

- The power of speech! Our talmidos were introduced to our new מידת החדש, which will focus on שמירת הלשון and positive talk.

Our words, when used properly can inspire, uplift and spread kindness and friendship. Negative speech can be hurtful and harmful. Our words have a lasting impact on the people around us.

As we prepare for קבלת התורה and count ספירת העומר, we are provided with the opportunity for self improvement and personal development.

הקב"ה gave us the gift of speech; it is the essence of man.

Let us cherish this precious gift, use it wisely and bring about positive change in our lives and to the world around us.



## Happy Birthday!

**Avigail Vinnik** Ahuva Wiederman Chaya Grossman Batsheva Kagan Chaya Friedman Hadassah Friedman Avva Zarkhin

Tehilla Lazar Shoshana Rosenblum Zahava Sharratt Nechama Bergstein **Basya Weinstein** Miri Gelb Gabi Over

crev shabbos assembly גדולה בדיבור 5<sup>th</sup> grade colony brochure display

Chana Rothenberg on her brother's bar mitzvah

Sora Rivka Naimark on the birth of a sister

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## מדת החדש – גדולה בדיבור

Daily שמירת הלשון ore being broadcasted to all classes during lunch. The girls are gaining an awareness of the power of speech.

# In and Around BYC







As part of the Reading Buddies program, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders paired up for a publishing party. Thank you, Mrs. Miller for this reading program.



Mrs. Baron's 3<sup>rd</sup> graders studied the book, 100 Dresses. They took Wanda's idea and designed their own dazzling dresses.



יתה א' decorated their classroom bulletin board in honor of ספירת העומר.



Aviva Zarkhin demonstrated her knowledge of חלקי הגוף.





Morah Larkin's תלמידות re-enacted the story of שר האופים and שר המשקים.



Bubble wands were awarded to all תלמידות who completed their פסח checklist.



Mazel tov to 'כתה ה on completing פרשת וארא.



Mrs. Miller began an integrated writing program in Pre 1A with the story of "What to Do with a Box."



Tova and Sora Esther worked on a brochure about the New Hampshire colony.



Rivkah Miriam won this month's bentch like a mentch program.



Chaya Grossman's שחין page in her מכות scrapbook.



Learning about the life cycle of a caterpillar in Mrs. Holczer's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class.



Miss Danziger's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade authors proudly display their published animal books.



Miss Grunhaus's 6<sup>th</sup> grade tried their hand with the Chinese artform of origami.



Shoshana Rosenblum is a בעלת and earned a lunch date with Morah Pollack.



Zehava Sharratt illustrated the importance of body language in our "chaveros" program.

The tongue has no bones but it is strong enough to break a heart so be careful with your words.



גדולה בדיבון



The הפץ היים was always very careful not to speak or listen to lashon hara. Once he and another rav were traveling together. They stopped at an inn to eat lunch. The woman who owned the inn saw that two rabinim had come! She sat them at a special table ands served them right away. When they finished eating lunch, the woman asked them, "How did you like the food?" The הפץ היים said, "It was delicious. Thank you for serving us." The other rav said, "The food was very good, but it needed a little more salt." When the women went back to the kitchen, the הפץ היים said to the other rav, "How could you have said such a thing? All my life I have been careful not so speak or hear המשון הרע so upset?" He asked. "I told the woman the food was good. I just said that it needed some salt. Is that so bad?"

"You do not understand," answered the הפץ חיים. "That woman owns the inn, A different lady cooks the food. When you said that the food needed salt, you were saying that the cook is not good. Now the owner is in the kitchen telling the cook what you said. The owner will scream at the cook and make her feel bad. She may even fire her. Maybe the cook is poor and needs money for her family. So many bad things will happen because you said something not nice." The rav looked at the הפץ חיים and said softly, " I understand that I did something wrong, but I don't think it's as bad as you say." The

הפץ חיים said, "Let's go to the kitchen and see."

In the kitchen, the owner was yelling at the cook. "Didn't I tell you to put in more salt!! How can I let you work here if I will be embarrassed by your cooking?" The cook began to cry as she thought about her poor, hungry children. When the rav saw this, he ran over to the cook and said, "Please forgive me. The food really did taste very good." Then he said to the owner, "Please, let the cook keep her job, The meal was excellent! She is doing a fine job."The owner smiled and said, "Of course she can keep her job. I just wanted her to be a little more careful."

We can learn from the לשון הרע to think before we speak. Even a little bit of לשון הרע can do a lot of harm.

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