

Toras Emes E.C.E.

Parashas Chayei Sara

November 9, 2012

5:15 P.M.

ANIMAL KINGDOM:

The children had a wonderful experience this week learning about farm animals. Animals that were brought to the school included a goat, a donkey, a llama, a calf and ducks. You should have seen the children running after the billy goat. The children also had a great time holding newborn baby rabbits. What fun!

MAZEL TOV:

Rabbi Yosef and Miri Deitsch on the birth of a son.

Rabbi Gedalya and Sorah Glatt on the engagement of their daughter Adina to Yitzy Mittel.

YOSSI BAYLES CONCERT

As a special activity for our month long unit on Music, the children attended a fabulous concert given by Mr. Yossi Bayles. The children sang and danced to the music and had an amazing musical experience.



THANK YOU TO:

Dr. Moises and Debora Haratz for donating educational equipment to the Kindergarten III class in honor of Simja's fifth birthday.

Mr. Mickey and Arin Taillard for donating educational equipment to the Kindergarten II class in honor of Nechamie's sixth birthday.

YTC/TEAM ANNUAL JOURNAL DINNER

Please see the attached flyer
in appreciation of

Mr. and Mrs.
Chaim and Samantha Hirsch

who will accepting the
Kesser Torah Award
In memory of Chaim's father,

Raphael Mordechai ben Yitzchak
(Marvin) Hirsch a"h.

Be sure to stay tuned each week
For new and exciting details!

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM- CYCLE II

The second cycle of our Hot Lunch Program will begin on Monday, November 26. We are now offering parents the opportunity to place lunch orders online through our website at www.ytcteam.org. Orders are due by Thursday, November 15. If you have an questions or difficulties, please call Mrs. Tamir at 305-948-3338.



NURSERY – MORAH TAMI

The mitzvah of Gemilus Chassadim was introduced this week in Nursery. We talked about **Rivka's act of chessed in giving water to Eliezer and his camels.** To help the children understand the mitzvah of Gemilus Chassadim, we stressed the concept of sharing both at home and at school. We listened to the stories Making Friends by Fred Rogers, Labels For Laibel and Kind Little Rivka both by Dina Rosenfeld. A new song about sharing was taught to the children.

You share, I'll share
We all share together
Sharing together,
That's the thing to do
Toys and books and puzzles and dolls
Whatever you have,
You've got to share it all.

For Music month, we reviewed the four families of instruments and sang and danced as we listened to music.

Our Hebrew language unit this week focused on objects in the classroom. We learned the phrases:

אני ילד
אני ילדה
אתה ילד
את ילדה
הנה כסא
הנה שלחן
מה זה? זה שלחן אדום
מה זה? זה שלחן כחול
מה זה? זה שלחן צהוב
מי אני?
מי אתה?

The children really enjoyed learning about farm animals. In the final week of our unit, we have become very familiar with the Hebrew names of the many different types of animals that live on a farm.

NURSERY - MORAH SUSAN

We have really enjoyed Music Month. In the concluding week of our unit on music, we have become real musicians. The class practiced marching with several different kinds of musical instruments. What an exciting time they had as they marched around the playground playing their instruments and singing songs.

We listened to the stories Meet The Orchestra by Ann Hayes and Arroz Con Leche by Lulu Delacre.

We also listened to the CD that accompanies the story Arroz Con Leche and danced as we held maracas and tambourines.

Our artist skills were in full force this week. The children mixed paint to create many different colors. Beautiful paintings of rainbows, musical instruments, flowers and people are on display in our classrooms.

The Nursery class really enjoyed acting out the poem "Walking Walking".

Walking, walking
Walking, walking
Hop, hop, hop
Hop, hop, hop
Running, running, running
Running, running, running
Now I stop.
Now I stop.

This activity helped to develop the children's gross motor and listening skills.



PRE-KI, II & III- MOROT ETTIE & HEIDI

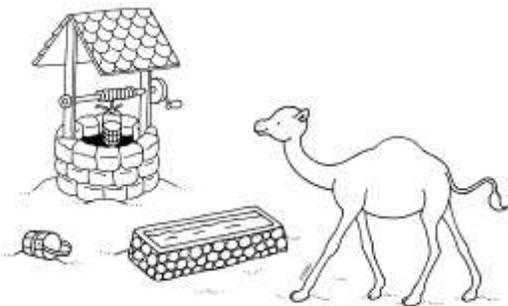
In Parashas Chayei Sarah, we were introduced to Rivka Imeinu. Rivka demonstrates to us the middah of chessed. This is seen when she gives water from the well to Eliezer and his camels. We discussed how we are going to try to do many acts of chessed this week. We also learned about the three nissim which occurred **in Sara's tent**- the cloud of glory over her tent, the bracha of the dough and the candle which stayed lit from one Erev Shabbos to the next. When Sara died, these nissim left but when Rivka entered the tent, these three nissim returned. We hope that you enjoy the delicious **challah that your children baked in honor of this week's parsha.**

The letter dalet arrived in Pre-K this week with a **special message of "Dibur Tov."** Hashem gave us a gift of dibur to communicate with each other but when we talk, we must always remember to use this gift for expressing kind words and good thoughts. We listened to the story The Secret Of The Leaves by Esther Van Handel- a story which stresses the importance of this middah. We also learned many new Hebrew words such as דג, דב, דלת, דבורה, דגל, דבש, דבי, דף .

We are continuing our unit on Chelkei HaGuf. This week, we are reviewing all of the new vocabulary words that we learned last week. We are focusing on different mitzvos that we can do with the different parts of our bodies.

Our Hebrew Language unit focuses on Hekerut- getting acquainted with objects in the classroom such as:

מה זה?
זה שלחן
מה זה?
זה כסא
מה זה?
זה כדור



PRE-KI, II & III-MOROT JUDY & NECHAMA

The Pre-K children concluded their unit on music this week. The focus this week was on brass and woodwind instruments. Examples of brass and woodwind instruments are the tuba, the French horn, the clarinet and flute. We also reviewed all the other instrument families. We pretended to be an orchestra and listened to the story Pet Of The Met by Lydia and Don Freeman, Pecorino's First Concert by Alan Madison and Anna Laura Cantone and Ben's Trumpet by Rachel Isadore. In honor of music month, the children also enjoyed a fabulous performance by the Yossi Bayles Orchestra.

The children enjoyed listening to several musical CD's and had a wonderful time assembling a band and marching around the playground. They also had fun creating flutes and kazoos.

In math, we reviewed the number one and sets of two. The children practiced writing the numbers correctly and making sets of two objects.

We discussed election day and what it means to vote. We talked about the responsibilities of the president.

Thank you to Rivka Friedman's father for bringing a cocoon with five butterflies to school. The children were so excited to go outdoors to release the butterflies. They made up a goodbye song as the butterflies flew away.



KINDERGARTEN I, II & III-MOROT BAYLA AND RENA

Parashas Chayei Sara was the focal point of the week. We learned about the death of Sara Imeinu and discussed the many massim tovim that she did throughout her life. We learned about the purchase of Mearas Hamachpela, which is still prominent in our hearts and minds today. We compared the character traits of Avraham Avinu and Efron Hachiti.

Doing chessed was emphasized this week in our classroom. We learned this from the way Eliezer chose a proper wife for Yitzchak. We enjoyed listening to the story Kind Little Rivkah by Dina Rosenfeld which was also featured in our listening center. We acted out the scene of Rivka selflessly giving of herself to make Eliezer and his gamalim more comfortable. We felt that this was not an easy task. We also discussed the three **simanim which left Sara's tent when she died and returned when Yitzchak married Rivka**. These signs showed that she was a tzadikes. We created a beautiful Hadlakas Neiros frame and baked delicious **challah in honor of this week's parsha**.

The letter "Vav" arrived in kindergarten this week with the special mitzvah of "V'Ahavta L'Reacha Kamocho." All the yeladim in kindergarten are going to try and be especially nice to each other. We learned that the letters Vav and Vais have the same sounds and reviewed the letters Alef through Vav with the nekudos that we have learned so far.

We started a new Hebrew language unit called **"Chelkei HaGuf"**. We are becoming familiar with many words and phrases such as:

ידים למעלה
ידים על הראש
איפה הרגלים שלי?
יש לי אזניים

The children had a great time playing Shimon Omer (Simon Says) as a way to reinforce and review our new vocabulary words.

In Project Derech, we learned that it is a mitzvah **not to sit in your parent's chair**.



KINDERGARTEN I, II & III- MOROT BERNEY & HEIDI

Our week was packed with delightful, dynamic activities. In honor of our new letter, the letter "Dd", the children discovered that they can read some words that start with the letter "Dd" such as dog, doc and dad and are quite excited about it. To reinforce our study of the letter "Dd", we drew fat "Dd" people, matched dominoes in our math center and played "Duck, Duck Goose."

Among the books that we enjoyed listening to were Dan, The Flying Man by Joy Cowley, Dr. Desoto by William Steig and Duck For President by Doreen Cronin.

We reviewed the four families of instruments and zeroed in on the woodwind family. We learned that the bassoon is the largest woodwind instrument, thereby producing the lowest notes while the piccolo is the smallest woodwind instrument thereby producing the highest notes. We really enjoyed music month, especially the wonderful concerts that we were lucky enough to hear. We listened to the big book Orchestranimals by Vlasta Van Kampen. This book was an enjoyable way to review all of the different instruments.

Election USA came to our classes this week. The children learned about our democratic voting process and the concept of a secret ballot. Naturally, we had our own election in school and voted with our secret ballots. Ask your child who won in our class.





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Erev Shabbos Parashas Chayei-Sarah 5773

Dear Parents,

We all are familiar with the well-known adage – “you don’t appreciate something until you no longer have it.”

Saying it, however, and having a deep seated awareness of it and its ramifications are two entirely different things. When we lose something or break something, we think and feel the loss deeply, and it occupies our thoughts and feelings to the exclusion of almost anything else. When things are going well, when good things happen, we feel upbeat for a short while, but usually don’t dwell much on our good fortune.

Let’s think about the destruction, despair and misery so many of our friends and relatives are experiencing now in New York and New Jersey. Their homes are damaged, they have no heat or electricity, food is scarce, their possessions are ruined, they are consumed with anxiety over sufficient supplies of gasoline, they may not be able to get to work, their *shuls* are damaged, their children’s schools may be closed and they may or may not have insurance. The list goes on and they quite naturally can’t think of anything else.

Let’s think of ourselves, by contrast. Our homes are fine, electricity, heat and air-conditioning are working well, our possessions are safe and undamaged, *shul* and school are functioning normally, our only concern about gasoline is to get some before the prices go back up now that the election is over, and insurance is hardly an issue right now. Are we ecstatic? Do we spend every waking hour reveling in the goodness that envelops our lives?? We may (hopefully) be ashamed to admit it, but our ‘complaint meter’ probably reads the same as always. We don’t seem capable of sustaining joy over the things that are right in our lives. Why don’t we invoke constant gratitude to *Hashem* for everything that’s not broken, depleted or disappeared?

Is there something we can do about it? Having *Hakoras HaTov*, appreciation and gratitude for the kindness others show to us, is essential to living a Torah-true life. Yet from a young age we’ve become accustomed to noticing what’s wrong and to magnify its impact. Recognizing the good in people and situations requires training, and the lack of it leaves us so woefully inadequate in the area of appreciating all the good things we do have. So what can we do?

We can glean an invaluable lesson from *Dovid HaMelech in Tehillim (100:2)*. As explained by the *Malbim – Ivdu es Hashem B’Simcha – Serve Hashem with joy* – is not so much a command as an assurance that by turning to *Hashem* with our needs and requests, we should already be joyous, because it’s guaranteed that He will take the best possible care of us. We should carry this insight around with us always, to help us see everything in a positive light, and to focus more on the positive than the negative. Our daily prayers are another vehicle for gaining insight into all the good there is. Even as we ask for our needs, we can note and give thanks for multiple blessings, our health, our *Par-nassah*, our family, our friends, our community, our intelligence, our talents, our homes, our possessions, etc. We need to balance the worry and sadness over the few things that are not quite as we expect them to be, with a passionate exuberance for the blessings of *Hashem* that we can already recognize as being for the good.

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We need the joy for what we do have to match the pain and sadness others feel for what they don't have. Logic dictates they should be the same. We take too much for granted and then fail to appreciate that all that is well with our world is also a special gift from *Hashem*, and that it could disappear at any moment.

It may be too late for us to easily change our gut reactions and deep-seated expectations, but it can't be too late for our children. Let the words of thanks come often to our lips. Let our exclamations of "*Baruch Hashem*" be frequent and sincere. Expressions of gratitude to people, appreciation for circumstances and joy for good turns of fortune becoming part of our repertoire will help embed these feelings in our children. Even if we start off by just going through the motions, our children will have a chance to regain a balanced perspective of *Hashem's* wonderful world and ultimately, we will too.

We have witnessed an outpouring of *chesed* and concern this week in our community through the toy and clothing drives, in addition to the quiet generosity and financial support countless individuals have demonstrated. If we can dwell on our blessings and good fortune we'll be even more capable of sustaining caring and support of those currently in dire straits, and we'll role model that most beautiful of *midos* – *Hakoras HaTov*, for our children to emulate.

Have a most caring and gratifying *Shabbos*,



Rabbi Kalman Baumann



A Visit with Animal Kingdom





Releasing the Butterflies in Pre-K1

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Kesser Torah Award

MR. & MRS. CHAIM & SAMANTHA HIRSCH

ACCEPTED IN LOVING MEMORY OF CHAIM'S BELOVED FATHER,
RAPHAEL MORDECHAI BEN YITZCHAK (MARVIN) HIRSCH A"H



Last week, we introduced you to Dr. and Mrs. Stan and Marla Frohlinger, the second of three extraordinary couples who have given so much of themselves for the Yeshiva and who all share a common thread: their *ma'asim tovim* are performed in a quiet and unassuming way, almost always below the radar.

— This week, it is our pleasure to introduce you to the Hirsches.

Mr. and Mrs. Chaim and Samantha Hirsch will be accepting the **Kesser Torah Award** in memory of Chaim's beloved father, **Raphael Mordechai ben Yitzchak (Marvin), Hirsch A"H**, whose life was a paradigm of *chesed* and *emes*, and whose *middos tovos* continue to guide and inspire them every day. An alumnus of the Dr. Abe Chames High School (1999) and a highly regarded forensic CPA, Chaim frequently delivers educational and motivational lectures to various audiences – including our *talmidim* – on the importance of integrity, honesty, and the perils of fraud. Additionally, he generously gives of his time to the Yeshiva as a member of our Finance Committee. A talented Early Childhood educator, Samantha has impacted the lives of the many children she has taught. She now devotes her *kochos* to educating her own children *b'derech HaTorah*. Born, raised, and currently living in Hollywood, the Hirsches involve themselves in the *mitzvos* of *Bikur Cholim* and *Hachnosas Orchim*, to name a few. We congratulate them on their accomplishments and thank them for allowing us to share them with you.

An ad blank is attached.

Your generous response will help make this our best campaign ever!!

Have a great Shabbos!

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Campaign Goal \$1,000,000 Raised to date \$61,000.00

<i>18,000.00 Anonymous</i>	<i>250.00 Mr. & Mrs. Chesky Schwartz</i>
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We encourage all parents to participate in this campaign by placing their personal ad and by soliciting friends, family and business acquaintances. Personal or solicited ads will be applied towards your give/get obligation.

Anyone who raises their \$1,000 give or get will receive two complimentary tickets to the Dinner.

We look forward to having all our parents attend the Dinner Tuesday, January 15th at the Treetop Ballroom at Jungle Island. Invitations will follow in the mail.

Have a great Shabbos!

Please join us at

the Young Israel of Hollywood, Sunday, November 11th, 7:30 pm for a

Women's Evening of Inspiration

as we commemorate the 3rd yartzheit of our beloved,

Jeanette Levine, ה"ע

(Chaya Yachet Elka bas R' Yisroel Yitzchak, ה"ע)

We are honored to have as our guest speaker:

Rebbetzin Rochel Stefansky,

esteemed counselor and Torah studies teacher at Bais Yaakov High School of Manchester, England. Rebbetzin Stefansky is also well known for her inspirational weekly shiurim to large groups of women and her renowned "History & Hashkafa" tours throughout Eastern Europe. She will address the women of our community on:

Ahavas Hashem

Loving Hashem with all your heart, soul and resources

"בכל לבבך בכל נפשך ובכל מאודך"

Light refreshments will be served.

We look forward to seeing you there.

*Levine, Sipper and
Himmelstein families*



For more information or volunteering questions please contact: Racheli Grossman 305-651-6541

Enter your full name and phone # for the hours available – Your time is GREATLY appreciated and will help this be the most successful book fair yet!

Scholastic Book Fair Volunteer Schedule

	Date Mon 11/26 or Mon 12/3	Date Tuesday 11/27	Date Wednesday 11/28	Date Thursday 11/29	Date Friday 11/30 or Sun 12/2
Morning 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____				
Afternoon 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____				
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