



Upcoming Schedule

Boys Parent Teacher Conferences- Due to a conflict in the community, conferences for ALL BOYS have been changed to Monday, January 9th. Please make a note of this on your personal calendar.

November 24-25 Legal Holiday
12:00pm Dismissal (ALL Departments)
Thursday Carpool (Boys and EC) Drop off ONLY on La Brea



Parsha comes alive in the Early Childhood Department



8th graders with their Davening Prizes



Rabbi L. Trainer's Class holding up treats



Junior High Boys busy at work on their weekly Parsha Bechina



Chinuch Thoughts

ויבאה יצחק האהלה שרה אמו (כד, סג)

Rashi quotes a Chazal that as long as Soro was alive a נר burned in her tent from Shabbos to Shabbos, there was a special brocho in her dough and the cloud of the Shechina hovered over the tent. After her petira these brochos disappeared and only returned when Yitzchok brought Rivka into his mother's tent.

The Ramban writes in the beginning of Sefer Shmos that it was this level of השראת השכינה found in the tent of the אמהות that was ultimately transferred to the Mishkan.

It is interesting to note that although the tent of Soro was already introduced in the beginning of Parshas Lech Lecha during Soro's lifetime (ויט שם אהלה), Chazal don't make mention of its' special qualities until the end of Chaye Soro, when Rivka became the new occupant.

Rav Shimon Schwab, ztl (מעין בית השואבה) in Parshas Vayera explains a seemingly difficult Chazal quoted by Rashi at the beginning of Parshas HaAkeida (כב' ב). Hashem says to Avrohom קח נא את בנך, please take your son. Why use a לשון of בקשה? Chazal say that Hashem כביכול, pleaded with Avrohom to pass this test, because otherwise people would say that all the previous נסיונות that Avrohom did pass, were meaningless and of no consequence. The question is obvious. How could anyone say that the previous nine נסיונות were nothing even if he didn't pass this last one?

Rav Schwab answers that of course all of the נסיונות that Avrohom withstood proved that he was willing to follow the רצון ה' and they brought him to a very high מדרגה. However, it didn't prove that it would transfer to the next generation. It was only at the עקידה where it says וילכו שניהם יחדיו, that Avrohom was able to show that he was able to transmit this כח of mesiras nefesh to the next generation.

Based on Rav Schwab, we can also understand why the greatness of the אהל אמהות, which later became the foundation of the presence of the שכינה in the Mishkan, is only mentioned when it continued in the אהל of Yitzchok and Rivkah. It was a sign that it had a המשך לדורות.

Rav Yitzchok Hutner, ztl writes that two of the most important השקפות to transmit to our children is that we were created בצלם אלקים and the importance of מסורה - that each one of us is a vital link in the chain that extends to Har Sinai.



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Early Childhood

In the Early Childhood department, we like to take cues from the rich ideas and events in the Parsha Hashavua. This week we were alive with homemade (yet functional!) wells, with water being drawn for thirsty camels, and the value of Chessed that Rivka Imeinu modeled. We celebrated the marriage of Rivka to Yitzchak, and made mock weddings, some even enhanced by live music! The kindertlach looked so adorable in the chasan and kallah clothes.

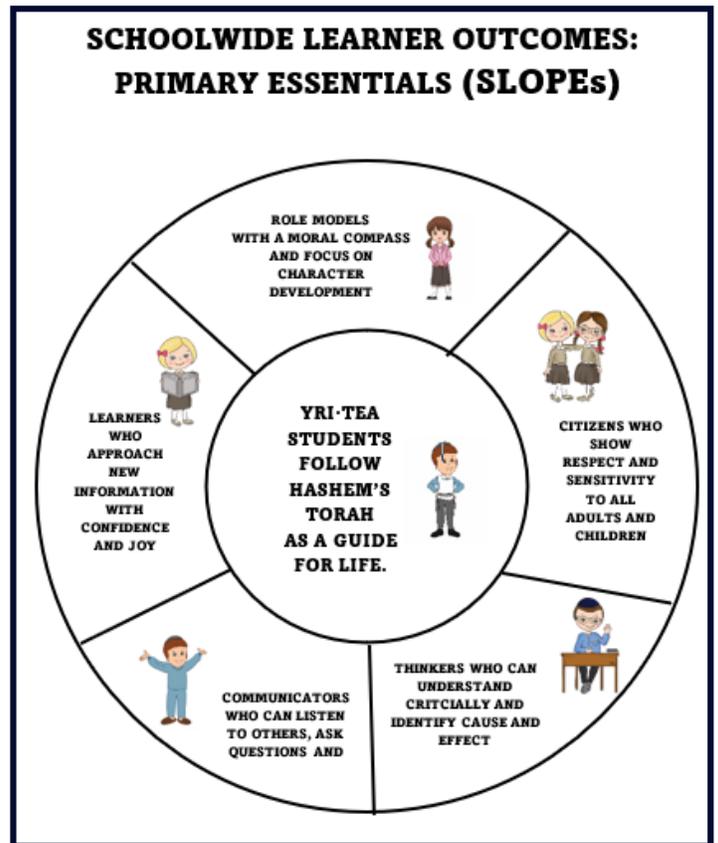
Morah Sarah's class made beautiful Hakaras Hatov necklaces for their mothers' (also in honor of os hey)!

Our nursery afternoons are filled with learning about transportation and having loads of fun with the fall season. We've collected, traced, and jumped on colorful leaves and had a blast! Our kindergartners are experimenting with paint vs. gravity, and experimenting with our five senses!



WASC News

The SLOPEs chart listed below is part of our WASC report which outlines the school's expected learner outcomes. These represent the goals that we have for our students in every building and at every grade level. Of course, at the center is our directive to inculcate within our students to follow Hashem's Torah as a guide for life. It is interesting to note that not one parent, student or staff member surveyed disagreed with the statement that Toras Emes students follow the Torah as a guide for life.



Boys Elementary

Rabbi Weiner's 3rd grade began saying ברכת יעקב בעל פה פה. Kol Hakavod to Shraga Meir Hack, Nosson Hartman, Avraham Minder, Ovadia Najibi, Pesach Oratz, Yaakov Yisrael Paz, Shmuel Rosen, Daniel Simcha Schwarzmer, Avraham Shenker, Binyomin Tashman, Yosef Tendler, Yaakov Tomaszkeski, Dovi Younger.

The 4th grade boys continued having individual farbers by Rabbi Blau on מנחם 'מס'. The boys did a super job! Kol Hakavod to Menachem Adler, Aryeh Beck, Mordechai Dovid Bornstein, Dovid Biron, Moshe Gewirtz, Reuven Fisher, Yaakov Hekmatjah, Aryeh Jacobs, Yitzchok Kupfer, Shaya Mann, Shmuel Neumann, Zecharya Rand, Meir Rowshanshad, Shmuel Yaakov Segankohanim, Nehorai Shlomof, Moshe Strauss, Yosef Yitzchak Weingarten.



Girls Junior High

News about our annual ice skating trip was announced in the lunchroom on Wednesday by our very industrious Heads. The news delighted one and all! And, yes, there is truth to the canteen rumor and we are all looking forward! Thank you, Heads!



Shabbos Mevarchim for Chodesh Kislev is already upon us and as such the Avodah for this Shabbos is for us all to be Mispallel for the new month with the special Tefilah found between Shacharis and Musaf (in Shabbos Davening). Just to play a little “catch up”, last week the Shabbos Avodah was a most enjoyable one! The Talmidos were asked to wash for the three very Heilige Seudos on Shabbos. And each Talmida received a beautifully designed placard to be placed on their Shabbos tables with Chazal’s teachings about the reward we receive for washing for these three Seudos. May we continue to be Zoche to elevate our Shabbosos and bring much Nachas Ruach to Hashem Yisbarach!

The gifts finally arrived! Seventy-seven Talmidos of the J.H. met the criteria to earn a prize for the Succos Davening Program. Davening the many Tefilos during Succos is a real Avodah and these girls really dedicated themselves to this big Mitzvah! Yasher Koach to each Talmida! We are so proud of you! May we all continue to go M’chayil El Chayil! And our heartfelt appreciation to Mrs. Weil for her help in obtaining the beautiful necklaces we presented the girls.



Girls Elementary

Mrs. Weiner visited some of the Pre-1 classes this week and shared with the talmidos the important message of the Chasida. She explained that even though the chasida is a bird of chesed, she only does it with birds of her kind and is therefore not kosher, as this is actually cruel and not chesed at all! It is beautiful to see how the girls have already internalized this lesson and make sure to look for ways to include all classmates in their activities! It is our tefila that the girls continue to keep this lesson on their minds as they grow.



Boys Junior High

The 7th & 8th grade Motzei Shabbos Learning Program begins this week. Program from 7:00 - 8:30pm, learning followed by a Pizza Meleva Malka. Please pick up on time! To sponsor a week please contact Rabbi S. Goldenberg (323) 742-3893.

Chasdei Avigail

Congratulations to **Gittel Brander** in first grade who won the prize this week for having the correct answer to our weekly bonus Parsha Pack question!!

We appreciate the support and positive feedback of the over 70 families who enhance their Parsha discussion each week with our Parsha treats and clues.



Carpool

Our neighbors bordering the alley behind our boys school have brought to our attention that cars are speeding down the alley during carpool drop off and pickup. Please be considerate of our neighbors as well as for the safety of others.