



חג פורים שמח!

- NO SUNDAY CLASSES
 - MONDAY—SHUSHAN PURIM
- Classes 9-2, Regular MB Bus, BBQ
(no Hot Lunch)



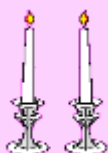
STAR STUDENTS

פרשת צו

פרשת זכור

CANDLE LIGHTING

7:11 pm



David Alber – S.S.
Yosef Chaim Alfassy – S.S.
Menachem Bloom – T.S.
Zachy Breier – T.S.
Binny Ciment – S.S.
Mendel Druin – T.S.
Yosef Feldman – T.S.
Koby Fruhman – S.S.
Nesanel Garfinkel – S.S.
Asher Greenberg – T.S.
Benjy Heller – T.S.
Shua Jeger – S.S.
Dovid Laks – S.S.
Benyamin Mendoza – T.S. & S.S.
Ari Mergui – T.S.
Yitzi Siegel – S.S.
Yaacov Suissa – T.S.

Leehee Akrish – T.S.
Ariella Balgley – T.S.
Coty Benarroch – S.S.
Shifra Braunshweiger – S.S.
Avigayil Breier – T.S.
Racheli Breier – S.S.
Esther Goodman – S.S.
Dina Malka Holzer – T.S.
Rina Lehrer – S.S.
Batel Levi – T.S.
Esther Reich – S.S.
Batzie Rubin – T.S.
Gitty Rubin – T.S.
Lia Sedaghati – S.S.
Ahuva Seinfeld – T.S.
Hannah Shapiro – S.S.
Yocheved Sharbani – S.S.

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Shlomo Alfassy
Yosef Benmergui
Ariel Chattah
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Eithan Grynsztein
Benjy Heller
Yitzchak Mercado
Dovi Schwartz
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Simja Haratz
Batel Levi
Elisheva Raab
Esther Reich

Batsheva Roth
Esty Stern
Malka Weiner
Chava Wunsch

YEDIOS HATORAH BONUS POINTS!

All students who correctly answer these questions by Thursday, March 20 will receive bonus points on the next tests!

Last week's questions:

What is the name of the special Tefilla we add on every Shabbos, Yom Tov, and Rosh Chodesh?

What Bracha do we make on a rainbow?

Answers:

1. מוסף.
2. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם זֹכֵר הַבְּרִית וְנֶאֱמַר בְּבְרִיתוֹ וְקִים בְּמֵאֲמָרוֹ

Yasher Koach to all the students who gave correct answers!!

This week's questions:

What is the last of the עֲשֶׂרֶת הַדְּבָרוֹת?

How many times is the city of יְרוּשָׁלַיִם mentioned in the Bracha of עַל הַמַּחֲנֶה?

PARSHA QUIZ



Last week's Question:

Which animal in this פרשה is spelled in two different ways using the same 3 letters?

Last week's Answer:

A sheep is sometimes called a כבש (ז, ג) and sometimes called a כשב (לב, ד).

This week's Question:

This week's פרשה has only two letters in its name. Which other פרשיות in the Torah have only two letters in their name (2 answers)?

JUNIOR DIVISION (3 - 4)

Peninim Shas – Netanel Hendel

Mikraos Gedolos – Ephraim Berkowitz

Mishna Brura — Daniel Chattah

Meshech Chochma—Natan Mizrahi

Yaacov Suissa

Chumshei Torah — Zachary Dennis

Daniel Ness

Yasher Koach to our top fourth and fifth grade learners, Netanel Hendel and Ephraim Dudovitz, who delivered articulate and sophisticated *Divrei Torah* at the *Siyum*.

We are honored to have had Rabbi Ephraim **Eliyahu Shapiro, Mora D'Asra Congregation Shaaray Tefilah**, deliver inspiring *Divrei Bracha* and words of *Chizuk* to our boys, and we are grateful that he took the time to join us.

A very special thank you to Mrs. Racheli Grossman for purchasing paper goods.

MISHNAYOS SIYUM

Mazel Tov to all of the winners and participants! Prizes were distributed to our top achievers at our Grand *Siyum* on Tuesday.

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION (5)

Mishnayos Kehati - Ephraim Dudovitz

Mishna Brura—Shmuel Feigenbaum

Shua Jeger

Ohr Gedalyahu – Adam Dennis

Chumshei Torah —Tzvi Lehrer

SHUSHAN PURIM



This Monday, Shushan Purim, school is from 9 AM to 2 PM featuring costumes, carnival, BBQ and Talent Show! All children are expected to come to school in costume, ready to have a great day! Please remember that hot lunch will not be served on Shushan Purim, so if you did not order hot dogs, don't forget to send lunch to school with your child(ren). **No "on the spot" orders will be taken at the barbecue.**



PUSHKA PROJECT

As you begin your Pesach cleaning, please fill your *Pushkas* with loose change you find and send them in to school with your child (ren) when they are full. If you need a new *pushka* please let us know.



PESACH CHOCOLATES



Please be advised that your Pesach candy orders will, IY'H, be sent home this coming Tuesday, March 18. **Don't forget to save them for Pesach!**

Mazel Tov
מזל טוב

To Mr. and Mrs. Shaya Gross and family on the engagement of their daughter Shaindy to Ezzy Wolf of Chicago.



רפואה שלמה

Mina Yehudis bas Mesouda
Dovid Tzvi Aharon ben Alte Rochel
Dov Berish Nachum ben Esther
Tinok ben Chana Basya
Raytz bas Sarah
Chaim Kalman Klonimus ben Chaya Sara
Gitcha bas Yetshka
Yitzchok Shmuel ben Pesha Sarah

AS OF PRESS TIME , WE ARE PROUD TO SAY THAT WE HAVE EXCEEDED \$4,000 IN *OD YOSEF CHAI* COLLECTIONS! **TIZKU L'MITVOS!**

1ST GRADE GIRLS CHUMASH PARTIES



This was a most memorable week for all of our extraordinary

first grade girls! Toras Emes teemed with excitement on Wednesday as our children, dressed **up for the occasion and traveled to Torah V'Emunah** where they celebrated receiving their first Chumash at parties filled with song, learning, gifts and delicious refreshments.

The parents, grandparents and siblings **“shepped much nachas”** as they enjoyed this milestone in their lives, while the pride felt by the administration, teachers and staff was palpable.

A tremendous *Yasher Koach* goes to Mrs. Cohen, Mrs. Rosenbaum, our first grade girls Limudei Kodosh teachers, for their inspiring teaching **and preparations for their students' special day.**

Yasher Koach to our very own Mrs. Esta Rosenberg, and Mrs. Yael Tempelberg whose help was invaluable in putting together the presentations.

We greatly appreciate the assistance of the **parents' committee heads**, Mrs. Malky Gordon, Mrs. Sorelle Silverstone, and Mrs. Arin Taillard who organized a host of dedicated volunteers whose combined talents and efforts made these magnificent parties possible.

Yasher Koach to the Rosenbaum, Berkowitz and Sapirman families for dedicating the Chumashim for a *refua shelaima* for:

חיים מאיר בן מרים פרומעט

We would like to express our Hakoras HaTov to the following families:

For being sponsors and patrons of the Chumash parties:

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Mrs. Albert, Mrs. Attia, Mrs. Balgley, Mrs. Biton, Mrs. Feldman, Mrs. Goldenberg, Mrs. Greenberg, Mrs. Hyman, Mrs. Levy, Mrs. Nightingale, Mrs. Ruda, Mrs. Tangir, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Segelman, Mrs. Wunsch

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Mrs. Levy, Mrs. Taillard, Mrs. Farmer, Rabbi Schwartz

For calligraphy:

Dr. Holzer, Mrs. Lefkowitz

For sewing:

Mrs. Rochie Schwartz

The tremendous efforts and talents of the many parent volunteers is greatly appreciated.

Special thanks to Rabbi & Mrs. Bensinger and **Congregation Torah V'Emunah** for allowing us to “take over” the Shul for our parties.

If your name was inadvertently omitted from this list, please forgive the oversight and consider yourself thanked for making this occasion a huge success.

**WE CAN'T WAIT TO CELEBRATE
WITH 1B ON WEDNESDAY!**



Erev Shabbos Parashas Tzav, Parashas Zachor, Purim 5774

Dear Parents,

Roshei HaYeshiva

Rabbi Binyomin Luban
Rabbi Yisroel Y. Niman
Rabbi Mordechai Palgon

Founding Rosh HaYeshiva

Rabbi Bentzion Chait

Purim provides an opportunity to analyze parenting from a different perspective. In this instance at least, you have permission to read **your children's mail...!**

Dear Children,

Principal

Rabbi Kalman Baumann

Secular Studies Principal

Dr. Deborah Lerer

Assistant Principal

Rabbi Noam Grossman

President

Dr. Allan I. Jacob

President

Dr. Jonathan Rubin

Vice President

Rabbi Moshe Lehrfield

I know many of you have become worried that your parents have **been learning too much about parenting. They've been reading** weekly letters, perhaps articles and books, and some have even gone to parenting classes. Yikes! Since all you kids have a side of you that wants to make trouble, having parents who know how to keep you in line and even inspire you to behave properly at all times, poses quite a threat to being little Mr. or Miss Troublemaker. **Now, don't get me wrong. Some of you have nothing to worry about.** After all, your parents are moody, inconsistent and never follow through on their threats. All you need to do (and you already do it quite well) is learn to read their moods – know when to make a mess, be annoying or uncooperative and nothing will happen to you. You also know how to keep whining for what you want and know full well **they can't stand up to you for long. If you're fortunate enough to** have parents who set a bad example, like talking in shul, always coming late, not keeping their word or not offering to help people obviously in need – **then you're in great shape! Trouble will be your middle name, without even trying! I don't need to give you any** advice.

I'm speaking instead, to those of you who for the most part have fair and consistent expectations placed on you, reliable follow up and a nice relationship with your parents. How are you kids going to be able to make TROUBLE like your lucky friends??

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Let's say you want to annoy your little sister by hiding her favorite doll or your older sister by listening in on her conversations. Your parents will get involved right away, stay calm, listen to all sides, empathize with everyone's feelings and then give you, in a fair and reasonable manner, what you got coming for such inappropriate behavior. Annoying sisters just lost most of its attraction. Let's say you just don't want to stop playing when your mother calls you for supper, so you ignore her. I'll bet you think you can sneak inside in a little while and she just won't notice, or she'll throw her hands up and do nothing about it. Guess what – your Mom is probably going to let you know she's aware of what you did and she'll remember tomorrow to not let you go outside before supper. Sorry. Perhaps you were fooling around and accidentally knocked over an expensive lamp. No way you're going to admit it. You make up some story about what happened. You know you don't stand a chance when you see your mother is more upset about your not telling the truth than she is about her favorite lamp.

I'm afraid I have to admit I have no advice for you guys with those effective parents. You'll never make it to the Troublemakers Hall of Fame. You'll never even get close. So kids, my message to you is enjoy being your parents' children – because as time goes on they'll only improve their attitude even more and master additional techniques in how to raise you properly. And watch out – before you know it– you'll be an Aba or Ima yourself, IY'H. And with such good role models you'll probably do a great job yourself!

Purim Sameach – enjoy your wonderful parents!!



Rabbi Kalman Baumann



FIRST GRADE GIRLS CELEBRATE!



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The Spirit of Purim

Ad D'lo Yoda

Of the many mitzvos springing from Purim, two seem difficult to understand. The first is actually mandated for the Shabbos before Purim—the obligation to “remember Amalek,” by hearing the Torah’s account of Amalek’s attack against Israel in the desert. The second is to become drunk—so drunk, in fact, that we cannot distinguish between “Cursed is Haman,” and “Blessed is Mordechai.” If we follow the logic of both of these mitzvos, we see that, in the end, their meanings converge into one brilliant point. And that point is Purim’s underlying essence—a point sharp enough to penetrate our hearts, and brilliant enough to illuminate our lives.

First, there’s Shabbos Zochor, the Shabbos of remembering Amalek. Why is Amalek singled out as the one nation with which Hashem has sworn eternal enmity—an enmity which we are commanded to express throughout the generations? One key to understanding what Amalek stands for is to consider when the attack took place. The attack was preceded by the first Shabbos in the desert. Moshe had warned the people not to go out to collect manna on Shabbos, but there were men who thought they knew better. They left their boundaries and went out, finding, of course, that there was nothing to gather.

Then Amalek came. The Gemara tells us that, had the Jews kept this Shabbos correctly, they would never have been vulnerable. That is because, had they placed themselves totally under Hashem’s dominion, no one

would have dared to attack. By violating Shabbos, they renounced what Shabbos signifies—that Hashem created the world and we have no existence outside of Him.

Shabbos is also a remembrance of G-d’s role in leading us out of Egypt. The Shela Hakodesh explains that the terms of the Jews’ slavery were uniquely harsh, because they were given absolutely no time for themselves. Every second, day and night belonged to their masters. This was a necessary education for us, says the Shela, so that we could understand the intensity of service that Hashem demands. Both creation and the exodus teach us that we reside in G-d’s domain and belong exclusively to Him.

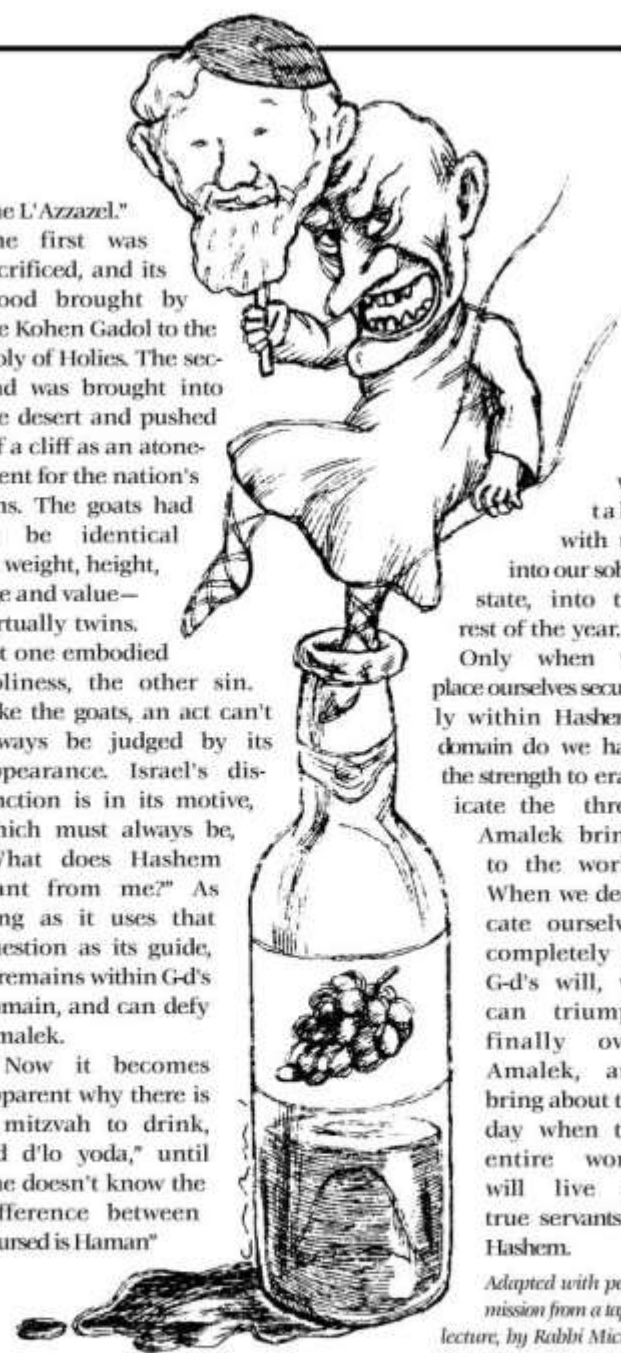
Amalek stands for the polar opposite of this concept. It represents man’s independence, the right to choose whether or not to do G-d’s will. Amalek doesn’t submit; he decides. If it seems right or good in Amalek’s eyes, he will act. Many times, he might even do exactly what Israel does. Amalek need not be a barbarian. He can be a philanthropist, an artist, a scientist, a philosopher. But because he relies on his intellect rather than searching out Hashem’s will, he inevitably gravitates to self-justified evil. He will always attack Israel because Israel is an extension of Hashem’s will, a challenge to Amalek’s view of man.

The Arizal points out that there is a parallel between Purim and Yom Kippur, which highlights how closely Amalek can resemble Israel. An integral part of the service was the designation of two goats, one “L’Hashem” and

one L’Azzazel.” The first was sacrificed, and its blood brought by the Kohen Gadol to the Holy of Holies. The second was brought into the desert and pushed off a cliff as an atonement for the nation’s sins. The goats had to be identical in weight, height, age and value—virtually twins. Yet one embodied holiness, the other sin. Like the goats, an act can’t always be judged by its appearance. Israel’s distinction is in its motive, which must always be, “What does Hashem want from me?” As long as it uses that question as its guide, it remains within G-d’s domain, and can defy Amalek.

Now it becomes apparent why there is a mitzvah to drink, “ad d’lo yoda,” until one doesn’t know the difference between “Cursed is Haman”


and “Blessed is Mordechai.” In drinking to the point of confusion, we answer Amalek’s contention that man’s intellect is all he needs in order to know right from wrong. We surrender our senses to Hashem, and let His will be our guide. This abandonment of our intellect in favor of G-d’s will is the essence that



“Drinking on Purim ‘ad d’lo yoda’ is our answer to Amalek.”

we take with us, into our sober state, into the rest of the year. Only when we place ourselves securely within Hashem’s domain do we have the strength to eradicate the threat Amalek brings to the world. When we dedicate ourselves completely to G-d’s will, we can triumph finally over Amalek, and bring about the day when the entire world will live as true servants of Hashem.

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In honor of my Aishes Chayil Riva Leah (Robin) With love, Yosef (Joe) Andelman

A One-Day Special

In Heaven, Purim is like no other day of the year. On every other day, the prayers that pass through its gates are carefully assessed. Who has sent this prayer? What are his merits? What's in his heart? What's on his mind? On every other day, our claim on Hashem's mercy is tempered by our own worthiness.

But Purim is different. This is the day that Hashem recognized Klal Yisrael's love, heard Klal Yisrael's prayers, and answered us with unmitigated mercy. Ever since, Purim has stood as a day for our prayers to be accepted, no matter what our merits.

Chazal explain why this is so: "The law of tzedakah is

that one is supposed to check the worthiness of the recipient. But on Purim, the law bids us not to scrutinize the recipient but to give to whomever asks."

"Purim has stood as a day for our prayers to be accepted, no matter what our merits."

So it is with Hashem, too. He doesn't scrutinize those who reach out to Him on Purim. He showers His blessings upon anyone who asks.

Because of the special power of tefillah on this day, many people rise before dawn to learn, recite Tehillim, and pray with a sunrise Vasikin minyan, when the gates of Heaven are open their widest. Those first hours of the day, or any time during this extraordinary day, are the ideal time to ask—for health, marriage, children, prosperity,

spiritual growth, success, friendship, peace—for ourselves, our families and all those in need.

To Do: Build into your plans for Purim an adequate opportunity to best use this special time for tefillah.

—CCHF

Better Relationships

A Basket of Forgiveness

The Special Power of Shalach Manos

Purim is said to be as holy as Yom Kippur. The Arizal adds that, in fact, it is even more holy. He derives this from the words, "Yom Kippurim," which can be translated to mean "a day like Purim." If Yom Kippur is like Purim, then Purim is the standard to which Yom Kippur is compared.

But the meaning of the comparison must surely run deeper than the grammar of the words. On Yom Kippur, we are required to reach out to our fellow Jews and ask forgiveness for whatever wrongs we have done to them. The law holds that there's no forgiveness from G-d until we've first tried to make amends with each other.

Facing the day that seals our fate for the year, we make a ritual of asking forgiveness and offering forgiveness to those who ask us.

On Purim, we also reach out to our fellow Jews—this time to give and receive shalach manos. Inherent in this mitzvah of sending gifts of food is another opportunity to

"Any mitzvah that was accepted with joy is still being done with joy."
—Shabbos 130

repair damaged relationships and assuage grievances. Many hard feelings have been swept aside by the surprise of receiving shalach manos from someone with whom there's been a dispute or misunderstanding. Both the giving and receiving are infused with the festive mood and ahavas yisrael that characterize the day. As on Yom Kippur, we can make amends. But on Purim, the gesture springs from love, not fear—and that's what makes it greater.

To Do: Think of friendships that have been either neglected or damaged, and use shalach manos, along with a friendly note, to renew or repair the relationship.

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