

ראש השנה שנת תשע"ח הבעל"ט



# B'CHADREI CHADORIM

Your inside view in and around  
Clifton Cheder and Bais Yaakov of Clifton

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## Welcome Back!

Dearest Parents, Staff and Friends שיחיו,

מזל טוב and welcome to a new year at Clifton Cheder & Bais Yaakov of Clifton. May תשע"ח be filled with ברכה and הצלחה.

We are pleased and proud to begin our 5th consecutive year of our B'Chadrei Chadorim newsletter.

Our B'Chadrei Chadorim newsletter, or what we like to refer to as BCC, are sent *in addition* to the class newsletters sent home weekly by the classroom Rebbeim, Moros & teachers.

This schoolwide publication allows all of our Cheder families to learn what is happening throughout our classes. It truly is your inside view in and around the Cheder and Bais Yaakov.

We hope that you enjoy reading it at least as much as we enjoy creating it.

We know that the last two weeks have been very trying for so many people around the country and around the world. Together let's be מתפלל that the troubles are behind us - תכלה שנה וקלתייה and in its place, תחל שנה וברכותיה, the coming year should be filled with more ברכות, including much Torah nachas from our children.

בברכת כתיבה וחתימה טובה,

Rabbi Yonah G. Lazar

Dean



### CALENDAR

Wed – Fri, September 20-22  
*Rosh Hashana Break*  
no sessions

Sunday, September 24  
*Tzom Gedalia*  
Grades 7 – 8  
7:45 Minyan

Mon – Thurs, September 25-28  
*Selichos*  
Grades 7 – 8  
7:30 Minyan

Friday, September 29  
*Erev Yom Kippur*  
no sessions

Sunday, October 1  
*Post Yom Kippur*  
no Minyan, 10:00 opening

Wed – Sun, October 4-15  
*Sukkos Break*  
no sessions

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## Welcome to our Newest Cheder Families:

Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Bloom

Mr. & Mrs. Binyomin Brager

Mr. & Mrs. Shimshy Bucholz

Mr. & Mrs. Reuven Cohen

Rabbi & Mrs. Eliyahu Dworetzky

Mr. & Mrs. Avrohom Gallis

Mr. & Mrs. Joshua Goldman

Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Gudema

Mr. & Mrs. Shmuli Helmreich

Mr. & Mrs. Mendel Hoffer

Rabbi & Mrs. Ahron Levi

Mr. & Mrs. Yakov Okshtein

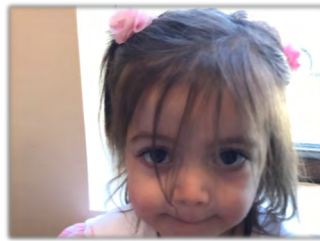
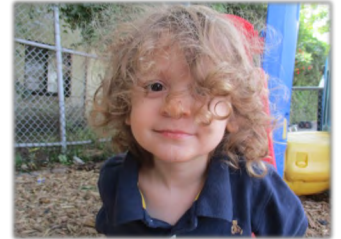
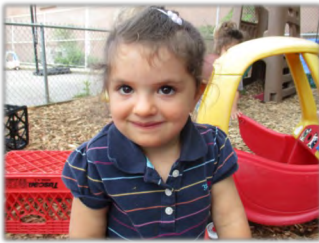
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Mrs. Rachel Shillingford

Rabbi & Mrs. Zevi Wolbe

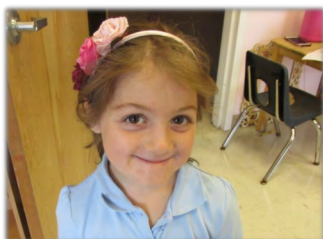


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## פרנסי היום

Thank you to the פרנס היום sponsors who dedicated the Cheder's davening & learning:

- Mr. and Mrs. Allen Levit: ט"ו - ט"ז אלול, September 6th - 7th, לזכר נשמת סשה מינקה, בת מרדכי ע"ה, aunt of Mrs. Levit, upon her first Yahrzeit.

- Clifton Cheder: כ"ח אלול, September 19, לזכות רפואה שלמה למלכה לאה בת חנה ביילא, Mrs. Michelle Klotzkin, a Cheder Parent undergoing back surgery.



# חדר CHEDER

# BAIS YAAKOV of CLIFTON

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WELCOMING OUR  
תלמידים ותלמידות  
TO ANOTHER YEAR  
OF שמחת התורה!

## GRADES FOR תשע"ח/2017-18

### Early Childhood

Toddler - Kindergarten

### Elementary Boys

Pre1A - Grade 8

### Elementary Girls

Pre1A - Grade 1

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Rabbi Yonah G. Lazar, Dean





# Please Tell Me About Your Class

## Feedback From Our Lower Elementary Students



Pre1A Boys:  
Dovid Buchholtz

Well, we have 18 boys and also before I was on shulchan א but now I am on shulchan ג.

Well, we have a new rug. I like my class because now I am big. First I was a little baby and now I'm a big boy! Well, we have a rebbi and he wrote a schedule on a new board, well, first you come in with a shmeichel, then we sit in the circle, then we have snack time, then we do other things. Our rebbis are funny. Well, I like Pre1A.

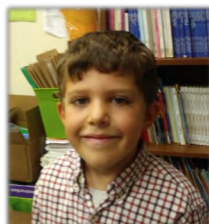


Pre1A Girls: Chana Rochel Klug

In Pre1A I read and I do puzzles. We listen to CD's with the big headphones. We do

homework and I like it. We play with the kitchen set and we sing songs. I love reading; we read after were done snack always. We do the art inside the classroom. We have books and each day we color on a different page. Outside I like to play in the big swing. The morahs give us chocolate chips if we be good. The morahs are nice because

they always give us when we are sitting nicely. I can't think of anything else to say.



1B: Akiva Kister

I like my class because it's fun. I don't know why it's fun. We do math and sur-

prise stuff at morah time. Like when morah brings in a popcorn machine or something. She once brought in a popcorn machine. Rebbe time we usually do story and snack and recess. I like my teachers because they are fun. First grade is good.



1G: Naomi Goldman

I like first grade. I like the class and doing stuff. I like playing games and doing pro-

jects. We made stuff for Rosh Hashana and Sukkos. It's a surprise what we made – I can't tell. In English we did math and I like math because it helps you learn. My teachers are nice they help me learn and make me laugh. I'm happy I am here.

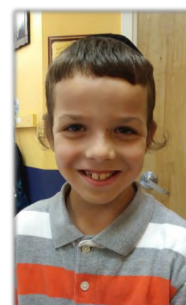


2 B : Yosef Henoeh Zidell

I like Mrs. Goldberg because she makes learning very fun and because I like her personality. I

like how she does everything.

And I like that if you only do 100 minutes of reading you get a homework pass. And also because I have to do more math. And the math is peaaaaaaasy! And all the reading is also peaaaaaaasy! And because I like that she is not too strict and not too lenient. I love second grade and I hope to skip third grade.



3B: Yehuda Levine

I like third grade because I don't get a lot of homework. I play soccer. I like my teachers. Rabbi

Reischer is really nice; he helps us learn. Miss Gold teaches us new stuff in a fun way. We are working on a time capsule – its something you bury for a long time. We read a story and now we are making one. My teachers make me feel happy. Third grade is good.



4B: Ronen Vinnik

I like 4<sup>th</sup> grade. The class is good. The teachers are very good too. They spread out the good parts of the

day. My favorite subjects are science and reading and we do that. I'm looking forward to having a good time. It's good having a summer break but it's also good starting something new. I'm feeling positive about this year.



## Elementary Nachas



Pre1A Boys excited to start their Kriah Journey



Pink cotton candy strands - just like to **תולעת שני** threads we are learning with Rabbi Selengut in **חומש**!



**מזל טוב** to our 4th grade on their official start of learning 'ה's word through His **נביאים**!





**RE-CYCLED NESHAMOS?**

*Master the mystery.*

Cheder FATHERS,  
Please join our DEAN in a series  
of PRE-YOM KIPPUR CLASSES

# FILLET OF SOUL

*Mining the Depths of Sefer Yonah*

בהוצאת חתנינו ורחמינו טובים,

*Rabbi Yonah G. Lazar*

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## Early Childhood Prepares for Rosh Hashanah

Rosh Hashana is here, it's coming up fast,  
Each day we learn more and hear the shofar blast!  
Apple prints, apple tasting and more,  
Our children are engaging and happy to explore!  
The excitement in our Early Childhood classes is great,  
And our busy little artists love to create!  
Rabbi Lazar came to our classrooms with his shofars in hand,  
We loved listening to the kolos, and its meaning we understand.  
Round challos were prepared as we put something sweet inside,  
All of our accomplishments fill us with such great pride!  
Enjoy your kinderlach and your Yom Tov too,  
May Hashem bestow his blessings upon us, the way only He can do!  
Shana Tova U'mesuka!





## Rav Bender: Have We Gone Mad?

The following article written last Elul by renowned מחנך, Harav Yaakov Bender שליט"א, Rosh Hayeshiva of Yeshiva Darchei Torah, is worthy of reading and taking to heart. While quick communication surely has its benefits, in most cases a call instead to a Rebbe, Morah or teacher will offer clearer information and help you avert the serious pitfalls of לשון הרע, מוציא שם רע, etc. Often, it can also provide and added חיזוק in דן לכף זכות too.

- Rabbi Lazar



Baruch Hashem, it has been a wonderful first two weeks here at

the yeshiva. From Nursery through Kollel, and every level in between, the talmidim are learning and growing – and most of all, they are visibly happy. Based on the overwhelming feedback that we have received from you, the parents, it is clear that you are happy as well.

So forgive me if I feel the need to offer some constructive criticism, but this issue bothers me a lot, and I feel that we cannot ignore it. Especially not in Elul.

The issue is WhatsApp.

Now, please don't misunderstand me. This message is not about the whole parsha of technology and its myriad of pitfalls in kedusha and menchlichkeit that lurk everywhere, both for ourselves and our children. That is a serious topic that needs further discussion and takonos. Today I am writing specifically about WhatsApp and similar 'social media' platforms.

Baruch Hashem, I think it is safe to say that nearly every one of our 1,324 sets of parents, bli ayin hora, is thrilled with their son's rebbi and teachers. As is expected, there are bound to be a few parents who are unhappy or who have legitimate concerns or issues, and we do our very best to address them.

What WhatsApp and inventions of its ilk have enabled is for one 'unhappy camper' to instantly broadcast and amplify his or her complaint – with the click of a touchscreen – to scores or more of their fellow parents. This is not a uniquely Darchei Torah problem. This is a problem in Klal Yisroel.

How much progress we as a nation have made over the last number of years in awareness of and dikduk in the halachos of Loshon Hora and Rechilus! With the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation at the forefront, it is finally acceptable to politely interrupt another person with, "I'm sorry, but I think that's Loshon Hora. Let's change the subject." Mi Kiamcha Yisroel! How many men, women and even children around the world learn two halachos a day, according to the calendar set forth by Rav Yehu-

da Zev Segal zt"l, the Manchester Rosh Yeshiva!

But the Yetzer Hora/Soton is very smart. He's definitely smarter than us. So smart, that he invented the smartphone (pun intended) — and an estimated 5.7 million apps of all kinds to run on it. Including apps like WhatsApp. So now serious aveiros of bein adam lchaveiro, such as Loshon Hora, Rechilus, Motzi Shem Ra, and others, have become much easier to violate – usually without much forethought. A Yerei Shomayim adult – someone who is meticulous about kashrus, Shabbos and the entire Torah – who would never dare to stand up in front of an auditorium of 90 people and spew rumors, gossip and negativity about another Yid, has no compunction about doing the exact same thing via a digital app! Have we gone mad?

A case in point: I received an email from a parent who was concerned about the configuration of her son's classroom. And then an email from another parent, and then another. No parents had ever previously complained about that room. They love the rebbi and the teacher and the children are thriving. Suddenly, in the space of a few days



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this month, we received about ten complaints. What happened?

The key phrase in the email from the first parent who wrote me is very telling: "and I, along with all of the other parents, was very disturbed." The proverbial bell went off in my head. WhatsApp! One parent had a concern – legitimate or not, that is beside the point – and aired it to a group of fellow parents.

Is this the nicest yeshiva building in America? Possibly. Is there another yeshiva with as beautiful and modern a campus, with expansive ball fields, a gym and

other amenities right on its grounds for miles around? I doubt it. All of the positive attributes of their son's yeshiva were lost as one parent's gripe suddenly became the shared concern of "all of the other parents" in the group.

I have heard from other menaholim around the country who are in agony over this issue. Your hair would stand on end if you heard about some of the virtual "retzicha" of rabbeim and teachers that came about because of parents with loose lips, or, in this case, loose fingers. I use the term "retzicha" purposely, as

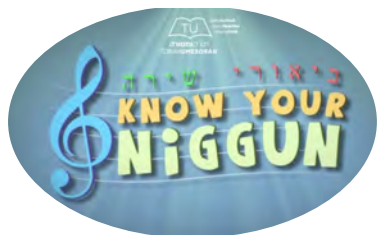
Chazal compare the severity of evil speech to actual murder. Countless lives and careers have been devastated. For what? Because someone needed to vent?

Rabbosai, Yisroel Kedoshim Heim. We have so much to be proud of, in all areas. But it's Elul. It's a time of reckoning, of cheshbon hanefesh. Before we hit 'send,' let us stop and think: is this muttar? Or is this a ticket to Gehenom? I do not wish such a gezeirah on anyone, but let's be careful.

Thank you for listening.

K'siva V'chasima Tova.

## ידעתי - I Know



Our 4th and 5th grades joined together for a meaningful and educational program where they experienced the song "Yodati" in a whole new way!

Our talmidim joined Torah Umesorah's latest initiative, "Know Your Niggun." The talmidim learned the meaning of the words as well as the powerful lesson behind this beautiful song in a multi faceted program, including a stunning new music video, beautiful lyrics (attached) and an engaging worksheet.



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Natan David Kirsch

"יָדַעְתִּי"  
תפילה מרחיבה הוקדשה רב אהרן חור אבן

רבן העולמים. Master of heaven and earth.  
יָדַעְתִּי. I know  
כי הוּא ה' יחיד. I remain your hands alone  
כחומר ביד היצר. Like clay in the hands of the one that fashions it.  
ואם גם אקראמי. And if I would try  
במצות ותחבולות. trying own Plans and ideas  
וכל יושבי תבל יאמרו לי. If all the world would gather to help me  
להושיעני ולתמוך נפשי. To save and support me.  
אבל צדי אצב ואצרותי. Without your strength and help  
אין צללה וישועה. There is no help and salvation

What is the lesson of this song?  
to never think that I don't exist.

Write an example that illustrates the lesson  
the Titanic they said it will never sink but it did not know it.

Draw a picture illustrating your answer to the above:



# YODATI - ידעתי

## 1) LOW

Master of heaven and earth,  
ידעתי I know  
That I am in Your hands Hashem,  
Just Your hands alone  
Like clay in the palms of the one  
Who shapes it with care  
כחומר בחומר ביד ביד היוצר

## 2) MID

And if I would try my own plans and  
ideas  
To change what You have decreed  
And if all the world were to gather  
and help me,  
I know I could never succeed  
For without You Hashem  
There's no hope, there's no force,  
there's no power  
אין עזרה וישועה  
אין עזרה וישועה

## 3) HIGH

Oh..Master of heaven and earth,  
ידעתי I know yes I know  
That I am in Your hands Hashem,  
Just Your hands alone all alone  
For without You Hashem  
There's no hope, there's no force,  
there's no power  
אין עזרה וישועה  
אין עזרה וישועה

## 4) LOW

Master of heaven and earth,  
ידעתי I know

That I am in Your hands Hashem,  
Just Your hands alone all alone  
Like clay in the palms of the one  
Who shapes it with care  
כחומר בחומר ביד ביד היוצר

## 5) MID

ואם גם אתאמץ בעצות ותחבולות ותחבולות  
וכל יושבי תבל יעמדו לימיני  
להושיעני ולתמוך נפשי,  
מבלעדי עזך ועזרתך,  
אין עזרה וישועה  
אין עזרה וישועה

## 6) HIGH

Oh..Master of heaven and earth,  
ידעתי I know yes I know  
That I am in Your hands Hashem,  
Just Your hands alone all alone  
כי הנני בידך לבד  
כחומר בחומר ביד ביד היוצר

## 7) HIGH

And if I would try my own plans and  
ideas  
To change what You have decreed  
And if all the world were to gather  
and help me,  
I know I could never succeed  
For without You Hashem  
מבלעדי עזך ועזרתך,  
אין עזרה וישועה  
אין עזרה וישועה  
For without You Hashem,  
There's no hope, there's no force,  
there's no power  
אין עוד מלבדו



## It's All About Communication



notes and nachas phone calls, you will get a sneak peek into your child's day.

Remember this line?

Little kids, little problems...big kids, big problems!

Guess what? The old adage is not necessarily true. Their problems aren't necessarily little and we need to be in tune with them. When your child shares something that concerns you, what can you do?

Help us help your child develop independence in many areas. It may be easier to solve their problems for them – but meaningful chinuch lies in teaching our kinderlach how to go through the steps of problem resolution, enabling them to begin handling problems on their own (at their level of development of course).

Remember – your reactions and attitude directly influence how your child feels about school. So always try to be positive and be in touch with any concerns you might have.

By: Mrs. Melissa Levit, Early Childhood Director

It's back to school and our Early Childhood students are busy singing, laughing, dancing, playing and learning!

Of paramount importance in the early years, is the teacher/parent connection. In order to understand your individual child best, we need to be partners in caring for your child. We need to know if your child had a rough morning, or if your family is going on vacation. We need to know if Aunt Gittel had a new baby, or if someone in the family is ill. Sometimes events that seem insignificant, are very significant to your child. Giving your child's teacher's this insight can make a huge difference!

We know how much you value hearing what's going on in the classroom, and our staff will do our best to communicate with you frequently! Through weekly newsletters and pictures, WOW



Listen to them, validate them. Show them what matters to them matters to you!

Try to find any hidden meaning in what they're saying.

Try not to have exaggerated over-reactions that might skew their response to meet your expectation. Sometimes a wait and see approach is best.

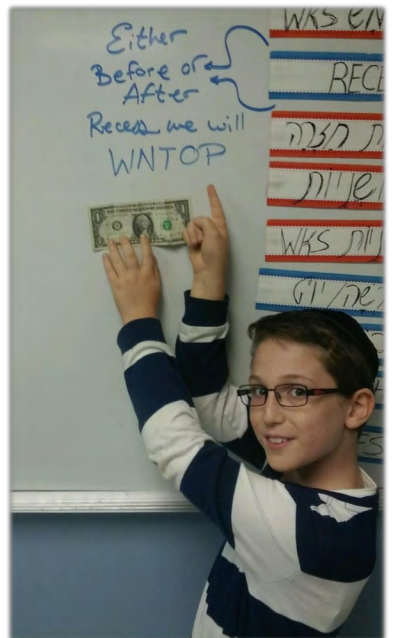
Most of all, trust your intuition. You are the parent and you know your child best!

Of course, as the Early Childhood director, my door is always open! Feel free to call me or come visit. It's my honor and privilege to get to know you and your incredible children!





## Enjoying Elementary





## Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

A special thank you is due to one of our Bais Yaakov parents, who

wish to remain anonymous, for donating the new beautiful playground equipment. With their generosity, the Cheder was able to purchase an Outdoor Swing & Spin, Ace Flyer Teeter-Totter, Geometric Dome Climber Play Center, Jungle Jumperoo, and

ten new Plasma Cars!

Just look at the smiles on the children's faces when they are out at play to know how much they are enjoying the new yard toys.

A few Early Childhood classes are looking to purchase new rugs.

Please let the classroom Morah know if you would like this sponsorship opportunity.







## Mazel Tov To..

- Mr. and Mrs. Avraham Crane on the birth of a son.
- Yaakov Davidovici, Pinny Kagan, Akiva Levin, Sage Settenbrino and Avigdor Srulovich upon their Bar Mitzvos.
- Rabbi and Mrs. Yonah G. Lazar on the engagement of their daughter.
- Rabbi and Mrs. Shmuel Chaim Reischer (3rd grade), upon the birth of a son.
- Mr. and Mrs. Mordechai Schlager upon the upsherin of Michoel Yehuda.
- Rabbi & Mrs. Nosson Silbermintz (7th grade) upon the birth of a daughter.



## Condolences To..

- Mrs. Debra Goldberg, 2nd grade General Studies teacher, on the loss of her father, Mr. Edward Horenstein ע"ה.

## Please Take a Seat

Special thanks to Rabbi and Mrs. Yitzchak Kagan for donating beautiful padded folding chairs ז"ל Rabbi Kagan's father לעולי נשמת.



Naomi Goldman is the class' Kriah BINGO winner in Morah Miriam Fishberg's 1st grade.

## New Staff



Mrs. Aliza Bloom, 1st and 2nd Grade Boys General Studies Assistant

Mr. Reuven Cohen, 7th and 8th Grade Math and Science Teacher

Mrs. Miriam Fishberg, 1st Grade Morah

Miss Rachel Gold, 3rd Grade General Studies Teacher

Mrs. Esther Kohl, Pre1A Girls Morah

Mrs. Bracha Koval, 1st Grade Girls Assistant

Miss Chagit Lasowsky, Kindergarten Assistant

Mrs. Jennifer Lowy, Kindergarten Morah

Miss. Chaya Ella Rosenthal, Pre1A Girls Limudei Kodesh Assistant

Miss Malka Rosenzweig, 1st Grade Boys General Studies Teacher

Rabbi Dovid Schulman, 2nd Grade Rebbe

Rabbi Yehudah Leib Selengut, 5th Grade Rebbe

Ms. Chanie Serkez, 1st Grade Girls General Studies Teacher

Rabbi Yaacov Shalom, General Studies Principal, Older Division

Mr. Yehuda Shestack, 5th & 6th Grade Math Teacher

Miss Malkie Silver, Afternoon Secretary










Mrs. Perel Stern, Pre1A Girls General Studies Teacher

Mrs. Melissa Zegerman, Nursery Morah



October 2017

תשרי - חשון תשע"ח

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbos
<b>1</b> י"א Post Yom Kippur Grades 1-8: No Minyan 10:00 Opening	<b>2</b> י"ב	<b>3</b> י"ג	<b>4</b> י"ד ערב סוכות No Sessions 6:14 p.m.	<b>5</b> טו יום א' סוכות  7:20 p.m.	<b>6</b> טז יום ב' סוכות  6:11 p.m.	<b>7</b> יז א' חול המועד 
<b>8</b> יח ב' חול המועד 	<b>9</b> יט ג' חול המועד 	<b>10</b> כ ד' חול המועד 	<b>11</b> כ"א הושענא רבה  6:03 p.m.	<b>12</b> כ"ב שמיני עצרת  7:09 p.m.	<b>13</b> כ"ג שמחת תורה  6:00 p.m.	<b>14</b> כ"ד פרשת בראשית שבת מברכים אסרו חג
<b>15</b> כ"ה Post Yom Tov: No Sessions	<b>16</b> כ"ו	<b>17</b> כ"ז	<b>18</b> כ"ח	<b>19</b> כ"ט Grades 7-8: Mishmor Begins	<b>20</b> ל א' דר"ח חשון Rosh Chodesh Programs 5:49 p.m.	<b>21</b> א פרשת נח ב' דר"ח חשון
<b>22</b> ב	<b>23</b> ג	<b>24</b> ד	<b>25</b> ה	<b>26</b> ו Grades 7-8: Mishmor	<b>27</b> ז 5:40 p.m.	<b>28</b> ח פרשת לך לך
<b>29</b> ט	<b>30</b> י	<b>31</b> י"א				





## Cheder Gift Card Program

### ***How it works:***

Cheder families, with children grades Kindergarten and up, are required to buy a minimum of \$10,000 of gift cards over the school year or pay \$500 to buy out this obligation. Gift cards from major supermarkets are purchased directly from the school. The Cheder earns a profit on each gift card that is purchased. You are helping the Cheder while you shop!

### ***Where do I buy my gift cards?***

Gift cards can be purchased at the Cheder office.

### ***Who are the participating stores?***

Seasons  
Kosher Konnections  
Shop Rite  
\*Chessed Dollars

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#### ***\*Chessed Dollars***

*Chessed dollars are now available for purchase at our office. Chessed dollar purchases are applied at a rate of 3/5 the standard Gift Card purchase.*

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If you have a favorite store you would like to add to this list, please let the office know. It may be possible to request vouchers from specific stores in advance.

### ***How can I check my required balance?***

The Business office will keep track of your total gift card balance and will email monthly balance statements.

If you have any other questions, feel free to contact Rabbi Kagan.





