to the book.
2. Relate - Have your child think about what they already know about different aspects of the story. What have they already experienced that relates to what they are reading now? Maybe a family vacation included a boat ride and the book your child is reading is set on a boat. Bring up and discuss prior experiences that apply.
3. Make inferences - Some call this "reading between the lines" or drawing conclusions. To develop this skill, help your child look for clues to answer questions that aren't directly stated in the text. Sometimes this may require several clues to be put together to find meaning.
4. Application - What is the moral of the story? Is the book or selection trying to teach us a particular lesson? Do you agree with it and/or how does it fit with your values?

Reading for meaning and developing comprehension skills are crucial for success in school. As the year progresses, look for ways to use these strategies with your children. Parents and teachers together are partners in helping our children strengthen their skills and cultivate a genuine love of reading.



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A message from the PTA

Welcome back to school! The PTA has kicked off the school year in grand fashion!! We started off with breakfast for the teachers during in-service, and gifts for them during the first week of school. We welcomed the students back with a fun photo booth capturing their smiles as they headed to their first day of classes. We handed out gift baskets to all the new families welcoming them to our community. We also had an amazingly successful Back To School BBQ. What a great start to the year!

Please be on the lookout for our next two fundraisers, Rosh Hashanah Basket Sale and Bake Sale.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the PTA Community Meeting on Thursday night, August 31, 7pm, at the home of Stacy Sanderson where we will be recognizing Amara Levine-Reich for her dedicated service for coordinating meals for families in the community.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!
Elana Kahane and Stacy Sanderson
PTA Presidents



Sammy Kaplan is ready for PreK4.



Parents, students and teachers enjoyed the Back to School BBQ.



The Kahn family is ready for the first day of school!



To familiarize themselves with the building, Kindergarteners went on a scavenger hunt around the school.



Please Join Us for the
Opening
PTA Meeting
&
Election of Officers

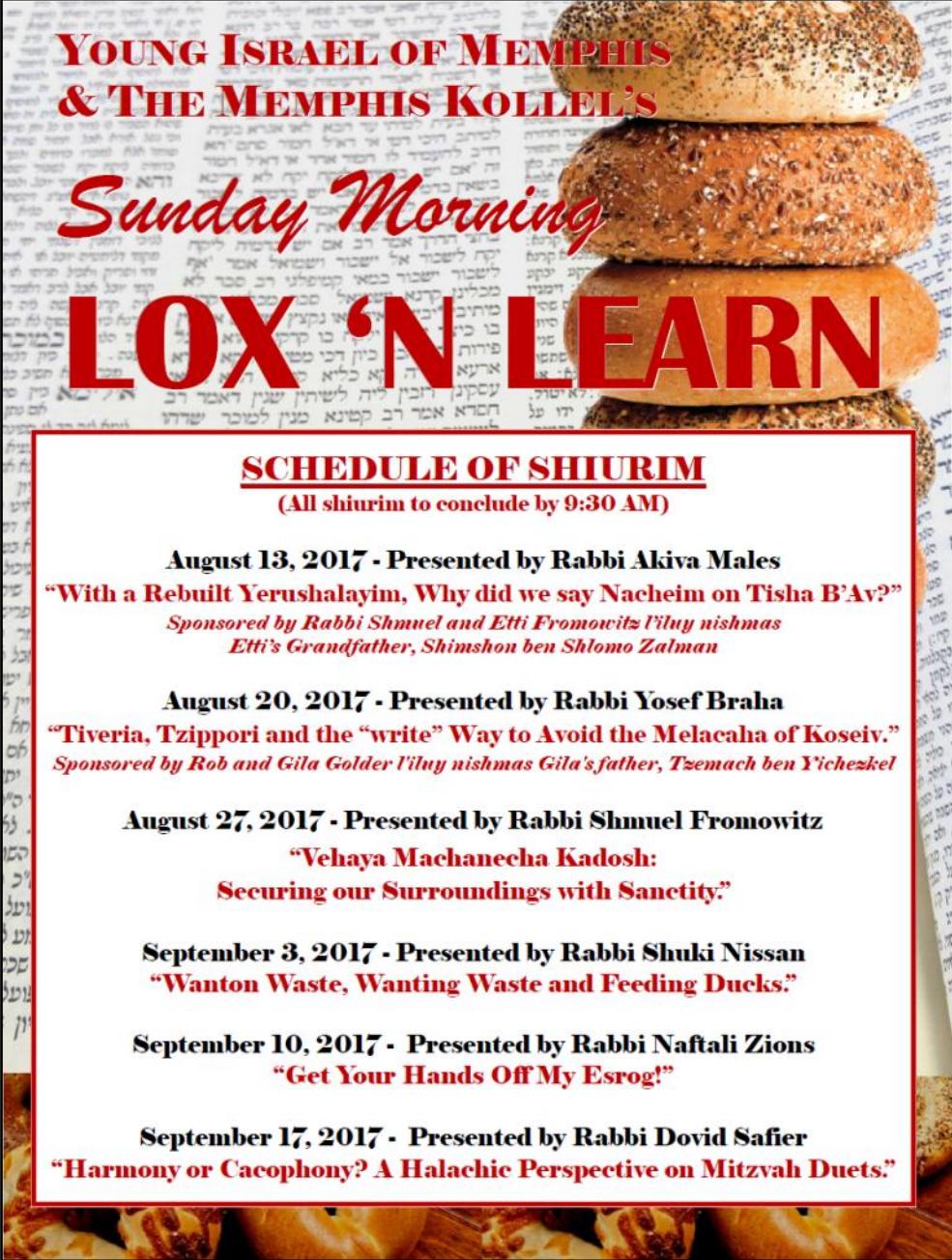
Special Recognition of
Amara Levine-Reich
for her dedicated service
Coordinating Meals for Families in the Community

August 31, 2017

7:00 PM

Home of Stacy & Josh Sanderson
5681 Shady Glen Road

Light Refreshments to be Served



**YOUNG ISRAEL OF MEMPHIS
& THE MEMPHIS KOLLEL'S**

Sunday Morning

LOX 'N LEARN

SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM
(All shiurim to conclude by 9:30 AM)

August 13, 2017 - Presented by Rabbi Akiva Males
"With a Rebuilt Yerushalayim, Why did we say Nacheim on Tisha B'Av?"
*Sponsored by Rabbi Shmuel and Etti Fromowitz l'iluy nishmas
Etti's Grandfather, Shimshon ben Shlomo Zalman*

August 20, 2017 - Presented by Rabbi Yosef Braha
"Tiveria, Tzippori and the "write" Way to Avoid the Melacha of Koseiv."
Sponsored by Rob and Gila Golder l'iluy nishmas Gila's father, Tzemach ben Yishezkel

August 27, 2017 - Presented by Rabbi Shmuel Fromowitz
**"Vehaya Machanecha Kadosh:
Securing our Surroundings with Sanctity."**

September 3, 2017 - Presented by Rabbi Shuki Nissan
"Wanton Waste, Wanting Waste and Feeding Ducks."

September 10, 2017 - Presented by Rabbi Naftali Zions
"Get Your Hands Off My Esrog!"

September 17, 2017 - Presented by Rabbi Dovid Safier
"Harmony or Cacophony? A Halachic Perspective on Mitzvah Duets."

Parsha in the Park

Family Learning Program is back this Shabbos, Parshas Re'eh at Young Israel!! Learning with parents for children ages Kindergarten and up will be at 5:00 in the shul.

Parsha in the Park for toddlers-PreK will be at 5:15.

Prizes and Shabbos party to follow.

Looking forward to seeing you there.



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CONGREGATION
His house, your home.

ASBEE presents a musical weekend with *YEHUDA JOFFRE AND THE J TUNES*



Yehuda Joffre, Meir Popowitz, Dovid Rubin, Benji Weintraub



Friday, August 25, 7pm

- musical Kabbalat Shabbat services
- deluxe Shabbat dinner, \$30/pp

Saturday, August 26

- musical Shabbat services, 8:45 am
- musical Havdalah, 8:45 pm

**Please RSVP for Friday night dinner
682-1611 or exec@asbee.org**





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Baron Hirsch Congregation invites you to...

an evening of *Celebration*

featuring

the Installation of our Senior Rabbi
Rabbi Binyamin Lehrfield

Dedication of the
Mendelson Park & Playground

Sunday August 27, 2017
5 Elul 5777

6:00 pm - Reception
6:30 pm - Dinner

Baron Hirsch Congregation

Grand Opening!

Mendelson Park & Playground



August 27 - 10:00 am

Featuring fun and games for kids of all ages



This newsletter sponsored in honor of Rabbi Klein, Eli Ostrow, Josh Kahane and Caleb Milobsky



Mazel tov to Rabbi Levin Klein on his 50th Birthday.



Best wishes to Eli Ostrow '20 on a full recovery.



Mazel Tov to Josh Kahane on his Bronze Medal and Caleb Milobsky '17 on his Gold Medal in the 2017 Maccabi Games.



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Picture of the Week



Brooke and Rachel Sanderson are excited to be back at school.

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