

ה' חשוון תשפ"א
October 23, 2020



The Compass

Pointing YKOM Families in the Right Direction

Upcoming Events

- 10/25 **Sunday Sessions Begin**
9 AM start
Schoolwide Parsha Test
- 11/1 **Daylight Savings Time Ends**
Regular Start Time
- 11/3 **Election Day**
- 11/11 **Veterans Day**
No Preschool
12:30 Dismissal
Grades 1-8
No BOE Bus
Staff Development Day
- 11/17 **Rosh Chodesh Kislev**
- 11/17-18 **Parent Teacher Conferences**
- 11/26 **Thanksgiving**
1 PM Dismissal
Grade 1-8
No Preschool
NO BOE Bus

**Schoolwide Parshas
Hashavua starting this
week!**
Grades 1-8



**פרשת נח
Candle Lighting
5:45 PM**

A Message From Rabbi Gidon Goldberg, *Menahel*

It is quite amazing that even after the absolute destruction caused by the Flood as detailed in this week's parsha, the people were able to band together to rebel as we see from the story of **ויאמר ה' הן עם: מגדל בבל** "ויאמר ה' הן עם: מגדל בבל" *And HaShem said, "Behold, they are one people with one language for all of them..."*

According to this *pasuk*, the greatest advantage of the people in the דור הזה was in their unity and ability to communicate. There was no disagreement because everyone spoke the same language and were convinced by Nimrod to follow his lead. The Sforno explains that "nothing would prevent them from completing whatever they intended to do, everyone acting upon their united decision. Not one of them would turn aside to recognize HaShem or to understand that He was the Creator of all."

The Chofetz Chaim sees in this the great power of unity and shalom. Because they were together, nothing could stop them. Because they were one nation with one language, nothing could have stopped their rebel-

lion, were it not for HaShem "stepping in."

We know that any attribute used for good is more powerful than when used for evil, as **חז"ל** tell us: **מידה טובה מרובה ממדת פורענות**. The Chofetz Chaim points out that it is impossible to imagine what we could achieve in **עבודת ה'** if the entire Nation was united "with one mind" and willing to serve HaShem!

On a less grand scale, imagine what we could achieve in Yeshiva Ketana if there is complete unity and harmony amongst the children. That sense of **אחדות** can be achieved if we impress upon our children and teach them to be compassionate, caring, and only see the good in their chaverim. There is also tremendous growth our children experience when there is unity and harmony between husband and wife in their approach towards chinuch. And, imagine how great the impact is on our children as we continue to forge a strong partnership in chinuch with the Yeshiva so that we speak and act "with one mind." Just think what we could accomplish, if we do it together!

Thank You

A special thank you to Mrs. Chanie Bell for all of her hard work on putting together this year's calendar and directory.



THANK YOU, HASHEM, FOR CHODESH MARCHESHVAN



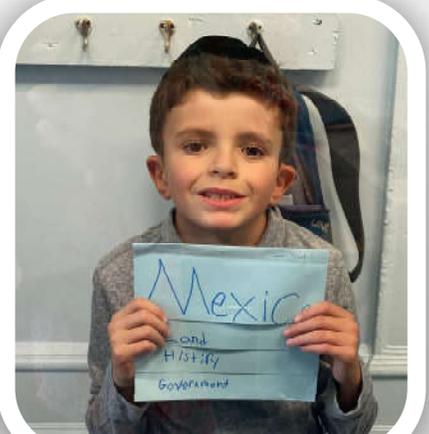
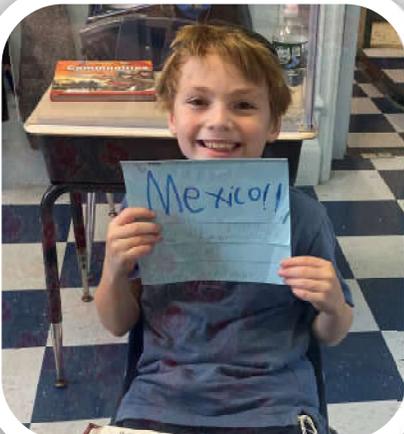
Yeshiva Ketana kicked off this year's first Rosh Chodesh with a super-packed non-conventional "assembly" since we were all in our own homes on ZOOM and not together. We even had a guest star "reappearance" of Joey Newcomb singing "Thank You Hashem" dueling on guitar with our own Rabbi Berman.

The talmidim were treated to a special guest, Rabbi Chaim Mintz, שליט"א, Masghiach of the Yeshiva of Staten Island who shared with the boys a special message for MarCheshvan. Rabbi Berman spoke to the boys about the upcoming, exciting month of Cheshvan and the boys are now ready to settle in to a year of learning!



COUNTRY EXPLORERS!

The Third Grade has been exploring and studying about Mexico! By reading in their book and recording notes, the details about Mexico have come alive! The students love learning about the geography, history, and government of Mexico! Our curious explorers are always making connections and building new awareness of the world around them! After learning this week about the economy and daily life in Mexico, the students will begin writing multi-paragraph essays about their learning!



Mazal Tov!

Mazal Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Gidon Goldberg, Menahel, on the engagement of their son, Shimon to Adeena Spitzer.
Mazal Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Kestenbaum, YKOM parents, on the marriage of their daughter Daniella!
Mazal Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Farhi, YKOM parents, on the marriage of their daughter!

PAST AND PRESENT

The Second Graders are working on a *tense* situation. This week, they started learning which prefixes and suffixes change the tense of a verb. They are diving into Dikduk, practicing changing verbs into the past and future tenses.

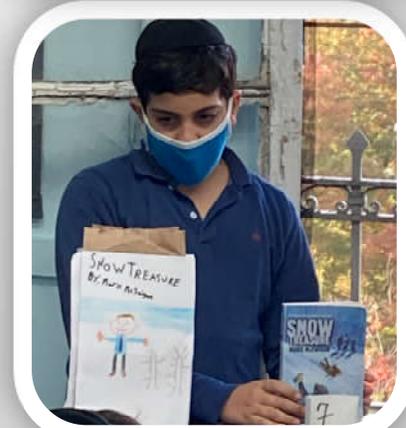
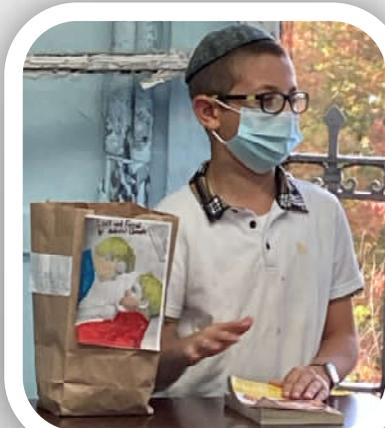


Social Skills groups with YKOM Social Worker, Mr. Hess, began this week in Pre-1A, First and Fourth Grades.

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A PAPER BAG?

During "Zoom Week", Fifth Graders were challenged to use a brown paper bag to present the main character of the fiction book each chose to read. The character's likes and dislikes, reactions and interactions by other characters to the main character, and specific examples of the growth of the main character throughout the book were all demonstrated on each bag.

Students had a great time choosing objects to symbolize something important about the main character and place them inside the bag. However, the most fun was enjoyed as each student took his turn presenting his project to the class explaining with details why each object in the bag was significant to the main character.



HICKORY DICKORY DOCK...

Tick tock, tick tock! While learning the C, the Nursery children focused in on clocks. Clocks are a very important tool that helps us tell time! The children took this opportunity to concentrate on numbers as well, since that is an integral part of how a clock works.



WHAT A "CREATION"!

After learning all about the 6 days of creation, the Pre-1a children used their artistic abilities to create a beautiful Bereishis mural using many different types of materials. What a masterpiece!



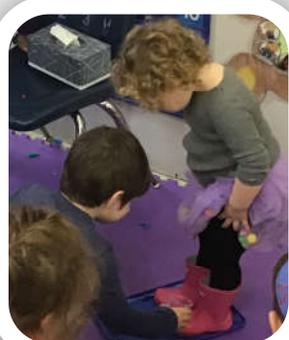
IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE!

There were all types of animals that Noach brought into the teiva! The Nursery children learned which type of habitat different animals live in- farms, jungles, sea and snow. They even froze fake snow as they explored the animals in the Arctic! Then they organized the animal groups and put them in their correct habitat.



"SOAKING" IT UP!

In conjunction with Mashiv Haruach U'morid Hageshem and Parshas Noach, the Nursery class performed a Science experiment with water. They poured water on different materials and watched to see which materials absorb water and which ones repel water. The children concluded that rain boots, umbrellas and plastic bags repel water, while tissues and clothes absorb water.



MIDDOS MAN

Middos Man made his debut in the Kindergarten class this week! He taught all the children about the important mid-dah of Emes and to always tell the truth even when it's hard. They enjoyed listening to the book, *Eli*



and the Little White Lie.

SUKKOS MASMIDIM

Over Sukkos, our talmidim excelled in their learning and davening. The boys filled out their individualized grade level Hasmada sheets and had the opportunity to double all their points! Raffles were held for boys who learned *Lifnim m'shuras hadin* and surpassed their intended goals and winners were drawn at the Rosh Chodesh Assembly. All the talmidim who participated in the Hasmada program received beautiful sefarim. Everyone is a winner when they learn over vacation!



Congrats to raffle winners Betzalel Landy, Avrum Lipskier, Emanuel Bukstein, Yisrael Chaim Mernick, Eli Gettinger, Yosef Schwartz, Yehuda Glazer, Meir Skochil, Isaac Goldberg, Peretz Friedberg, Berel Landerer, Ori Lavi, and Moshe Trapedo .