

# EREV SHABBOS BULLETIN

פרשת שמני - שבת מברכים - פרקי אבות פרק א'  
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## IMPORTANT SCHEDULE CHANGE

In light of the steady decrease in the Covid infection rate in Los Angeles County and the recent decision permitting the opening of schools, the Yeshiva will resume a fuller

Sunday schedule for boys Grades 1-8 beginning this Sunday, April 11.

Boys 1 – 6 9:00 -12:30

Boys 7 – 8 8:00 (Shacharis) – 12:30

## Mazel Tov

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Alyeshmerni

Birth of a granddaughter

Mr. and Mrs. Moishe Chopp

Engagement of Gershon

Rabbi and Mrs. Berish Goldenberg

Birth of a grandson

Rabbi and Mrs. Ushi Klein

Marriage of Moshe

Mr. and Mrs. Meir Levine

Marriage of Dov

Rabbi and Mrs. Mordechai SeganKohanim

Birth of a granddaughter

Mr. and Mrs. David Shadovitz

Bar Mitzvah of Yehuda

Mrs. Chanie Stern

Engagement of a granddaughter

Rabbi and Mrs. Yochanan Weiner

Engagement of Shifra

## CHINUCH THOUGHTS

Parsha Shmini almost always follows the Yom Tov of Pesach (with the exception of a leap year). One of the explanations given is based on the end of the Parsha that deals with the halachos of kashrus.

During Pesach there is a heightened sense of awareness as to the permissibility of certain foods. Every ingredient is carefully scrutinized to ensure that it is chometz free. Depending on minhagim these chumros include many stringencies that are really halachically permissible but kept because of the slight possibility of chometz, i.e. kitniyos, gebrochts, etc.

After Pesach there is a tendency to heave a sigh of relief as we resume our daily routine. As a result, there might be a tendency to become lax in kashrus standards that apply not just to chometz but to every piece of food we put into our mouths. We therefore, immediately follow Pesach with Parshas Shmini to show that מאכלות אסורות include a lot more than not "mishing" on Pesach or not eating from food that fell on the floor. It involves the ingredients of every morsel that we eat in and out of the home all year.

Chazal say that eating מאכלות אסורות creates a blockage of our spiritual arteries that hampers our growth in ruchniyus. The Ramban and Sefer Hachinuch write that it is a cause of negative behaviors and character traits.

The Degel Machne Efrayim (עקב) quotes a letter written by the Rambam to a community that questioned Tchiyas Hameisim. In that letter he writes that all ספיקות באמונה are a result of eating מאכלות אסורות, non-kosher food.

Rav Yaakov Kaminetsky, Z'tl is quoted as having said that one of the reasons America hasn't been able to produce Gedolim of the caliber of European Jewry, is because parents aren't careful with the kashrus level of the foods they give or allow their children to eat.

Pesach is a Yom Tov devoted to להגדת לבנו, instilling our children with the יסודות of our Emunah. The Zohar refers to מצה as מיכלא, the food of Emunah. The Mitzva of Matzo helps condition us to be receptive to belief in our אמונה.

One of the challenges facing today's generation is the lack of אמונה that distinguished previous generations. Perhaps with a higher level of awareness as to the foods that we should or shouldn't eat, we can be Zoche to the Siyata Dishmaya needed to raise a Dor Yeshorim of Maaminim Bnei Maaminim.

## ⇒ GIRLS JUNIOR HIGH

This past Wednesday, our sixth grade Talmidos were Zoche to make the special Bracha on a blossoming fruit tree. The three classes had a wonderful time walking with their Moros and made a beautiful Kiddush Hashem.



Our 6C Talmidos organized a magnificent, creative, fun yet full of Tochen Siyum celebrating completing Parashas Yisro. The girls enjoyed skits depicting the Aseres Hadibros, a Shab-bos choir, a Matan Torah game, tasteful décor and delicious refreshments. We were very proud of the beautiful Achdus the girls displayed toward one another! Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Stern, for sponsoring the yummy pizza.



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## PUSHKA PROGRESS

**Yasher Koach to the following families who brought in filled Pushkas. We hope your children enjoy their Candy Mentch Gift Certificates. Keep it up and keep the Pushkas coming:**

**J. Rafael and E. Silverman**

## CONDOLENCES

Mrs. Faigy Jacobs  
on the loss of her father  
Dr. Edon Hirt  
on the loss of his father

## ⇒ BOYS JUNIOR HIGH

No Shabbos Afternoon Program this week.  
To sponsor a week please contact Rabbi S. Goldenberg at  
323-742-3893.



## ⇒ EARLY CHILDHOOD

It was so great to see all the children return after Pesach vacation! Special thanks to our parents who wrote Mitzva notes that were full of many incredible Yom Tov mitzvos that occurred over vacation. We appreciate the lovely endorsement of the children and all that they learned here. We are now counting the Omer daily and ascending Har Sinai. Our Sefira charts are not the only things that keep on developing. Our self-control and skills are blossoming! One of our focusses is on a Gratitude Journal where we explore the many things we are thankful for. We know that being thankful also helps us feel "full" and very good!

Our afternoons have featured farm animals, growth and development, and the wonders of the natural world. We have been using our sense of touch to experience textures, sensations, and surfaces! We used a "feely box" to stick our hand in and feel without seeing. We were also inspired by a story of Rav Yisroel Belsky Za"tzal, who trained himself to focus on a coin for long amounts of time and sustain his concentration. We too work on sitting and looking without wavering... a great academic skill endorsed by our OT!



## ⇒ GIRLS ELEMENTARY

We are so proud of the more than 140 students who brought back their tefilla program booklets from over Pesach vacation. It was a real nachas to see all the paperclips come in and how much tefilla, tehillim and chesed was done by our girls!



Miss Matyas's 4th grade class had an absolutely amazing time running their class business! They profited over \$400! In addition to being a really fun activity, the girls learned many skills. Using addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, percentages, and ratios in determining and calculating all the necessary factors for their business, the girls realized that math truly is everywhere! They also honed life skills such as organization, public speaking, responsibility, and teamwork. Most of all, thanks goes to all of the loyal customers!

### A SAFETY REMINDER

We must remind parents that although B"H the infection rate in LA County continues to drop, there is still a mask requirement that applies to all schools (camps). Since Pesach recess, an increasing number of students are coming to Yeshiva without masks. Regardless of one's personal conduct, the yeshiva still requires it. We ask for your cooperation.



Our Spelling Bees buzzed with excitement as students competed for the championship. The students who participated in the schoolwide bee are listed below.

#### Boys

#### Girls

#### 2nd Grade

Dovid Biron  
Shmuel Yaakov SeganKohanim  
Moshe Strauss  
Shmuel Subar

Bracha Feldman  
Batsheva Gila Manela  
Shevi Perkowski  
Avigail Rechnitz

#### 3rd Grade

Meir Benporat  
Yaakov Brisk  
Yisroel Meir Cavalier  
Pesach Shlomowitz

Chana Botnick  
Leah Hertz  
Rivka Revah  
Tehila Weingarten  
Priva Weller

#### 4th Grade

Yeshaya Haber  
Moshe Mizrachi  
Yechezkel Ullman  
Chaim Udler  
Eliyahu Koppel

Michal Hanfling  
Layla Kleinman  
Esther Rowshanshad  
Elisheva Shadovitz  
Devorah Weiss  
Liba Wilner

#### 5th Grade

Ezriel Hoffman  
Abie Katz  
Yaakov Hershoff  
Motti Hertz

Rena Braum  
Estie Cavalier  
Ahuva Weiner  
Minki Wittenberg

The winners for each division were: Dovid Biron, Rivka Revah and Devorah Weiss. Congratulations! Two students who were eligible to participate were absent on the day of the bee: Sarah Udler and Zecharya Rand.