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A Day To Remember



This Sunday marked a very special milestone in the lives of our 16 first graders. After spending the years of Early Childhood learning the **אותיות** and how to read along with months of pre-Chumash prefix and suffix preparation.. this year they were finally ready to receive their very own **חומשים**! Dressed in their **שבת**

clothing, adorned with gold sashes and crowns, our princes were prepared for this special moment. Rabbi Presberg, their devoted Rebbe, had prepped them and practiced the early **פרשת פסוקים** following the age old tradition of the material used for beginning of **חומש**. As the **חכמים** teach us, "Let the

pure children study [about the **קרבנות** which are pure."

From the proud faces of the gathered grandparents, parents and siblings, our boys seemed to have done justice to the special event.

Clifton Cheder was extremely honored that

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CALENDAR

**Wednesday
November 27**

schedule
update

Chanukah Schedule,
Grades 4-6 &
Aftercare
4:00 dismissal

**Thursday-Sunday
Nov 28-Dec 1**

Chanukah Vacation,
Legal Holiday
no sessions

**Monday-Wednesday
December 2-4**

Chanukah Schedule,
Grades 4-6 &
Aftercare
4:00 dismissal

**Tuesday
December 3**

Chanukah Chagiga
Early Childhood

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“Contemplanting”



Jean Piaget, a classical theorist in children's cognitive development, believed that the child learns like a scientist through trial and error and manipulation of elements in his environment. In our second grade classroom we have our own little scientists who are hard at work learning about the growth process of plants.

Mrs. Goldberg introduced the lesson by distributing lima beans to the boys. The boys wrote their observations of the beans. They were hard and dry. Next, the boys let them stay overnight in a damp paper towel to begin the germination process. Then, next morning they observed how the beans had become wet and

soft. Many had small sprouts emerging from the bean. Some boys needed to wait longer to see growth, because each plant (not unlike our children) grows at its own pace. The sprouts were planted in a small greenhouse. The boys kept regular logs, like the good scientists that they are, recording all of their observations.

Once the sprouts had become too large for their small greenhouse, the boys “got their hands dirty” transferring the plants to pots with soil. They learned about *adaptation*. One boy described the Cheder's adaptation this school year. The next step will involve experimenting with

different environments that provide varied amounts of nutrients; air, sunlight, and water to determine which provides optimal conditions for the plants.

Mrs. Goldberg has been guiding our “scientists” through their varied experiments. She recognizes the tremendous value of hands on experiential learning. This project promoted a multisensory child centered approach to studying science. Mrs. Goldberg encouraged the students to ask questions and discuss their individual results at every stage. The boys collaborated and assisted each other throughout their research.

Quotable Quotes

A Nursery child to her mother when getting out of the car: **“Can you turn off the air conditioning? It's too cold [outside].”**

As one of the Nursery children was moving his chair across the classroom while Mrs. Isaacs was standing there. “Oh, Sorry, am I in your way?” **“No, but that (pointing to where she was standing) is the Men's Section!”**

Has the Cheder Become a Medical School?

Had you been visiting Clifton Cheder you might have mistaken our school for a Medical School!

Not one, but two doctors came to visit our students, to teach them the important lessons and help learning come alive.

Maimonides Medical Center Cardiologist, Dr. Chaim Moeller, visited our 4th and 5th grades to help the boys understand what we are thanking 'n for each day we are alive. Using hands-on props, illustrations and even a model heart, Dr. Moeller enabled the boys to experience

many of the **מִצְוֹת** going on inside our bodies. Special thanks to this busy doctor for making time for our talmidim and to Rabbi Elchanan Erlanger for arranging this special learning experience.

In the Pre1A Girls class another "medical professional" made a site visit, Dr. Patach. Morah Batsheva looked so real in her costume, that we almost thought she was a professional doctor! Dr. Patach taught us how to say "ahhhh," as "he" placed the tongue depressors in our mouths. We were very sad to see the doctor go back to his

work. Before leaving us, he rewarded us with doctor prizes for being such good patients! We will always remember Dr. Patach, and of course the sound he makes! We were glad to each create our own Dr. Patach projects for our Sefer Alef Bais. Some of us even dressed up as Dr. Patach too and "examined" the Aleph-Bais letters—listening to the sounds they can create.

No one ever said learning cannot be fun!



Chinuch Corner

*By Rabbi Menachem Wieder-
man, Pre1A Rebbe/teacher*

You are sitting in a lecture hall full of people listening to one of your favorite speakers. All of a sudden, there is a loud scream, "Help, help! Call 911! Someone collapsed!"

Apparently someone has had a heart attack. Some people quickly begin CPR right before your eyes. This makes you very jealous and you start to yell "It's not fair! I want CPR on me too! How come only he gets it!"

I think I know what your thinking, how absurd! Yet, perhaps at times we fall prey to this very idea with our own children.

Imagine that you are in a store

and you buy one child a treat for thinking of a great solution and another one of your children says, "It's not fair, I want something too!" Here's your chance! How will you respond? By "giving in" and giving the second child what he/she asked for because he felt it wasn't fair, we are in essence teaching our children to be jealous and not be happy with what they have. They will constantly look toward others and expect to get the same, because otherwise it is not fair.

However, if we teach them that he got what he got and you are someone else and deserve different things, it will begin to teach them that they don't al-

ways need what someone else has. I am I, who deserves what I need and not what my friend or sibling has.

In the short term it is much easier to give each child what the other has. One child has a bag of chips and the other complains and we can say "OK, here you go," and conversation over. Instead, invest the time and energy to begin explaining this new idea. It probably won't be met with too many smiles! The correct way is more difficult, yet ultimately it will become easier because your children will begin to understand this concept and the issue will arise less and less b'ezras Hashem.

Wishing you much hatzlacha!

Parsha Comes Alive in Nursery



During the week of Parshas Chaye Sarah our Nursery learned about kind Rivkah. We read a beautiful story about how Eliezer watched Rivkah at the Be'er (well). In our special book about Rivkah we learned that she helped a young boy to bandage his foot, helped an old woman find her way home and stood up to give her seat to an old man. Though she was only three, just like the nursery children, she lifted and poured water for Eliezer and his ten VERY thirsty camels. He knew she was the one for Yitzchak to marry! We visited our very own Be'er this week in school. This way the children could experience lifting the water. Each of the nursery children had a chance to pull the heavy bucket of water up

and down in our Be'er. We thought the bucket of mayim in our Be'er was very heavy and all of the pouring was very hard work. It made us very tired!

We loved trying to act like Rivkah as well. We wore jewelry just like Rivkah and practiced helping our friends in the class just like kind Rivkah. We talked about speaking using kind words. Yosef Henoah and Avi helped Yossi open his milk. Tzvi threw out Ben's straw. Gavriel and Leora both helped carry the water pitcher. Yaeli and Dina took turns sharing the doll. Dovid, Shmuel Yitzchak and Meira cleaned up the toy food. Wow we have so many mitzvah children in Nursery!

Seeking a Sponsor

Wouldn't you love the chance to have 73 cute Cheder Preschool children בלע"ה spend their playtime on the equipment that you dedicate? Should you be interested in donating money to be earmarked for this goal, please email Rabbi Lazar at rabbizglazar@gmail.com and/or Mrs. Isaacs at morahri-kah613@gmail.com with your generous offer.



Should you have any relatives that you think would enjoy receiving a copy of our B'Chadrei Chadorim, please provide us with their email addresses and we will add them to our growing list.

A Day To Remember (continued from page 1)

Harav Eliezer Lief, שליט"א, Rosh HaYeshiva of Yeshiva Gedola of South Monsey, made the special trip to address the תלמידים and present the boys with their חומשים. Rav Lief, a well known תלמיד חכם and a close student of the Torah giant Rav Eliezer Shach זצ"ל, helped the boys realize how very special receiving a חומש is. He even made a point to present the חומשים of two boys who were absent via the hookup. Rabbi Lief's love for the boys and the תורה was palpable.

After receiving their prized חומשים, Rabbi Lazar, our dean, addressed the parents and grandparents.

He explained that our children ב"ה have the great fortune to be educated by a very special Rebbe and live in a very kind country. Nevertheless, the תלמידים will be faced with life challenges the likes that כלל ישראל has never seen. Parents and grandparents hope and

dream that these young תלמידים will cherish their חומשים and Torah learning throughout their lives.

To see this dream fulfilled required תפילה. The גמרא instructs that if one has a dream—ואינו יודע—and one does not know the meaning of that dream, they should daven when the כהנים come up to bless the people.

With that, Rabbi Lazar introduced Clifton Cheder's CIT's—Cohanim in Training—Pinny and Meir Kagan. The brothers touchingly performed ברכת כהנים for our honored 1st graders while teary-eyed fathers and mothers, Bubbys and Zaydes captured the moments to daven for their children and grandchildren. Please ה', allow them to be ראים and שלמים who will love You and Your תורה.

From the spirited dancing and the beautiful compliments received from those in attendance, not to mention the seemingly limitless amount of pictures taken, we are confident that this

day will not be quickly forgotten.

Special thanks are due to the many staff and volunteers who made the program possible: Rabbi Yitzie Kagan for the technical arrangements and numerous trips and pickups, Mrs. Kaplan for creating and editing the beautiful programs, Mr. Moshe Magder and Mr. Mark Shapiro for photography, Mr. and Mrs. Yitzzy Mittel for the beautiful cake and cookies, Mrs. Boaz Nagar for videography, Mrs. Lisa Strimber for the delicious pekelach, Mrs. Tova Wellikoff for setup/co-ordination with Adas Israel Shul, and the Cheder N'shei for their event sponsorship. But most of all, thank you to the 1st grade parents who have entrusted us with their most prized possessions - their pure kinderlach.

May our cheder continue to earn their trust.







KidStuff Coupon Campaign

By now all families should have received one KidStuff coupon book, sent home with your youngest child. **Our coupon campaign will be running until Monday, November 18th.**

The valuable, family-friendly KidStuff Coupon Books are only sold through schools and our school earns 50% or more profit on each book we sell! Use just a few coupons and save more than the \$25 cost of the book. Remember to keep the book in

your car. You will enjoy fabulous savings from ACME, Annie Sez, Children's Place, BuyBuy Baby, H&M, Crayola Experience, Fun-Time Junction, Hershy Park, Liberty Science Center, and more.

Please send your \$25 payment issued to Clifton Cheder with your child to his Morah/Rebbe (Early Childhood) or General Studies Teacher (Elementary). Should you want additional books don't forget to send back the order form you received with

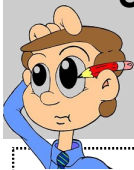
the number of books requested. Don't forget, family and friends will love saving with KidStuff. The books are great for gifts too! **Your family earns one FREE book worth \$25.00 for every 5 books you sell!** If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Goldfarb.

Should you not want to partake in this school fundraiser, please return the book to the school via your child's teacher.

Sheilas Hashavua



Q: There are 3 words in Chumash - one contains 4 Kamatzes in a row, one contains 4 Segols in a row and one contains 4 Patachs in a row. What are these 3 words?



Reminder:

On Sunday, bring in your completed form and place it in the special **Sheilas Hashavua** box located in Rabbi Lazar's office.

All correct entries will be entered into a **raffle to take place א"ח next week**. Additionally, all correct entries will be entered into a **twice yearly grand raffle**.

Last issue's question and answer:

Q: I dreamt that I met משה רבינו and he wished me a יישר כחך.

Who am I and what was he thanking me for?

A: The רבינו דוד הנגיד quotes ספר שם הגדולים in חיד"א, a grandson of the רמב"ם, who said that the רמב"ם remained in seclusion for 10 years while he completed the ספר יד החזקה. On the night that he finished, רבינו מיימון (the רמב"ם's father) appeared to the רמב"ם in a dream, along with משה רבינו. משה רבינו said, "I have come to see what you've done." After looking over the ספר, he wished him a יישר כחך!

Sheilas Hashavua

Name: _____

Rebbe: _____ Grade: _____

Answer: _____

Assistance given by:

Reminder! You may receive assistance from anyone who is not a student or a staff member at the Cheder!

Chidon Chanukah

Chodesh Tov...Chodesh **Kislev!** The preschool had a Chidon this month as part of our Rosh Chodesh Assembly! "What is a chidon?" you might ask... The children needed to find answers based on rhyming clues about the up and coming Yom Tov, which is in the month of Kislev. You guessed it... **Chanukah!**

When the children walked into the all purpose room there were many Chanukah gift bags and as they answered the questions – 8 rhyming questions for 8 nights of Chanukah – they looked inside the bags and saw if the answers

were right. The children remembered so much about the Yom Tov: who were the Maccabim, using olive oil in the menorah,

course! – in their work sessions. We also had a special Rosh Chodesh Kislev treat: cookies that were in the shape of a

dreidel and menorahs! Thank you to the Mittels for donating them to add to our Rosh Chodesh Assembly; the children and the teachers appreciated them so



even who lit the menorah in the Bais Hamikdash.

After answering correctly, the children received new Chanukah puzzles and games for their classrooms, to be used – of

much!

The preschool is already planning for our Chanukah Chagiga and we cannot wait to see everyone there!!!



Mazel Tov To..



- Mr. and Mrs. Jay Cantor on the upsherin of their son, Avi which took place in our Pre1A Boys Class. Thank you to Rabbis Wiederman and Fried and the talmidim for making it such a beautiful occasion.

- Mrs. Sara Adler (Pre-Care Teacher) upon the engagement of her daughter to Leiby Jaffe (Detroit)!

- Mr. and Mrs. Moshe Krupnick on the birth of a baby girl!

Thank You To..

- the Baruch family for donating a set of Lego to the Pre1A Boy's Class in honor of Simcha's 6th birthday.



A Warm Welcome

Welcome to our newest student who has recently joined our Cheder: Maya Levitas (Toddler)



Keep 'Em Coming..

Our box top campaign is going strong, earning money for our תלמידים. We will be sending in our collection for the first part of the year right after חנוכה. Please fill up the attached sheet and return to the office, and pick out a prize.