

# A PEEK INTO OUR WEEK



## A MESSAGE FROM MORAH TEITZ

ויקהל משה את כל קהל עדת בני ישראל

Why was it important for משה רבינו to gather all the yidden and teach them about the building of the משכן?

Reb Yaakov Kamenetzky explains that in order to have the שכינה dwell in the משכן, there needs to be an אחדות amongst the yidden, similar to the unity of ישראל ויחן שם ישראל. כאיש אחד בלב אחד – מתן תורה at

The מחלוקת created a separation and העגל. Therefore, משה רבינו had to recreate אחדות before teaching them about building the משכן.

The foundation of the משכן was the silver אדנים, which were made from the מחצית השקל given by all the yidden. The foundation was built from coins that represented אחדות - everyone's מחצית השקל joining and becoming one.

The message of פרשת שקלים resonates with us today. With unity we can build and bring the שכינה into our own lives.



## Coming Up Next Week!

Assembly - Thursday  
Wear a funny hat to school!



Mazal Tov!

Mrs. Baron on the engagement of her son.



פורים קטן  
עבדו את ה' "בשמחה"



# Recycling Fair

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Thank you, Mrs. Baron, for a wonderful recycling learning experience

# In and Around BYC



Grand Brachos Bee - כתות ג'ה' -



Morah Bassy and כתה ב' מזל טוב  
פרשת נח סיום on your



Write It Celebration in 5<sup>th</sup> grade.  
Thank you, Miss Winter,  
for the edible pencil cake.



Reading Buddies. I spy a noun, a verb, an adjective!



Welcome Mrs. Landau.  
Thank you for volunteering  
for our library program!



100<sup>th</sup> day of school  
pre 1A celebration.



Tuti Hurwitz experienced  
מכת דם in real life.



Morah Yocheved's 1<sup>st</sup> grade  
had a magic E visitor.



Morah Rochie makes learning  
so much fun in 'כיתה א'!



Celebration התחלת חומש – מזל טוב, כיתה א'



Our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade authors  
published their first book!



designed כתה ב' light switch covers in conjunction  
פרשת כי תשא.



Tehila Cohen displaying a project  
depicting importing and  
exporting of goods.

## Learning Dedications

February 15th – Mrs. Michal Vinnik לעילוי נשמת שמעון בן יצחק ע"ה

February 24<sup>th</sup> – Mr. & Mrs. Levi Rosenbleet לעילוי נשמת Baruch ben Volf z"l, Marc ben Avraham z"l, Mariana bas Berl z"l

# The Lemon Challenge

May we use this שמירת נפש farmer as an example in our lives to set the tone of doing the רצון ה' even if it requires שמירת נפש!

Raphael Mor Yoseph is a farmer in Sdei Zvi near the Gaza border. This story happened to him during the last Shemittah cycle. Raphael Mor Yoseph accepted upon himself to fully keep all the halachos of Shemittah. He owns 250 acres of large vegetable fields. He also has a huge lemon orchard. During shemittah, the price of lemons skyrocketed! Raphael Mor Yoseph arranged for the Otzar Bais Din to take his lemons and give them out, charging only enough to cover expenses.

One day, an Arab from a nearby village came by and saw the lemons. He offered to buy all the lemons at a very generous price. Raphael Mor Yoseph explained to the Arab that

it is a shemittah year, and selling produce (the lemons) is not permitted during shemittah!

The Arab left and returned to Raphael Mor Yoseph's farm a short while later. He brought with him a small suitcase. He placed it on the table in front of Raphael Mor Yoseph and told him to count the money in the suitcase that he was offering in exchange for the lemons. It was 300,000 shekels!!

Although this amount of money was really tempting, Raphael Mor Yoseph resisted the temptation.

He told the Arab:

"I'm sorry, but if you will give me a million shekel I cannot sell you the lemons.

They do not belong to me!!"

We have so much to learn from this farmer. Look how Raphael Mor Yoseph so happily and willingly gave up an opportunity to become so rich over a sale of lemons!

He did not let the יצר הרע win over his actions. He did what his שכל knew was right. Raphael Mor Yoseph allowed the sense of שמירת נפש in his heart to win over the "lemon sale".



Please share this story with your family.