

שבת קודש פרשת קרח



B'CHADREI CHADORIM

Your inside view in and around Clifton Cheder

בס"ד

ב' תמוז תשע"ו

July 8, 2016

8:11 p.m. הדלקת נרות

Rabbi Yonah G. Lazar, Dean

Mrs. Rivkah Isaacs, Early Childhood Director

Mrs. Odelia Schlisser, General Studies Principal

Volume III, Issue 14

Mazel Tov to All! - קטנים נעשים גדולים



CALENDAR

Tuesday
September 6th
First Day of School

CHEDER | **חדר**

CLIFTON CHEDER
123 INDUSTRIAL EAST
CLIFTON, NJ 07012

see coverage on pages 18-19 and 25-27

So Long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, Goodbye

שבת קודש פרשת יחי' - חזק

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תאריך: 25.7.2016
שבת קודש: 8:15 p.m.

Volume II, Issue 6

Rebbe Yonah G. Lassar, Dean
Mrs. Rivkah Isaac, Early Childhood Director
Mrs. Odella Schläser, General Studies Principal

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 27th
Limud Torah in Service
10:00 a.m. until
no Miynon

Monday, December 28th
Parent Teacher Conferences & After Care
8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. dismissal

Monday, January 11th
Rosh Chodesh Assembly
Early Childhood & Elementary

Tues-Wed, January 19th-20th
25th Anniversary
10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Motet Shabbos, January 23rd
Grandfather - Father - Son
Mitzvah Mitzvah

Sunday, January 24th
Limud Torah in Service & Post-Mitzvah
10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

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"Did You Meet Rebbe Must Be Ancient!"

Clifton Cheder's 3rd graders recently celebrated the beginning of learning Pesach. Together with their Rebbe, siblings, parents and grandparents, our embers embarked on their journey through the special mitzvah. Accompanied by Rabbi Rescher on his guitar, the boys (and attendees) joined together singing moving songs in marking the special milestone. What set this event apart from those in years past was a super play written especially for the event by their Rebbe. The scene opened with a miniature speed Rebbe teaching his talmidim the verses that instruct us to build a matzah. The talmid replied, "I will not make one for you, but I will make one for myself." (continued on page 20)

שבת קודש פרשת בא

B'CHADREI CHADORIM
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תאריך: 15.7.2016
שבת קודש: 8:15 p.m.

Volume II, Issue 7

Rebbe Yonah G. Lassar, Dean
Mrs. Rivkah Isaac, Early Childhood Director
Mrs. Odella Schläser, General Studies Principal

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 19th-20th
General Studies Assembly
10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Motet Shabbos, January 23rd
Grandfather - Father - Son
Mitzvah Mitzvah
see pages 14-15

Sunday, January 24th
Parent Teacher Conferences & After Care
8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. dismissal

Monday, January 25th
Rosh Chodesh Assembly
Early Childhood & Elementary

Tues-Wed, January 26th-27th
25th Anniversary
10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Motet Shabbos, January 30th
Grandfather - Father - Son
Mitzvah Mitzvah

Sunday, February 1st
Limud Torah in Service & Post-Mitzvah
10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

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אשרים לטוהר חמיון

Our 3rd grade experienced a day of tremendous chuk, celebration and accomplishment on their recent trip to Lakewood, NJ! After completing the entire week of Pesach, and an intense week of chazara, the class took a full day trip to Lakewood, NJ. The first stop was at Yeshiva Ohr Moshe, where the talmidim were warmly greeted by the Rosh Yeshiva, Rav Binyamin Eisenman, Rav Eliezer Eisenman, and the talmidim. (continued on page 13)

שבת קודש פרשת משפטים

B'CHADREI CHADORIM
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תאריך: 5.7.2016
שבת קודש: 8:00 p.m.

Volume II, Issue 8

Rebbe Yonah G. Lassar, Dean
Mrs. Rivkah Isaac, Early Childhood Director
Mrs. Odella Schläser, General Studies Principal

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 7th
Hochula Gemara
Celebration Trip
Grades 5-8

Sunday, February 9th
Rosh Chodesh Assembly
Early Childhood

Wednesday, February 10th
Rosh Chodesh Assembly
Elementary

Monday, February 15th
Staff Development Day & Legal Holiday
All Programs
12:00 p.m. dismissal

Sunday, February 21st
Limud Torah in Service
10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

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The Perfect Parsha Project

Each class came alive in our Parsha Project! Each class created their own model of the parsha from scratch, in a three display of parsha projects. The projects included actual photos of our Parsha classes on the dry land. Thank you to our talented Rebbeim, Rabbi Menachem Weideman and Rabbi Yitzchak Eisenman. Enjoy more beautiful pictures on page 11.

שבת קודש פרשת כי תשא

B'CHADREI CHADORIM
Your inside view in and around Clifton Cheder

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שבת קודש: 8:25 p.m.

Volume II, Issue 9

Rebbe Yonah G. Lassar, Dean
Mrs. Rivkah Isaac, Early Childhood Director
Mrs. Odella Schläser, General Studies Principal

CALENDAR

Motet Shabbos, February 27th
Grandfather - Father - Son
Mitzvah Mitzvah
see attached flyer

Sunday, February 28th
Rosh Chodesh Assembly
Early Childhood & Elementary

Monday, February 29th
Rosh Chodesh Assembly
Early Childhood & Elementary

Monday, February 29th
Chaz Parsha Assembly for Staff
Grades 5-8 and After Care
4:00 p.m. dismissal

Wednesday, March 2nd
Chaz Parsha Assembly for Parents
see attached memo

Thursday, March 10th
Rosh Chodesh Assembly
Early Childhood

Friday, March 11th
Rosh Chodesh Assembly
Early Childhood

Sunday, March 13th
Daylight Saving Begins
10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Monday, March 14th [13th]
Rosh Chodesh Assembly
Early Childhood & Elementary
no sessions

Monday, March 14th [14th]
Rosh Chodesh Assembly
Early Childhood & Elementary
no sessions

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Rebbe Replicas

The Cheder was abuzz on a morning when numerous Rebbe replicas, Rabbi Isaac, Rabbi Rescher, Rabbi Eisenman, Rabbi Eisenman, Rabbi Eisenman, Rabbi Eisenman and Rabbi Eisenman arrived for class in many of the rooms, the "new" Rebbeim taught the class to the delight of the staff. Rebbe Isaac presented Pivim themed plates to the two winners in each class assisted by the "old" Rebbeim based on their realistic looking costumes and creativity. (photos continue on page 11)

שבת קודש פרשת ויקרא

B'CHADREI CHADORIM
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תאריך: 1.8.2016
שבת קודש: 6:49 p.m.

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Rebbe Yonah G. Lassar, Dean
Mrs. Rivkah Isaac, Early Childhood Director
Mrs. Odella Schläser, General Studies Principal

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 20th
Limud Torah in Service
10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 23rd
Rosh Chodesh Assembly
Early Childhood & Elementary
12:00 p.m. dismissal

Wednesday, March 23rd
Dress Up & Singing Assembly
10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, Friday, March 24th - 25th
Pivim - Shabbos Parva
no sessions

Sunday, April 3rd
Parent Teacher Conferences & Scholastic Book Fair
8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Monday, April 4th
Parent Teacher Conferences & Scholastic Book Fair
8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

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2 Adars - Double the Fun!

Our 3rd grade always fun at the Cheder, imagine when there are two months of fun! Our 3rd grade celebrated in style with their Pivim Carnival and a "Crazy Hat Day" and "Avi the Kasher Clown". Elementary students dressed up as their Rebbeim for a "Crazy Hat Day" and "Avi the Kasher Clown". Elementary students dressed up as their Rebbeim for a "Crazy Hat Day" and "Avi the Kasher Clown". Elementary students dressed up as their Rebbeim for a "Crazy Hat Day" and "Avi the Kasher Clown". (photos continue on page 11)

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Mrs. Rivkah Isaac, Early Childhood Director
Mrs. Odella Schläser, General Studies Principal

CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 19th
Pesach Begins Begins
Early Childhood - no sessions
Elementary - 12:00 dismissal

Monday, May 2nd
Seasons Resume

Sunday, May 8th
Father & Son Breakfast
Grades 7 & 8

Monday, May 9th
Rosh Chodesh Assembly
Early Childhood & Elementary

Monday, Friday, May 9th - 13th
General Studies
Achievement Tests
Grades 5-8

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The Cheder wishes you a חג כשר ושמן!

Our fourth grade talmidim enjoying the treat they received when visiting the Sotomir Matza Bakery in Brooklyn. The boys took this special trip together with their Rebbe, Rabbi Eisenman, in conjunction with learning about matzot and Pesach. (photos continue on page 9)

שבת קודש פרשת קדושים

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Rebbe Yonah G. Lassar, Dean
Mrs. Rivkah Isaac, Early Childhood Director
Mrs. Odella Schläser, General Studies Principal

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 29th
Regular opening

Friday, May 29th
Israel Unification Convention
no sessions

Wednesday, May 25th
Mitzvah Mitzvah
Elementary

Thursday, May 26th
Lag B'Omer Events

Monday, May 30th
Memorial Day
regular sessions

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And the Winners Are...

The winning tickets were sold by Yehudya Rudolph (2nd grade), Aharon Herring (4th grade) and Eitan Wolf & Nissan, Avi Gusselmann (8th grade). The Grand Prize, a 3D Doocler pen was won by Eitan Wolf, 2nd grade. Quadracolor stone with camera went to Rabbi & Mrs. Aharon Eisenman and 3rd grade. The 1000 dollar ticket - Sotomir Matza was won by Dr. & Mrs. Ephraim Rudolph. May all the money collected be a part for the needs of Rebbeim Chasid Etzinger Yitzchak, mother of our beloved Rabbi Etzinger Yitzchak pictured above, in whose memory the money was raised.

שבת קודש פרשת בחוקתי - חזק

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Rebbe Yonah G. Lassar, Dean
Mrs. Rivkah Isaac, Early Childhood Director
Mrs. Odella Schläser, General Studies Principal

CALENDAR

Sunday, June 5th
Parsha Assembly
Elementary

Monday, June 6th
Limud Torah in Service
Nursery Classes
Space from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 7th
Rosh Chodesh Assembly
Early Childhood

Wednesday, June 8th
10th Anniversary Dinner
Grades 5-8 and After Care
1:00 p.m. dismissal

Friday, June 10th
The Shabbos
Early Childhood - no sessions
Elementary - 12:00 dismissal

Sun - Mon, June 12th - 13th
Shabbos
no sessions

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Have you sent in your ad yet? Are your reservations in?

CHEDER 40TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER
A Celebration of 40 Years of Excellence
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2016 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

שבת קודש פרשת קרח

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תאריך: 8.7.2016
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Mrs. Rivkah Isaac, Early Childhood Director
Mrs. Odella Schläser, General Studies Principal

CALENDAR

Monday, September 6th
Fall Day of School

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חדר
CHEDER

GRADES FOR תשע"ז

Boys | Toddler - Grade 8

Girls | Toddler - Pre1A,
Elementary grades to follow

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Clifton Cheder proud
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RABBI YEHUDAH L. ALTER שליט"א

REBBE, GRADE 1

ומצדיקי הרבים
אלו מלמד

ly welcomes
SHINING STARS

*Welcome to
the Family!*
- Rabbi Lazar



RABBI DOVID SCHULMAN שליט"א

REBBE, GRADE 2

A Decade of Difference - One Child at a Time

"What a special energy!" "So classy!" "A notch above." "Every detail ran so smoothly," were just a few of the many comments heard following the Cheder's 10th Annual Dinner.

Once again The Élan in Lodi proved itself to be just the correct location to host our yearly event. The true mix of ambiance and a family Simcha feeling, combined to create this memorable celebration.

The overflow crowd, was greeted individually by our 8th grade ushers who helped the guests locate their seats. Before joining together for Mincha, our guests enjoyed each other's company at a delectable smorgasbord of meats, sushi & salads. The enthusiastic conversations, friends both old and new meeting one another, not to mention the presence of Roshei Yeshiva, Rabbonim & community leaders, was set to the undertones of our harp player. Talk about class!

The over 300 guests took their seats in the main ballroom, and immediately were treated to the upbeat and exciting video production - The Cheder Comes Alive, the first of Mr. Jarred Hurwitz's striking films. The stunningly set tables, enhanced by the beautiful flower arrangements created by Mrs. Nava Wilk provided the perfect backdrop for the evening. The many, beautifully typeset ads

were able to be "flipped through" in the stunning digital journals lovingly created by Rabbi and Mrs. Avrohom & Rivkah Bergstein viewed through the tablets on each table. Special Interlinear Series מגילת רות gifts, were the perfect pre Shavuos

our Dinner Chairman - Emcee, Mr. Shaul Feinsod, introducing the evening with a story of a community Rov, who was publicly bemoaning the fact that our ציבור does not make Yiddishkeit exciting enough for our young people. Maybe two hours after that Rabbi's speech, Rabbi Lazar

passed by Rabbi Koval's 8th grade classroom while the Rebbe was excitedly telling a beautiful story of a איד in Monsey who secretly did an amazing חסד. Upon finishing the story the Rebbe jumped up and called out to his talmidim **מי כעמר ישראל**! It's great to be a איד! Yiddishkeit is the best!

Mr. Feinsod concluded his introduction that at the Cheder we do make Yiddishkeit come alive. If only the Rov had seen our Rebbe in action...

The evening continued with the presentation of gifts to three of our awardees, Mr. and Mrs. Jay & Eve Cantor, Rabbi and Mrs. Shmuel Chaim & Zivi Reischer and Mr. and Mrs. Michael & Tania Wolf.

Mr. Feinsod thanked the Cantors for their many years of service to the Cheder and wished them luck on their upcoming move to Cherry Hill. A touching JAHU Films production was shown, making it hard for those at the dinner to hold back their tears. Mr. Cantor stepped forward and received a special micrograph picture of the great Steipler Gaon זצ"ל made



Dinner Photo Credits: Misha Rodionov



חיינוך gift, dedicated by our dean and family in memory of his grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Sam & Ruth Aboff ע"ה, pillars of education in their own rights.

Our program commenced with

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from the writings of his ספר. We hope it will adorn the walls of their new home. Passaic in general, and the Cheder in particular will really miss the Cantors.

Rabbi Reischer, our beloved 3rd grade Rebbe's film was next on the program. It highlighted the absolute גישמאק and delight of being a student in Rebbe's class. The tailor chosen gift for Rabbi Reischer was a micrograph of Rav Elyashiv זצ"ל made from the words of משניות, the subject Rabbi Reischer introduces to his lucky תלמידים.

Our parents of the year, Mr. and Mrs.

Michael Wolf are supreme examples of בעלי מידות טובות. With Michael on our Board of Trustees, he is heavily involved with many of the decisions that keep the Cheder afloat. We hope that the picture of Rav Moshe Feinstein זצ"ל created from words of אגרות משה will remind the Wolfs in what great esteem we hold them.

Following the delicious main course, the dinner guests were in for a real treat. Mr. Aaron Berger introduced out Guests of Honor, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rosen. Mr. Berger's wit entertained our attendees poking fun at the "natural association" of Kenny Rosen and education. R' Aaron joked how almost anyone can

provide the local מוסדות and leaders with money but it takes a Kenny Rosen to provide free unsolicited advice for מחנכים at every level.

However, when the smiles subsided, the next video was shown. Friends and admirers made men-



tion of Kenny's tremendous חסדים performed in his special "Kenny style." Our Guest of Honor, as Rabbi Lazar pointed out, is a

man with a heart of gold. His recent interest in the growth of the Cheder serves as an example for the other community members to follow. The Cheder is very blessed to have him as a friend.

To show our appreciation to our honorees, the Cheder presented the Rosens with a stunning hand made parchment of שיר המעלות. The beautiful color drawings enhanced by gold leaf work only added to the expert ספרות - truly a breathtaking piece.

Rabbi Lazar then addressed the overflow crowd with the one and only speech of the evening. Our dean highlighted that

the dinner was on ב' סיון - just one day after ראש חדש סיון and one day prior to ימי הגבלה שלשת ימי הגבלה.

Yet in ספרי המנהגים this day is known as יום המיוחס, the day of יחוס. When a date on the calendar is preceded by a יו"ט and followed by a יו"ט, the גמרא says it too should be treated as such. יום ב' סיון, takes on the special qualities of the days before and after it.

Rabbi Lazar then drew upon a lesson he learned from his father ז"ל, that one learns from here that true יחוס is multidimensional. We assume our יחוס is from those who come before us, a special Bubby, an exalted father, etc. From יום

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we learn that יחוס also comes from those who follow us. Our children and grandchildren too are our true יחוס.

Rabbi Lazar said that here we have the secret of Jewish Education. Take what is/was special in the generations that precede us and pass it along, enhance it, implant it into the minds and hearts of those who follow after us.

Our dean noted that exactly 73 years earlier on ב' סיון, the accursed Nazis ימ"ש murdered his great grandmother, aunts, uncles and cousins in Auschwitz. He is sure that the same great grandmother הי"ד would take pride in

our Cheder graduates, in New Jersey, in 2016.

This combination is our truest יחוס.

Rabbi Lazar thanked each of our honoree couples for their contributions to the Cheder and the outpouring of support from the Passaic-Clifton community and beyond to see the Cheder reach new heights.

While not listing any thank yous to those who made our event so special, Rabbi Lazar did pay special tribute to our outgoing Early Childhood Director, Mrs. Rivkah Isaacs. He thanked her for being there for so many parents and staff members - teaching and guiding - by example - how to be

the best that you can be. Whether in Passaic or Elizabeth, the job is one and the same, to see that 'ה's children receive the best possible early childhood חינוך they can. The Cheder wishes Mrs. Isaacs every ברכה possible in her new role.

ברוך ה' our dinner raised an additional \$40,000 more than last year's event, which itself was exceedingly successful, making it by far the most profitable fundraising event in the Cheder's decade of existence. At this rate אי"ה, within a short time tuition at the Cheder should be free! (OK, we are just joking and checking if you are still reading.)



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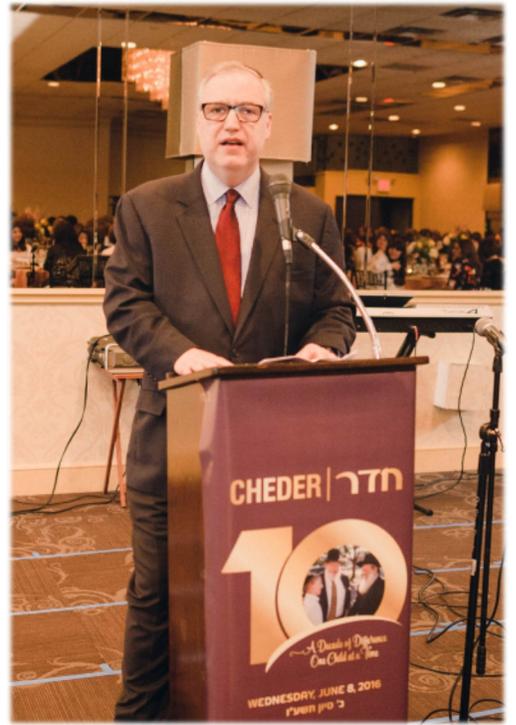


Cheder dinners are not complete without our talmidim in song - led by master musician Reb Yossie Newman of Yeshiva Boys Choir fame. With great choreography and beautiful harmonies, our boys performed beautifully to the great delight of their parents and friends. Many of the solos brought tears of **נחת** to both parents and staff.

Not surprisingly, once again, the dinner ended and people remained behind to schmooze and take in a few extra minutes of a very special evening.

At the Cheder, it's time to begin preparing for year #11, **ה'א"ה**.

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Seventh graders surrounding their teacher, Mr. Joshua Rubin. The boys bought Mr. Rubin a challah board as an engagement and end of the year gift.



5th graders preparing drinks to distribute to Cheder boys at late night Shavuot learning at PTI.



Mittel Memories: 6th graders celebrating at West Orange Bake Shop upon finishing learning the ל"ט מלאכות and how bread was made.



5th grade built "lava lamps" using vegetable oil, fruit coloring, water and a secret ingredient (Alka-Seltzer tablets). The boys witnessed a chemical reaction in which the Alka Seltzer tablets reacted with the water and released a gas (carbon dioxide).



Fourth Grade enjoying year end biking trip and Siyum celebrating the completion of Mishnayos Meseches Megilla as well as Parshas Ki Sisa.

The Making Of A Community

By: Morah Leah Compert, Nursery Teacher

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for entrusting your precious neshamos with me this year, and to reflect on the year as it comes to a close.

This week, I have made a special effort to stand back and observe our classroom. I watched a child approach a friend and ask if he could join the friend's play. I watched a child, who started the year very much as an observer, grin and hold up two Shabbos cards exclaiming "Morah, I found a match!" I watched two children building together, laughing together, problem-solving together. I watched 7 children make a "choo-choo train" of cars on the playground, and proceed to drive the "train" in several loops around the playground together. I watched another child persevere as he worked hard at a new fine motor task, with a huge smile on his face as he figured it out. And I watched several different times, when a child needed help, another child give the help: opening a container, packing up a lunch box, switching a friend's shoes to the correct feet. When I think back to the children who arrived in September, my heart warms with how they have come into their own as learners and friends.

As a teacher, I have the responsibility to prepare an environment of activities and lessons tailor made to bring the children along a continu-

um of growth. I loved seeing them savor parsha stories and Yomim Tovim lessons and songs. It was inspirational to observe them use trays of matching cards, manipulatives, alef-beis activities, art work, and counting works to blossom into a group of engaged learners. I loved watching them enjoy the process of gaining mastery—after the excitement of doing some-



thing for the first time, they would jump at the opportunity when I enticingly suggested... "Want to do it again??"

Part of the environment I prepare as a teacher includes our classroom rules, which, if you ask your child, he or she will share as "be safe and respectful." Moment by moment, the children learned to live these rules. They learned to use safe bodies and to express their feelings with words. They learned to stand up for themselves while being respectful of their friends

needs. They learned to thank each other, their Morahs, and Hashem. And they learned to be gentle and careful with our materials, each other, and our special friend who visited throughout the year, "Cookie," Morah Leah's rabbit.

I so enjoyed instilling in them a love of books, including seeing them savor favorites over and over, often while cuddled on the rug. Observing them "reading" favorites together made me so proud and excited, imagining them as the future readers they are already on their way to becoming.

But mostly, it was an honor to see each child blossom, and to see them transform from a group of individual children into a group of friends. When they entered in September, many of them were embarking on the journey of being part of a community outside their family for the first time. And that is the word that most comes to mind when I think of this year: community—a community of Jewish children, of learners, of friends.

Thank you to Morah Eliana for your dedication to the children this past year. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Rivkah Isaacs, Director extraordinaire, who will surely be missed. Thank you also to Rabbi Lazar for providing the leadership which is allowing our school to grow and thrive. And, lastly, thank you to Clifton Cheder for giving me the opportunity to do what I love in such a special place.

May you always have much nachas from your beautiful children.



פרנסי היום

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

- Mr. and Mrs. Ron Shacham: ב' סיון - June 8th in memory of גרשון בן אברהם ז"ל.
- Rabbi and Mrs. Dov Kramer: י' סיון - June 16th in memory of ר' יחזקאל יהודה בן חיים אהרן זצ"ל.
- Anonymous: י"א סיון - June 17th as a refuah shelaimah for פיגה בת חנה.
- Mr. and Mrs. Ron Shacham: י"ג סיון - June 19th in memory of שרה בת מרדכי and אברהם יעקב בן אליעזר ז"ל דוד הכהן ע"ה.
- Mr. and Mrs. Ron Shacham: י"ד סיון - June 20th in memory of Bluma bas Yaakov Meir ע"ה.

We'll Miss You

- B'Chadrei Chadorim wishes a special צאתכם לשלום to Miss Esther Sassoon. Her involvement in each BCC issue will be sorely missed. הצלחה רבה in the Nursing field.



Mazel Tov To..

- Dr. and Mrs. Ephraim Rudolph on the birth of a baby boy.
- Mr. and Mrs. Eli Schneider on the birth of a baby girl.
- Mr. Yitzchak and Morah Ruthie Weiss on the engagement of their son.
- 1st grade on completing פרשת נח.
- 2nd grade on completing פרשת תולדות.
- 3rd grade on completing פרשת ויחי.
- 4th grade on completing פרשת כי תשא מסכת מגילה, ספר יהושע and ספר יהושע.
- 5th grade on completing גמרא מסכת תמיד.
- 6th grade on completing ספר and משניות מסכת שבת שמואל א'.
- 7th grade on completing ספר and משניות מסכת סנהדרין שמואל ב'.
- 8th grade on completing משניות מסכת קדושין.



Ending the year on a high.... 7th grade tubing trip in celebration of the endless effort and accomplishments both in רוחניות וגשמיות this year.

“Young Rebbeim” Share the Excitement of Korbanos

The 5th Grade put on a fun, educational and hands on Korbanos Fair for Grades 2 - 4! Aryeh Shapiro and Binyomin Biser demonstrated the steps of the daily ketores with their "Smoking Ketores" exhibit; Menachem Mit-

tel and Nechemya Kramer had a "Blood Aiming" exhibit where they shared how the Kohen Gadol would sprinkle the blood

on the Paroches during the Yom Kippur Avoda; and Yechezkel Gelb and Yonason Mathias made a Korban Mincha come alive with their "Mixed Up Mincha" exhibit! WOW! What an exciting and informative demonstration.



The Day We Awaited!

By: Rabbi Menachem Wieder-
man, Pre 1A Rebbe

The moment had finally arrived, the day the children were all waiting for, the day the parents and grandparents were waiting

for, the day that Hakadosh Baruch Hu, **מלכות** waited for too!

The children have been prepar- ing for this day the entire year. It was their personal accomplish- ment, it was time for them to take

pride in all they've done this year and show it to the world! One boy told me that he was not able to get dressed in the morn- ing he was so excited! Another parent mentioned that his son did not stop talking about the



The Day We Awaited!

siddur play for two weeks straight! Yet another spoke about how proud she was that her son's grandparents would be able to join and shepp true Yiddishe nachas.

This is exactly what we saw on the day of the siddur play, "true Yiddishe nachas." A day where the kinderlach earned their sid-durim, their tool to connect their hearts and mouths to the Borei Olam.

What a special day, indeed. The children put on a beautiful and emotional play for their families and friends as was seen by the smiles and tears of joy in the audience. The boys sang and accepted their siddurim as they

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know, without the picture, the event never took place!).

Thank you Rabbi Kleinman & Rabbi Plittman for helping me instill a love for Torah and Yiddishkeit into the precious children.

Thank you to Mrs. Isaacs for all your guidance and support that you have given not only the Pre1A, but the entire preschool. The preschool would not be what it is today, i.e. the best Early Childhood program in the East Coast, without your leadership.

Thank you Rabbi Lazar for your tremendous leadership at the helm of the Clifton Cheder.

Thank you Mrs. Goldfarb for designing, creating and putting to-

gether all the invitations, the CD covers and the gorgeous printed pesukim the boys read from.

Thank you Rabbi Kagan. For all we know there would not be a Siddur

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A Cheder First, 5th Grade is גמרא מסכת תמיד!

Sometimes, a class with a Rebbe seems like a שידוך made in heaven! Such was the Cheder's feeling watching our 5th graders with their Rebbe extraordinaire Rabbi Seldowitz. In addition to learning משניות מסכת יומא, Rabbi Seldowitz felt learning משניות תמיד too, would be a great addition for the boys' לימודים. Concurrently our 5th graders began learning גמרא-מסכת ברכות - so successfully - that the boys begged their Rebbe to allow them not only to learn משניות

but the גמרות as well! Lo and behold, a few months later Rabbi and Mrs. Seldowitz hosted a catered grand Father and Son סיום על גמרא תמיד at their home! What a נחת it was for the parents, the מנהל, and the many other Rebbeim who took out time to attend. But honestly it was the תלמידים themselves who looked the most proud! They each spoke and thanked their superb Rebbe for a great year of amazing עלי.



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Cheder Boys Set the Tone

SHAVUOS NIGHT LEARNING
 Cheder Talmidim and Fathers
 Grades 4 – 8
 In PTI – 441 Passaic Ave

Independent Learning
 11:45 -12:45
Special Shlurim
 12:45 – 1:30

Special Refreshments
 Nosh and Soda!

Shiur for Grades 4 – 5
 Rabbi Erlanger
 Shiur for Grades 6 – 7
 Rabbi Seldowitz
 Shiur for Grade 8
 Rabbi Wiederman

A tremendous Kid-dush Shem Shama-yim was generated by our Rebbeim and talmidim at the Sha-vuos night learning program in PTI! A beautiful קול תורה was heard from 11:45 until 12:45 (a.m.!) and in a beautiful gesture of leadership and achdus, our 8th Graders volunteered

time for engaging שיעורים given by our dedicated Rebbeim. Rabbi Erlanger presented an exciting shiur on Maseches Bikkurim to grades 4 & 5, Rabbi Seldowitz and the 6th and 7th graders learned about pre-dictions in the Torah and how that affects the way ברכות התורה are said, and the 8th Grade participated in an informative and fast paced shiur on the הלכות קריאת התורה with Rabbi Wiederman. At the conclusion of the program, some talmidim headed for bed and others continued to learn through the night; but all were glad that they were part of the exciting, inspiring and Cheder Shavuos Learning Extravaganza.

their time to learn with younger boys. Special snacks and drinks were prepared before יו"ט and handed out to the late night Cheder מתמידים. Quickly it was

The comments the Rebbeim received from those who observed our talmidim's behavior and התמדה remind our parents why they had chosen the Cheder for their children.

We know our Milim!

Every 4th grader being rewarded for earning a 90% or above on 303 core חומש words grand בחינה. The תלמידים were treated to an after school trip where they enjoyed a swimming activity followed by a special dinner at Jin Chinese Restaurant. Each student received a special certificate acknowledging his accomplishments.



Kindergarteners Enjoying their World of Wings Trip



Largest Naval Engagement in Clifton History

Before school closed, Clifton witnessed the largest naval battle in its history with boys of the 5th grade fighting it out for supremacy in a game of XY Coordinate Battleship. The young admirals were required to use their newly found mastery of the XY Coordinate Plane, as we have been learning about in our math class, in order to locate and sink the enemy armada.

The mood was tense as the boys launched exploratory coordinates at one another in hopes of finding the crown jewels of the opposing fleet. Eventually the metaphorical sound of smashing metal could be heard as ships were hit and began to sink. While three victors did emerge from the battle, it suffices to say that none of these boys will be forgetting the XY Coordinate Plane anytime soon.



A Super Sofer Visits Early Childhood



Great Finale to a Great 2nd Grade Experience!



Commencement Exercises for the Class of 5776

Clifton Cheder's 5776/2016 Eighth Grade Graduation, held at Young Israel of Passaic, was celebrated by family, friends, faculty, administrators and distinguished guests. Greeted with characteristic simcha and insight by Rabbi Yonah G. Lazar, Dean of the Cheder, the attendees were honored by Rabbi Shachne Weinberger, שליט"א, Menahel of Mesivta Zichron Boruch of Clifton, and Rav of K'hal Tiferes Boruch, who delivered a stirring challenge to the graduates and their families by way of divrei Torah with profound and personal impact.

The focus and obvious affection with which Rabbi Motti Koval, 8th Grade Rebbe, addressed his talmidim was equally poignant as well as challenging. His talmidim,

in turn, registered their gratitude and appreciation by way of a well-crafted, warm and witty response delivered by Nossan Tzvi Gedzelman, class representative. In addition, Mr. Mordechai Allen allied each of his General Studies students to personal references from ספר משלי, expanding each reference as a derech for the future.

The crowning moment came with the presentation of the graduation diplomas. As Dean Rabbi Lazar and General Studies Principal, Mrs. Odelia Schlisser, alternately awarded the certificates, they read personal words of affection and appreciation to each talmid, penned by his classmates. Special thanks to volunteer parent Mrs. J. Baruchov for helping the boys artic-

ulate, organize, and print out their thoughts about one another, a keepsake memory they will now have for life.

The evening was capped by a reception buffet of kugel, fruit & vegetables and a cake large enough to easily accommodate the hungry graduates, their families and friends.

Before joining to daven מעריב, lebedik, heartfelt dancing erupted as fathers, graduates and Rebbeim joined hand in hand to celebrate their momentous occasion.

A heartfelt "thank you" goes out to all who worked so tirelessly to make the Cheder's 5776 Eighth Grade Graduation a memorable success.



Commencement Exercises for the Class of 5776



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Good to the Last Drop

By: Rabbi Motti Koval, 8th Grade Rebbe

On Wednesday morning, following a night of celebrating the graduation, the eighth grade went on an end of the year trip. The day started off bright and early with a 6 a.m. Shacharis followed by forty-five minutes of "liggin in learnin." The davening and learning was such a geshmak you would have mistaken it to be 10 a.m. on the 3rd day of the school year!

After learning, Rabbi Kagan (once again) saved the day by picking up breakfast for us. After the boys nourished their soul and bodies we were ready for our big trip. A special thank you to Mr. Magder for chaperoning and making our trip possible. We piled into a 12 passenger van and started our 3-hour drive to Jiminy Peak in the beautiful Hampton region of Massachusetts.

All along the way the song of Torah that normally emanates from our classroom continued to be sung by Nosson Tzvi and Yehoshua who were learning Daf Yomi!

B'chesed Hashem the weather

was perfect. It was a bit chilly when we started out the rope course but as the boys started climbing, rolling, and swinging from tree to tree, 25 feet off the ground, they had a great workout and really worked up a



sweat.

The intense 2-hour climb ended with a "leap of faith" when the only way down was to jump off a

30-foot platform and only mid-way did the rope catch you! The boys surely were ready for a good lunch.

The second half of the park was even more exciting than the first part. With two alpine slides, the boys took a ski lift up to the top of the mountain and raced down with speeds reaching 30 MPH. Everyone really had a blast.

After Jiminy Peak, the graduates headed to Monsey where they really made a splash with a poolside barbeque at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Jake Koval, my proud and generous parents. It was literally all you could eat with rib steaks, hotdogs, hamburgers, and more.

Our barbeque was enhanced with non-other than our heilige menahel, Rabbi Lazar, who spent the rest of his evening with us in Monsey.

By the time we got back to school it was already 10:30 p.m. The boys were so tired they

practically had to be carried out the van.

I think they need all 10 weeks of vacation to recuperate.

Good to the Last Drop



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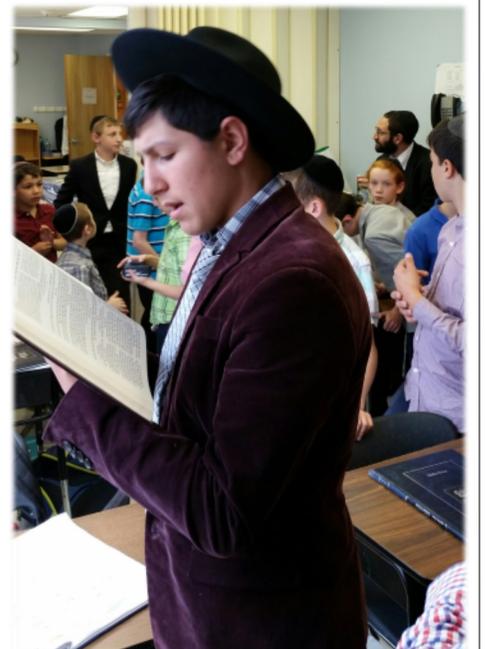
What a beautiful father and son celebration was had on our final Sunday at The Cheder. Following שחרית, a lavish breakfast was served celebrating the out of school hours completion of הוריות מס' גמרא, quite an accomplishment for 7th and 8th grade תלמידים! Engrossed in weekly שיעורים, carefully prepared and delivered by our beloved Mishmor Rebbe, Rabbi Yosef Seldowitz, our boys gained many new ידיעות to last a lifetime.

At the grand סיום, Rabbi Seldowitz gave out bound copies of detailed worksheets covering the סוגיות in two of the פרקים learned. Special thanks to our Extra Curricular Director, Rabbi Nosson Silbermintz, not only for preparing the food for the event, but for seeing to weekly snacks (even cholent!) giving the boys נח to learn properly. A special thanks as well to Elazar Kagan for setting up the beautiful affair.

We look forward to next year where a new לימוד will be put in place for the next group of lucky Jr. High School boys.



!אשריכס תלמידי חכמים - Scenes of a Siyum



Early Childhood Smiles

