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A PEEK INTO THIS MONTH...

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# IDVAR CHIZUK

## Parshas Beshalach

*Klal Yisroel* were surrounded on all sides with no room for escape. As the scene played out by the *Yam Suf*, we find that they engaged in *Tefilah*, just as the *Avos* would have done. *Moshe* took the lead in his davening that *Paroh* and his army should be destroyed without *Klal Yisroel* having to take initiative and act. However, we find that *Hashem* gave *Moshe Rabeinu* the directive to travel forward into the *Yam*. Now was the time for action, davening would not suffice. *HKB"H* was sending the message that first you must demonstrate your trust that I will save you by taking the "leap of faith" and going forward into the *Yam Suf*.

The *Parshah* is clarifying for us the necessity of *Hishtadlus*, the way that *Hashem* wishes for us to proceed. When faced with adversity, certainly there is the need for *Tefilah*, however *HKB"H* is expecting

us to take action while fully understanding that ultimately the combination of *Emunah* with *Tefilah* and our actions will lead us to come out victorious. With these three components we are *zoche* to *Siyata Dishmaya* to be successful.

In our lives we are faced with numerous challenges that take up much of our time. As adults, we use this "roadmap" to navigate difficulties and overcome them. Our children watch us and observe how we behave under such circumstances. They carefully observe how we turn to our *Rabbonim* and other spiritual mentors for guidance. These opportunities to be *mechaneich* our children form their view and perspective on facing life's challenges. May we have much *Siyata* in setting a shining example for them.

**Rabbi Dovid Sass, Lower School Menahel**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

January 17

**Professional Day, LS - No Sessions, MS - 3:35pm dismissal**

January 23

**3rd Grade Haschalas Mishnayos**

January 30

**PTA Uncle Moishy Concert! *More info on Page 7***

February 1

**HS/MS Conferences 4:00 - 9:30 pm, 1:00pm dismissal**

February 2

**LS Parent Teacher Conferences, 4th & 5th grades; 3:45pm dismissal**

February 5

**TA PTA Melave Malka for TA Mothers**

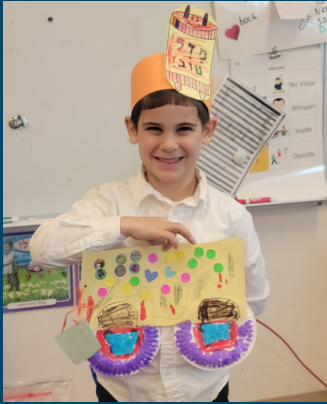
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**February 10 - 15**

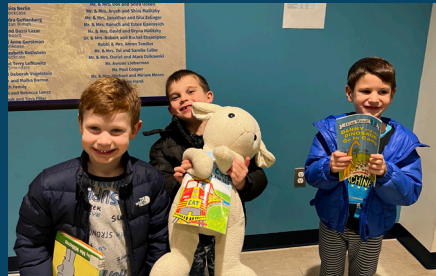
**Mid Winter Break, No Sessions for All Divisions**



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## PAGES IN PAJAMAS







4th graders learning about safrus with Rabbi Benyowitz.



4th - 8th grades taking part in the *Mishna Yomi* program!



Rabbi Shuchatowitz talking in learning with 5th grade *talmidim*!



2nd graders enjoying an art project!



Mr. Levine, our security guard speaking to Elementary classes about security



Elementary boys exploring the STEM lab!



Rabbi Rifkind taking some of his *talmidim* to HaRav Aron Feldman after they memorized 15 *blatt gemara*!



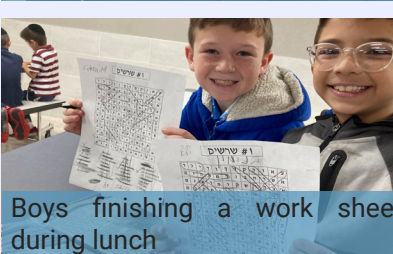
Rabbi Weingot visits TA!



4th graders learning about circuits!



Nursery *talmidim* enjoying a "Pharaoh in Pajamas" *makkos* party!



Boys finishing a work sheet during lunch



*Rebbeim* and teachers enjoyed a workshop with Rabbi Yaakov Sadigh



4th graders learning in the *Mesivta Beis Medrash*!

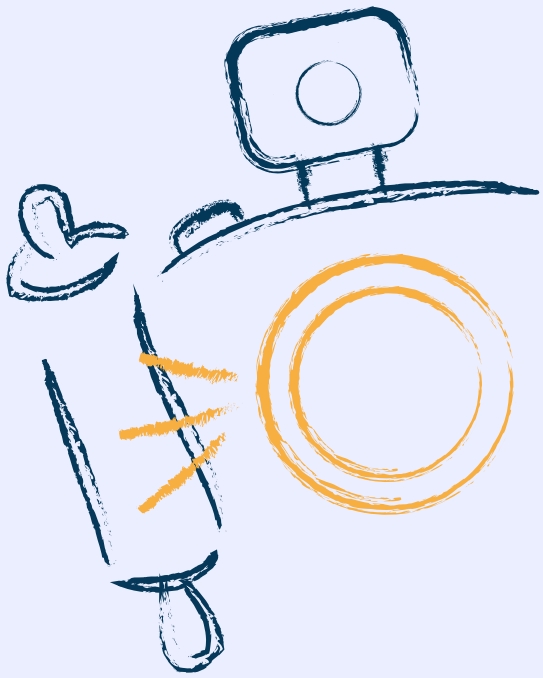


Middle School boys dissecting a frog!



Middle school *talmidim* enjoying a game of chess during lunch!





Preschool talmidim enjoying our fun room!



4th graders enjoying a presentation on Shmitta by R' Mianom Elbaz



Rabbi Kahana tests Elementary talmidim on mishnayos baal peh!



2nd graders enjoying a pinata party as part of the STAR program!



4th through 8th grade taking part in the Eretz Chemda Shmitta program!



R' Slansky's 4th graders enjoying slurpies as part of the STAR program!



5th graders enjoying our new library!



Rabbi Shapiro's 6th grade taking a trip to Rosendorff's bakery!



Preschool talmidim baking challah!



Elementary rosh chodesh shevat assembly!





# SIYUMIM AROUND TA!



5th graders made a siyum on Maseches Roah Hashana!



4th grade made a siyum on Parshas Shemos!



R' Shulman's 9th grade made a siyum on Maseches Taanis!



5th graders made a siyum on Sefer Tehillim!



R' Pollack's 2nd graders made a siyum on Parshas Lech Lecha!



Middle School Mishnayos Chazara Bechina!

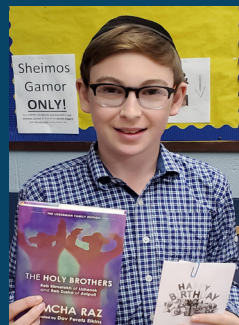
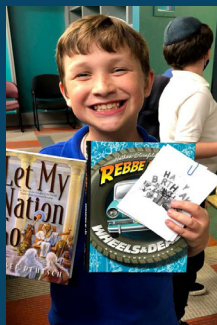


## PTA NEWS

OVER 500 BOOKS!

PTA ROSH CHODESH TREATS!

Thanks to the grandparents of TA, over 500 books have been donated to the TA libraries over the past year in honor of the boys' birthdays! Each division - preschool, elementary, middle and high school - has received books to enhance their libraries, and the birthday boys have enjoyed choosing a book and their birthday slurpees. We look forward to continuing to build on the success of this new program this year in partnership with our TA grandparents.





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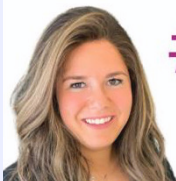
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