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ד' ניסן תשע"ו

April 15, 2016

הדלקת נרות: 7:18 p.m.

Rabbi Yonah G. Lazar, Dean

Mrs. Rivkah Isaacs, Early Childhood Director

Mrs. Odelia Schlisser, General Studies Principal

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The Cheder wishes you a חג כשר ושמח!



Our fourth grade talmidim enjoying the מצות they received when visiting the Satmar Matza Bakery in Brooklyn.

The boys took this special trip together with their Rebbe, Rabbi Erlanger, in conjunction with learning about מצה and יציאת מצרים.

(additional pictures on page 9)

CALENDAR

**Tuesday
April 19th**

Pesach Break Begins
Early Childhood - no sessions
Elementary - 12:30 dismissal

**Monday
May 2nd**

Sessions Resume

**Sunday
May 8th**

Father & Son Breakfast
Grades 7 & 8

**Monday
May 9th**

Rosh Chodesh Assemblies
Early Childhood & Elementary

**Monday - Friday
May 9th - 13th**

General Studies
Achievement Tests
Grades 2-8

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Community Builders



Mrs. Yadlovker's third grade has been studying and analyzing different types of communities. The students learned about rural, urban and suburban communities. They discovered the different attributes of each one, what they have in common, and how they are interrelated. The students were split into groups, and each one created a model that displayed the various aspects and features of the community that they researched. Each group also wrote an explanation of their display that included the defining elements of the type of community they were depicting, and how their model fits that definition.

The farm was built by Binyomin



lived and cared for their animals and crops. The model included a working well with actual water, tomato, potato, and corn crops,

and even a bird that landed on the barn house roof.

The suburban neighborhood was built by Moshe Shmuel Bogachkov, Natan Tzvi Kirsch, Yehuda Mathias, Moshe Weinstock, and Yair Wolf. Each family home was set on its own property with a drive-

Gonsher, Yosef Mittel, Aaron Shapiro, Shimmy Wellikoff, and Chaim White. It showed how the people

way for the family cars. Many of the homes had porches and staircases and the neighborhood was complete with electrical poles and wires.

The city builders were Shaiky Bergstein, Aharon Feinsod, Avraham Rothenberg, Eli Schwartz, Yehuda Leib Stern, and Zevi Strimber. Their city had many tall buildings and skyscrapers, and streets that were filled with traffic and congestion. There was even an unfortunate accident with a victim being whisked away in an



ambulance and road blocks set around the site of the scene.

We thank Mrs. Yadlovker for encouraging our budding community builders and for teaching them so much through this project based learning.

FYI - The little back images you can see all over the walls of their classroom represent the many books and write-ups that the third grade students have completed this year!

8th Graders Visit A Tzaddik



By: Rabbi Motti Koval, 8th grade Rebbe

After much anticipation and excitement the day finally arrived, our personal and private meeting with the Skverer Rebbe שליט"א.

First, our class, graced with the added honor of Mr. Allen whom himself has close ties with the Skver court, was permitted inside the Rebbe's office to watch him put תפילין on my nephew who was becoming בר מצוה.

Before spending private time with the Rebbe, as חז"ל say, "אם אין קמח" "אין תורה", we zoomed over to Eli's Bagels, one of Monsey's finer eateries, for a deluxe breakfast! After nurturing our bodies we were ready to nurture our souls.

As we waited for our appointment, we toured the building taking in the sights of all the different parts including their massive coffee room and small store that sells anything that anyone would ever want or need. All the while we schmoozed with the local חסידים who went out of their way to make us feel comfortable and

welcome.

When we were finally ushered in, it was such an experience. It really lived up to our super high expectations. We all came in to the Rebbe's office, this time joined by our very own in-house chassid, our מנהל שליט"א.

The Rebbe greeted us very warmly and was very excited to see Rabbi Lazar. He spoke to us for more than 10 minutes in Yiddish, with Rabbi Lazar translating a few of the Rebbe's thoughts. The Rebbe spoke about the importance of שמירת עינים and the great need to review our learning, amongst other דברי תורה וחיזוק.

After that, the Rebbe told us in English how the purpose of our existence in this world is to overcome our יצרי הרע and the harder the fight, the bigger the reward! He gave us all a ברכה that we should be זוכה to pass our test without too much difficulty.

The Rebbe shared with the מנהל how his connection to my family not only includes my father and shver, but that my great-grandfather, Rav Kovalenko זצ"ל was very close to the previous Skverer Rebbe בעל זצ"ל and was the הושענא רבה שחרית

The Rebbe שליט"א was thrilled to hear about the growth of our Cheder, and even quipped "הבן" "עם הבת" when hearing about the launching of our Bais Yaakov Elementary Program. The Rebbe made a generous contribution to our Cheder, telling Rabbi Lazar that he should use the money for the flourishing מוסד.

It was a real זכות for us to get a chance to spend time with one of the biggest Chassidishe Rebbes of our generation.

We all left Skver on a real high and with such positive feelings of the chassidus that who knows, maybe one day...



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Early Childhood Children Reenact יציאת מצרים



Some of the Pesach Preparations in Morah Ruthie's Nursery Class

In Early Childhood so much energy is invested to teach our children the lessons of יום טוב in a child friendly and age appropriate way. Below are some quotes from two of Morah Ruthie's weekly newsletters describing some of the pre-Pesach learning. We thought you would enjoy learning about how our four year olds get ready for פסח.

We started our Hagadah this week! The children decorated their Hagadah cover, Kadesh, Yachatz, and Nirtzah pages. They were painting, gluing, and cutting. They especially enjoyed cutting the matzah for the Yachatz page. They cut the circle shape and the zig zag line Morah drew so that they could make "broken" matzah for the Yachatz page. This involved following curved lines and diagonal lines that switched directions in order to cut the matzah out. They understood that this was harder than any cutting we have done up until now. We have slowly built strength and learned the skills to be able to do this ourselves!

We are learning about different types of frogs. We didn't know they came in so many colors! Morah made a sorting work where the children are sorting frogs into seven color categories. We also have a matching worksheet where the children draw lines from one frog to its match on the other side of the paper. Drawing straight and diagonal

lines is an excellent fine motor and hand strengthening activity. We also read a book about frogs that came in many colors and sizes.

Pesach is coming! This week we finished several pages in our Pesach Hagadah! We completed karpas, yachatz and the cover page. We used dot paint to decorate our seder plate this week. We used bubble paper covered with brown paint to make a mat-



zah print on our afikomen bag. We finished our bedikas chametz kit and we acted out cleaning up the classroom! We spoke about foods that are chametz and foods that are kosher for Pesach. We played a seder plate game where we hid one of the seder plate items and the children had to guess which was missing. We also played a matching game with the seder plate foods and even tasted a few.

We read several stories about Pesach. Our favorites were *The Mouse in the Matzah Factory* and *The Matzah That Papa Brought Home*.

We introduced several new work trays related to Pesach. We have a matching frogs activity. We also have a "find the afikomen" maze that the children are enjoying. We have a tray with items

that we will see on the seder table.

This week we were very excited since we had stickers to decorate our seder plate! The children enjoyed learning where each sticker should go on the seder plate! We looked at the bulletin board and tried to match our stickers to the picture of the seder plate on the bulletin board.

There are so many different foods we see on the seder table! We talked about the different types of tastes we experience with our tongue. We remembered about sweet, salty, bitter, and sour foods. The class was able to tell us what foods they knew about at the seder. They answered that there were sweet foods like charoses and the grape juice, salty water to dip our karpas in, and bitter maror.

We hear the matzah crunch, we touch the seder plate, we smell all the good food cooking, and we see all of the ways this night is so different than every other night! Everyone will surely experience Pesach with all of their five senses!

We stood up tall and proud and sang the Ma Nishtana nice and loud. (We might need a little help at the seder.) "L'shana haba'ah b'Yerushalayim" was another favorite to dance to this week. We can't wait for Pesach to come already!!!

Teaching the 7 Habits to Our Talmidim

Every month, our devoted Limudei Kodesh staff review the 7 Habits workshop topics delivered last school year by Rabbi Lazar. These professional development opportunities this year not only have been taken to the next level, they have been presented by the Rebbeim themselves.

In our two most recent In-Service sessions, Rabbi Salzman presented on Synergy and Rabbi Silbermintz on Sharpen the Saw.

Rabbi Salzman suggested that synergy be achieved in three important relationships: amongst talmidim, together with parents and between Rebbe and talmid.

Synergy was defined as the cooperation of two or more organizations or agents to produce a combined effort greater than the sum of their separate parts.

After citing numerous examples of synergy in Hashem's amazing world, Rabbi Salzman described the benefits of students learning together **בחברותא**, together creating an **עלי'** in learning that each one could not produce

alone.

Synergizing with parents of our students assists talmidim with the understanding that everyone is "on the same page," and wants only to see them succeed.

The ultimate synergy is achieved when the Rebbe and student's goals are one and the same. Together they can climb to help the talmid reach the highest

Covey recommends having a balanced program for self renewal in the four areas of one's life: physical (eating right, exercising, resting, etc.), emotional (making social and meaningful connections with others), mental (learning, reading, teaching, etc.), and spiritual (spending time in nature, listening to music, prayer, etc. - surely a very major part

of a frum person's life). Rabbi Silbermintz pointed out how Habit 7 of rejuvenation is so much in sync with our concept of **שבת** and **שמיטה**.

After reviewing the above, Rabbi Silbermintz highlighted the importance of

שמחת החיים, a trait he learned from his grandfather, Rabbi Josh Silbermintz ז"ל, a leader and mentor to so many.

Rabbi Silbermintz explained that with **שמחה** so much more can be accomplished. The **מידה** powers all the rest of the work that we do in our daily lives.

We look forward to our talmidim growing from the inspiration our Rebbeim are providing for one another.

7 HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE PEOPLE



heights.

Habit 7, Sharpen the Saw, is the final Habit of Stephen Covey's famous 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. This idea focuses on the need for every individual to take time out of his/her day to preserve the greatest assets you have - YOU! While it may take hours or days to saw a tree using a dull blade, any time you invest to sharpen your saw will ultimately save you time in the bigger picture.

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The over \$9,000 raised this year was done so as a special זכות for the נשמה of Rebbitzen Chasya Erlanger ע"ה, daughter of the famed Mashgiach Harav

These were just some of the comments heard by the Hanhala upon the completion of our 5776 Matanos L'Evyonim and Ma'os Chitim Campaign. All of the monies were forwarded to ארץ הקדוש, the first installment distributed on פורים day and the balance before הפסח.

Last year, with great סייעתא דשמיא our boys raised over \$3,000 to assist Israeli families in need. This year, Rabbi Lazar challenged the תלמידים to see if they could raise \$5,000. While some doubted the big jump, under our Extracurricular Captain, Rabbi Nosson Silbermintz שליט"א, not only did we raise \$5,000, we reached \$6,000, then \$7,000, then \$8,000 closing out at

meticulously researches which families are in true need. They provide wine, מצות, food, clothing and shoes לכבוד יו"ט. With extreme sensitivity often times monies are distributed as מתן בדרך so the recipients do not know from where or whom it came.

To provide incentives for our super collectors, Od Yosef Chai provided multi leveled prize sheets of ספרים and toys for the boys to choose from, based on the amount of money they collected.

As we go to print we are anticipating the Grand Raffle, being held for our cam-

pan Shlomo Wolbe זצ"ל and יבדל לחיים mother of our beloved fourth grade Rebbe, Rabbi Elchanan Erlanger שליט"א.

May the thousands of זכותים earned serve as an עלי' for her הייליגע נשמה.





Mazel Tov To..

- Mr. and Mrs. Avraham Baruchov on the Bar Mitzvah of Alter Chaim Tzvi.
- Mr. Menachem and Morah Chana Bazian on the birth of a granddaughter.
- Mr. and Mrs. Louis and Dorothy Karp on the birth of a grandson.
- Mr. Bentzi and Morah Nechama Rosenberg on the birth of a baby girl.
- Mr. Yaakov and Morah Sarah Rosenthal on their recent honor at BTU's 30th Anniversary Dinner.
- Mr. Yitzchak and Morah Ruthie Weiss on the birth of a granddaughter.
- Rebbeim and talmidim on being מועד סדר מסיים משניות ע"ה ל' Nishmas Rebbitzen Chasya Erlanger ע"ה.

Ever Wonder...?

One wise 4th grader made an intriguing and thoughtful observation.

"Isn't it interesting that when we are little we are encouraged to walk and sit up, as well as to talk. Yet, once we are older and are in school, we are told to stay in one place and sit quietly."

Something to think about!



פרנס היום

- Rabbi and Mrs. Elchanan Erlanger: כ"ח אדר ב' - April 7th in memory of האשה חסיה בת הרב שלמה ע"ה.

Condolences To..

Rabbi Gidon Lane upon the פטירה of his father Mr. Earl Lane ע"ה.

Emunah at its Best

Our 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade had the זכות to host the world renowned speaker, Rabbi Dovid Sapirman שליט"א. Rabbi Sapirman is from Toronto and is the founder of the Ani Ma'amin Foundation. He travels the world giving classes on אמונה.

The boys absolutely loved his השקפה lesson. Although he was scheduled to speak for one hour, from 12:30 - 1:30, the boys were so enthralled by his speech that they asked him to continue until מנחה at 1:50 p.m. At Mincha time they asked to push off Mincha until 2:30! Finally, after Mincha, the 8th grade, who simply could not get enough, had their own Q&A session until Rabbi Sapirman had to leave to the airport. It was what חז"ל say: "Drunk, but not from wine."

On Ta'anis Esther we had an additional 45 minute follow up Q&A via skype for questions that boys asked but Rabbi Sapirman didn't have time to answer. It was a true קידוש ה' watching our boys sit in their seats for hours simply drinking up our מסורה and crystalizing our אמונה פשוטה about ה', His Torah, and our job as עובדי ה' in this world.

Special thanks to Rabbi Koval for both arranging the many details of this חשובע visit and co-sponsoring the costs.





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Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Shabbos	
1	כג	2	כד	3	כה	4	כו	5	כז	6	כח	7	כט
אסרו חג No Sessions										7:40 p.m.		פרשת אחרי מות שבת מברכים	
8	ל	9	א	10	ב	11	ג	12	ד	13	ה	14	ו
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22	יז	23	טו	24	טז	25	יז	26	יח	27	יט	28	כ
פסח שני 						Elementary: Writer's Cafe		ל"ג בעומר  Lag B'Omer Events		8:00 p.m.		פרשת בהר	
29	כא	30	כב	31	כג								
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The following is the exact record of hours I learned Torah each day during my פסח vacation.

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Friday April 22nd _____
Shabbos April 23rd _____
Sunday April 24th _____
Monday April 25th _____
Tuesday April 26th _____
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Pesach Petals - A Jewish Mother's Reflections

By: Mrs. Odelia Schlisser, General Studies Principal

The sun is bright, with a crisp nip in the air. I pull my light jacket closed as I breathe in the fresh scent of spring. The frost has melted. The trees are beginning to bloom with bright delicate flora, and if you look carefully you may see a mother duck waddling with her troop of fuzzy ducklings behind her. The seasons are shifting, and so are the expectations of this time.

My step quickens. There is so much to accomplish. There are the Pesach grocery runs for foods eaten once a year, the Yom Tov shopping and new spring styles, and the cleaning and preparations that remains at home. I leave the household cleansers smell behind as I rush toward the stores to acquire the many items on the list for making this holiday complete.

It is Chodesh Nisan, and there are many young faces that have returned to the neighborhood from seminary/ yeshiva, or are visiting parents with their spouses and children for the Chag. There is a sense of renewal of these relationships, of catching up with community members after the

winter hibernation; the anticipation that is inherit in the essence of this month.

The Jewish calendar is cyclical. The role of the Jewish women in our nation's birth and exodus from Egypt is just as relevant and



applicable today. In the home our obligation is to rid our families of chametz, and prepare a feast fit for kings for the Seder Night. The metaphorical chametz, or souring, is off times the sensitive responsibility of the women to rid her home of. It is our Halachic

duty to eradicate the chometz, as well as our relational and spiritual endeavor. The cleansing is healing.

At this time, we take stock of so many aspects of our lives. Educators map out remaining lessons, and make determinations for their future. Parents review their children's Hagados as a reflection of their children's learning. Families come together and are reconnected, exercising the muscles of navigating the in law, and adult child relationships. It is a season for growth, and it is upon us regardless of our feelings of readiness.

Our Forefathers were not completely ready either. They left with Matza that had not had time to rise. Redemption does not wait for us to feel prepared. When it is here we are ready. Despite all the housewives worries, when her family is seated like royalty around the table, all is ready. Similarly, when our individual yeshuos present themselves, we need only accept.

May this season of rejuvenation and rebirth bring with it much bracha and hatzlacha, and may we merit the final redemption speedily in our days.