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Dear Boys and Parents,

The enjoyment and uplift we receive from Yom Tov is greatly enhanced when it includes Torah Learning.

To help the boys be more motivated to make the best use of their time, we are once again conducting our *Hasmoda* Project for our students. The program is named in memory of our beloved 1st Grade Rebbi, Rabbi Elchonon Goldenberg zt”l. We hope everyone participates.

HERE’S HOW IT WORKS:

EVERY GRADE HAS A DAILY GOAL.

1st Graders **10** minutes
2nd Graders **15** minutes
3rd Graders **15** minutes
4th Graders **20** minutes
5th Graders **20** minutes

TOTAL GOAL:

1st Graders 1 hour + 40 minutes
2nd Graders 2 hours + 30 minutes
3rd Graders 2 hours + 30 minutes
4th Graders 3 hours + 20 minutes
5th Graders 3 hours + 20 minutes

To reach your goal, your learning must take place on at least 10 days.


The purpose of the Hasmoda Program is to encourage all of our students to learn a modest amount of Torah during the Yom Tov break.

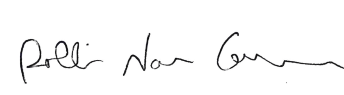
Each boy who reaches his goal will be receiving a token gift. Using this approach, we hope to emphasize the value of daily Torah learning, rather than focusing on prizes for performance.

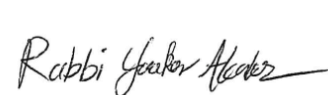
On the attached learning calendar, parent’s initials go in the box of each day the learning goal was reached. Any *sefer* is acceptable, storybooks are not. *Divrei Torah* at the meals may be counted. Listening to a recording is acceptable only as an aid to learning from a *Sefer*. Adult supervised reading for 1st graders is acceptable. **Additionally, please note that five minutes a day of adult supervised reading are acceptable for second through fifth graders.** Davening and other *mitzvos* are to be commended, but do not qualify for *Hasmoda* Project learning. See the **Hasmoda List** for other details.

When it comes to learning Torah - everyone is a winner.
Please encourage your children to participate - and join in the *Mitzvah* too!

Chag Kasher V'Sameach,


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HASMODA LIST

Below is a partial list of appropriate learning material that qualifies as 'learning' for the Hasmoda Project. Purchasing one or more of these books is a worthwhile investment for the whole family.

Always appropriate to learn:

School workbooks & review sheets - *Divrei Torah* at the table - *Chumash, Nach, Mishnayos and Gemara*

For independent learning — under supervision:

Artscroll:

A Torah Treasury
Arba Minim
Brachos
Childrens Book of Yonah
Childrens Book of Ruth
Going Global by Yitzchok Kornblau
Manners Matter: by Racheli David
Sand and Stars - Jewish History for Children: by Yaffa Ganz
Shemoneh Esrei – Artscroll
Take Me to the Holyland: by Tsvia Yanofsky
The Other Side of the Story: by Yehudis Samet
Tales From the *Gemara*

Feldheim:

Achas Sh'alti—(Rav Zilberstein)
Book of our Heritage
Birkas Hachaim
Challos In The Aron Hakodesh— Gadi Pollock
Let's Go to Shul: by Yitzchak Kornblau
Trekking Through Time by Yitzchak Kornblau
My Friends the Aleph Beis: by Rabbi B. Chait
Navi Illustrated
Noach and the Flood by M. Chalamish
One Special Prayer—Y.M. Strauss
Seven Special Weeks by Yaakov Meir Strauss
Three Special Days by Yaakov Meir Strauss
The King's Special Loaves by Y.M. Strauss
The 39 Avoth Melacha of Shabbath: by Rabbi B. Chait
The Incredible Voyage to *Midos Tovos*: by Rabbi B. Chait
The Lost Treasure of *Tikkun HaMiddos* Island: by Rabbi B. Chait
The Terrifying Trap of the Bad Midos Pirates: by Rabbi B. Chait
Zecher L'Yetzias Mitzrayim—A. Ochayon
Torah Town: by Rabbi B. Chait
We Want Life: by Yisroel Greenwald (*Shmiras Halashon*)

Other:

A Medrash and a Maaseh: by Rabbi Chanoch Teller
A Twist of the Tongue
Apples of Gold

*Please note: "Tales of Tzadikim"
does not qualify for Hasmoda credit.

Can't Wait 'til Shabbos by Rabbi Yehuda Winzelberg
Gateway to Happiness: by Rabbi Pliskin
Growth Through Torah: by Rabbi Pliskin
Guard Your Tongue
Guide to Blessings: by Rabbi Wenger
In the Footsteps of the Prophets
Keeping Kosher: by Rabbi Eliezer Wolf
Love Your Neighbor: by Rabbi Pliskin
Nach Treasury
Pirkei Avos - many commentaries available in English
Sefer HaMitzvos
Special Delivery
The Feeling Series: by Shmil Wilder
The *Mitzvot*: by Abraham Chill
The Power of Words: by Rabbi Pliskin
The Ten Plagues of Egypt: by Shoshana Lepon
The Ten Tests of Avraham: by Shoshana Lepon
Torah Rhymes and Riddles
The Little Midrash Says
The Little Midrash Says Treasure Chest
The Midrash Says
Just Imagine! Series: by M. Safra, Tfutza Publications
The 39 Melachos with Rabbi Juravel - Falsely Accused (Isreal Bookshop)
Watching My Words by Rabbi Ze'ev Greenwald
Know Navi by Rabbi Yaakov Hopkowitz
Eliyahu on Har Hakarmel by Zev Wahl
Dovid HaMelech (The Children's Tanach Series) by Rabbi Nachman Seltzer
613 Mitzvos Illustrated Based on Sefer Hachinuch
Toras Avigdor Junior On the Weekly Parsha by Yocheved Nadel
The Word-Wise Adventures of Yisrael and Meir
You Don't Say!
Shadow Pirates The Wheel Is in Your Hands by Rabbi Baruch Chait
Eretz Yisrael and Its Mitzvos Shemittah by Reuven Butler
Tell Me the Story of the Haggadah
Make Your Berachos Meaningful by Rabbi Mechel Handler

Since the Hasmoda contest is a learning program and not a reading program, much of the English language Judaica, like biographies, or Torah stories, while highly recommended, do not qualify as 'learning' material. Similarly davening, doing *mitzvos* and *chasodim* (kindnesses) are an integral part of our day and are to be rewarded, but do not qualify as 'learning' material for our learning program. Saying Tehilim can count for up to 5 minutes a day. (In addition to the adult supervised reading.) This list is intended as a little guide in directing your children to make the most of their *Yom Tov* time, learning time, family time, mitzvah time... Have a wonderful Yom Tov!

NAME _____ GRADE _____ GOAL _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____ MY TOTAL _____

April - May 2024

ניסן תשפ"ד

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27			
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**SOME LEARNING NEEDS TO TAKE PLACE ON AT LEAST 10 OF THE 14 DAYS OF PESACH BREAK.
 PARENTS-FOR EACH DAY THAT THE LEARNING GOAL WAS REACHED PLEASE INITIAL THAT DAY'S BOX.**