

תשרי - חשון . SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

A PEEK INTO THIS MONTH...

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# DVAR CHIZUK

In ספר בראשית we are introduced to אדם, חוה and the נח and his generation, אברהם and תרח and his father, יוסף and יעקב, ישמעאל and יצחק, and finally בני ישראל and מצרים.

Why was it necessary for all of the אבות הקדושים to have spent their entire lives opposite such people? What is the lesson for us to learn from this?

HaRav Moshe Shapiro זצ"ל explained that in order for a person to succeed and become great, he must be confronted with obstacles, falling, then rising time after time, until he reaches the top of the mountain. That mountain is custom built for everyone, every person has his own challenges, his own dilemmas and his own struggles. By working on himself and overcoming those struggles he can become the greatest he can be. Without challenges no one can grow, no one can shine. What makes a person great is climbing the mountain, dropping, getting back up and continuing until he reaches the top. However, that struggle does not end, as throughout our life

new obstacles are placed in front of us allowing us the ability to continue the climb of greatness.

As a child, one of the great games we used to play was "king of the mountain"; climbing to reach the top of a snowdrift in a school parking lot, only to fall back or get pulled back by others trying to reach the top. Those who joined with friends, or simply watched how others succeed, eventually reached the top themselves. Yet, if the mountain was too tall, or the snowdrift was too small, there was no game of "king of the mountain", as the challenge was simply not there.

To be successful in life, we are blessed with challenges and struggles, which at times we don't understand. We must all realize that to become king of the mountain, we must climb that mountain, accept the challenges, and eventually become the greatest we can possibly be.

Rabbi Yisrael Lefkowitz  
Mesivta Menahel

## UPCOMING EVENTS

November 7	Mesivta Open House
November 9	Lower School PTC, 3:45 pm dismissal for 4th & 5th graders
November 16	MS/HS PTC, 12:00pm dismissal
November 17	Lower School PTC, 3:45 pm dismissal for 4th & 5th graders
November 25	LS, Sunday Schedule, MS, Sunday Schedule, 12:00pm dismissal HS, Yarchei Kallah, Mincha 12:25pm followed by dismissal
November 26	LS, Sunday Schedule MS, Sunday Schedule, 12:00pm dismissal

# NURSERY HASCHALAS ALEPH BEIS



# 1ST GRADE HASCHALAS CHUMASH







Kitchen renovations have been completed!



Preschool talmidim enjoying an animal show in honor of Parshas Noach!



Teachers participating in professional development at the beginning of the school year.



Mesivta talmidim installing a sink in the new vocational program at the Mesivta!



Parents back once again for parent orientation!

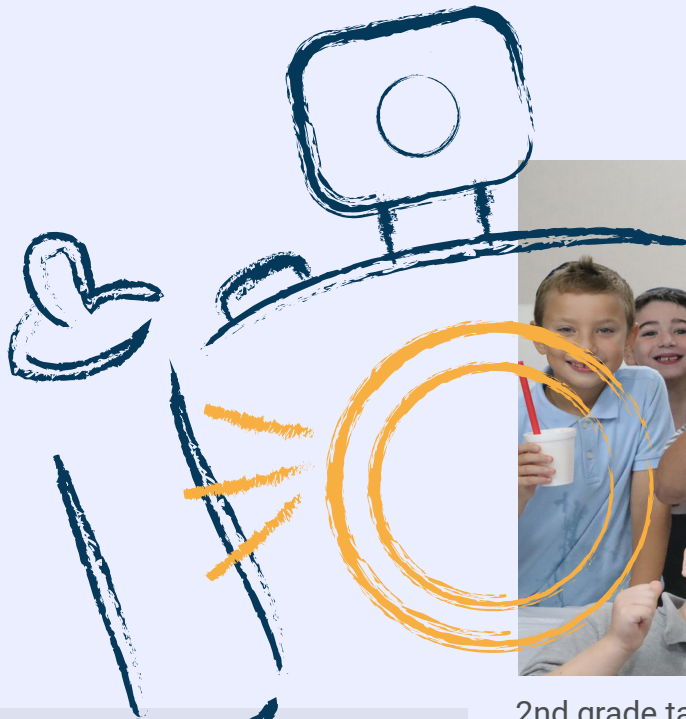


7th graders enjoying the after-school art program!

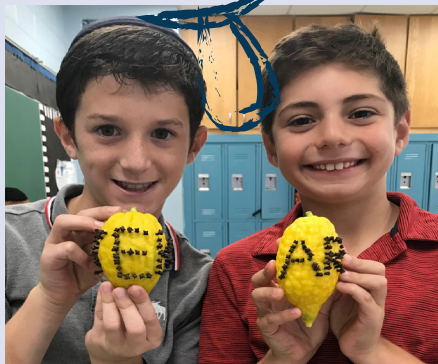


Rabbi Lefkowitz hosted a Hoshana Rabba Seuda for his Mesivta Talmidim!





2nd grade talmidim enjoyingng slushies in honor of the first day of school!



4th grade annual Esrogim-Besamim project!



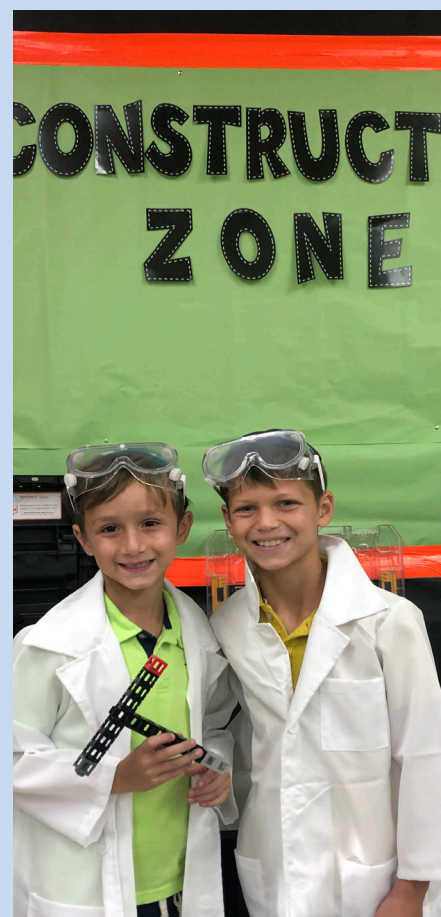
Rabbi Shulman, our new 9th grade Rebbe, sharing divrei Torah with 8th grade.



Rabbi Landa began Darcheinu - Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Curriculum for our 6th graders.



High School students enjoying their new juice machine!



Elementary students have a brand new STEM lab!



# MESIVTA GUEST SPEAKERS



The Mesivta and Middle School were treated to meet and hear words from Rabbi Pinchus Green, Mashgiach Kaminetz Yerushalayim



Rabbi Meir Rottenberg, Rebbe at Beis Medrash and Mesivta of Baltimore



Rav Avraham Shorr, Rav of Kahal Tiferes Yaakov in Flatbush





# EXTENDED SUCCOS BREAK HASMADA PROGRAM



Middle School talmidim enjoying Kosher Bite during lunch!



Elementary talmidim being rewarded with a Pirchei dinner and prizes!



## "FAITH IN BLUE"

Nursery students planted tulips with police captains and met "McGruff" as part of the Faith in Blue Program with Baltimore County Police.





# THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

SHEMESH Presents a New Support Group



## For Parents of Children with ASD and Related Difficulties

SHEMESH is pleased to announce the formation of a new Parent Support Group. Meet with other parents and professionals to discuss topics of mutual interest, gain insights and share experiences.

**Tuesday, November 9**  
**8:00 - 9:15 p.m.**

- First meeting will introduce representatives from SHEMESH, Autism Speaks and NeuroBehavioral Associates
- Special presentation by Blue Balloon: "Here Come the Holidays! Preparing for Relaxing and Fun Family Time"

Live-captioning is available through Maryland Relay Service. Generally, 48 hours advance notice is required to set this up. Learn more at [hamiltonrelay.com](http://hamiltonrelay.com).

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