

# A PEEK INTO OUR WEEK



## A MESSAGE FROM MORAH TEITZ

Bringing קדושה into our homes is fundamental for the חנוך of our children!

In this week's פרשה, יעקב אבינו sent a message to his brother עשו "עם לבן גרתי", עשו רש".

עם לבן גרתי ותרי"ג מצוות שמרתי רש". The word explains שמרתי means much more than just keeping the מצוות. It means to value, anticipate and uphold with utmost importance. The way יעקב guarded and valued the מצוות while living in the house of לבן surrounded by outside influences, enabled him to raise his children to become the שבטי קה.

The importance and love with which one fulfills a מצוה is an integral part of the חנוך that we give over to our children. Children that are raised in a home where there is a desire and an excitement for מצוות, will be inspired to do the same!



## Happy Birthday!

Sara Esther Feinsod Emunah Rodionov

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Kayla Gilbert

## Learning Dedications

This week's learning is dedicated by....

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# Assembly -ראש חודש כסלו שמיטה



After six years of plowing, planting, weeding, harvesting, and cultivating a field; six years of very hard work which require a lot of energy and skill, a farmer can easily look at his full storehouses, his neatly plowed rows, and his carefully pruned trees, and say,

“I am such a good farmer. Look what my farming skills, my ideas, and my energy have produced! Six years of wonderful food for my family and I.”

However, the Jewish farmer knows that Hashem, the Creator and Master of the world, sent the rain, the sunshine, the wind, and the dew causing all his produce to grow. Throughout the years, while working in the fields, he remembers upon whom he relies. In the seventh year, the farmer expresses his complete trust in Hashem by not working the land at all. He trusts that Hashem will take care of all his needs, because he is fulfilling Hashem’s commands. When the farmer sees that his field has produced, even though he did not work the land at all, his trust in Hashem is strengthened once again.

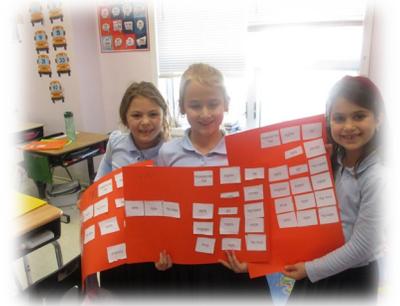
Our talmidos are learning, exploring, writing and scrapbooking all about the special mitzvah of שמיטה.

**Thank you to the N’shei for sponsoring this learning program!**

# In and Around BYC



Short vowel celebration in 1<sup>st</sup> grade.



'ב' can put together  
עברית on their own.  
משפטים



Mrs. Baron's 3<sup>rd</sup> graders reached  
the half-way mark in their reading  
contest and earned an ice-cream  
art lesson.



As 'ד' learns ספר יהושע, each פרק is reinforced  
with a scrapbooking activity.



Pre 1A א-ב siyum.

Thank you, Morah Esther and Morah Rivkah for teaching your students to master the אותיות.



# In and Around BYC



Chana Shulman brought in her עוף in conjunction with a חומש lesson.



Aviva Zarkhin enjoyed writing in her שמיטה diary.



The re-enactment of the נביא story with יעל and סיסרא.



Miss Danziger's 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, designed and decorated continent balloons.



Miss Winter set up a museum for her 5<sup>th</sup> graders, featuring different exhibits on the Native Americans.



Basya Weinstein hunting for sight words.



Tehila Cohen can estimate how many fingerprints it takes to fill a snowman.



Rivka Bayla Klug published her first book in עברית.

# Komemiyus – 1952

Rabbi Binyomin Mendelson was the Rav of the Komemiyus settlement in Eretz Yisroel. He worked very hard to make Komemiyus a model for all of Eretz Yisroel of perfect adherence to the mitzvah of Shemittah.

Besides for influencing the farmers of Komemiyus to keep shemittah, he was also able to convince other neighboring farmers to join the Shemittah Keepers.

Rabbi Mendelson founded the world-reknown organization, “Keren Hashviis”, which provides tremendous financial assistance to the farmers during shemittah. It also provides all kinds of guidance and support to the farmers to help them keep this unique mitzvah. Prior to the shemittah year of 5740, Rabbi Mendelson succeeded in convincing more than 1,300 farmers in Eretz Yisroel to observe shemittah!

In the shemittah year of 1952, Rabbi Binyamin Mendelson’s village was one of the only ones who observed shemittah that year. When the year was over, the farmers needed

seeds to plant again. However, they were only able to find wormy, inferior seeds that had rotted over the year! The farmers did not know what to do. How could they plant rotten seeds for the new year?

Rabbi Mendelson encouraged them to sow the seeds anyway. He declared: “Hashem

who causes wheat to sprout from good seeds can also bring bracha to your bad seeds!”

The farmers listened to Rabbi Mendelson and planted the rotten seeds. The next day, it rained in Komemiyus.

Their crops prospered and flourished as usual!!

And what about the farmers who did not observe shemittah? They had planted “fresh” seeds three months before the Komemiyus farmers, but the seasonal rains came late that year and their seeds did not sprout.

The Komemiyus seeds (the rotted ones) sprouted and prospered and the others did not. The seeds of Komemiyus were truly “seeds of bracha”!!

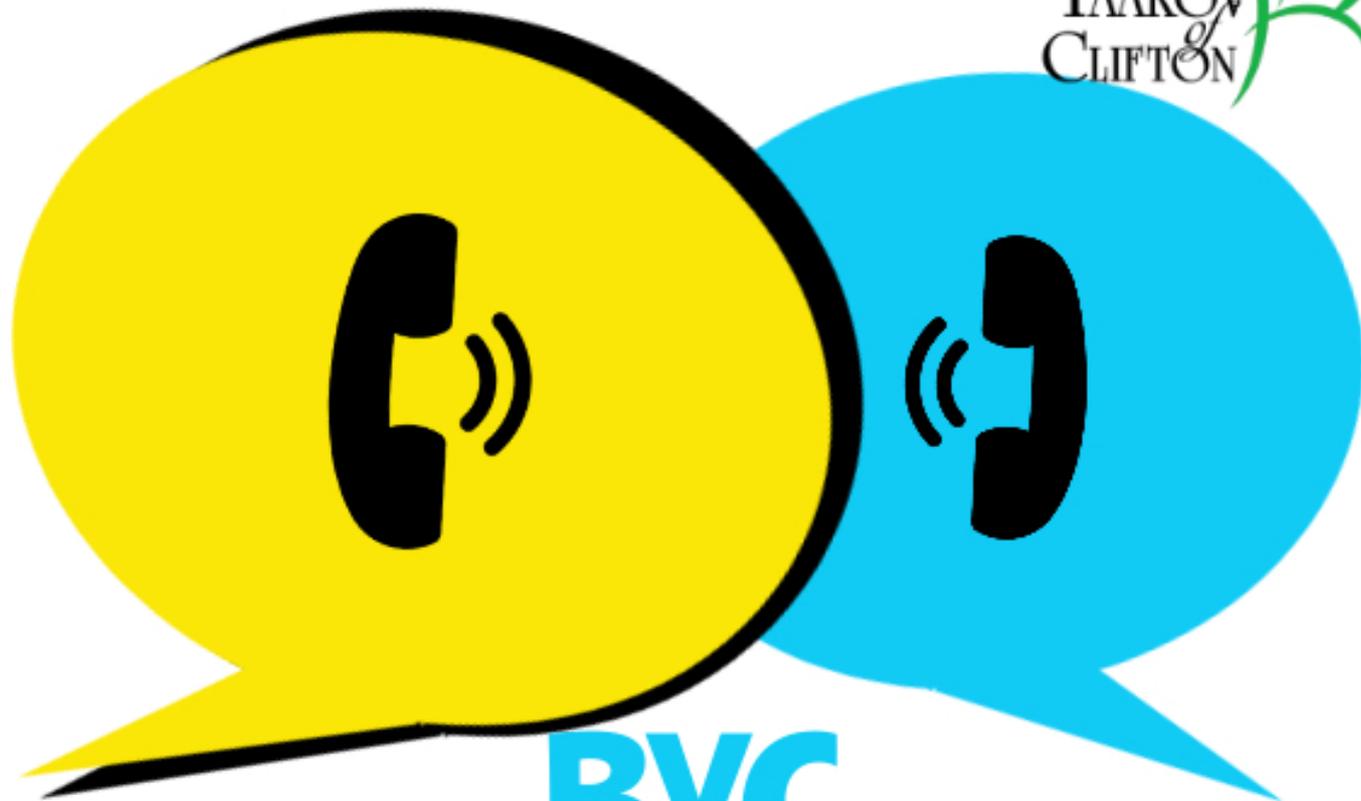


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