

שבת - אדר א' . JANUARY - FEBRUARY

A PEEK INTO THIS MONTH...

SNTP SHOTS



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DVAR CHIZUK



Parshas Ki Sisa

On the **כהן גדול** of the **בגדי כהונה** were the most precious and magnificent stones, the **אבני שהם** and the **אבני מלואים**. The **אבני שהם** were placed on the two shoulders of the **כהן גדול**, and upon them were written the names of all the twelve **שבטים**, six on each stone. The **אבני מלואים** were twelve stones placed on the **חושן** opposite the heart of the **כהן גדול**, each stone representing every **שבט**.

The Philadelphia Rosh Yeshiva, **הרב אלי שווייזל**, explained so beautifully that to be a true leader, a **כהן גדול**, you must have the shoulders to carry the entire nation. The stones on his shoulders therefore, carried the names of the entire **ישראל**. However, opposite his heart were twelve stones, each one representing each and every **שבט**, showing that besides the responsibility to carry the entire nation as a whole, there was a love in his heart for each individual member of **ישראל**.

This week's **פרשה** begins with the **מחצית השקל**, the counting of every member of **ישראל**, כלל, showing their importance and realizing the potential and greatness of each distinct person. To build a **משכן** it was necessary for every single person to donate an equal amount so that everyone would have an equal share and realize that his **חצי שקל** is as important and necessary as the next person's.

We say in daily **שחרית** "מונה מספר לכוכבים".....**הרופא לשבורי לב**. Hashem heals the broken heart by counting every star and calling them by specific names. The **פסוק** is teaching us that to fix a broken heart you must appreciate His greatness and show Him that there is no one as important as He is.

Every individual talmud we have in our wonderful Yeshiva is made to feel how unique he really is and how significant he is to creating a great Yeshiva. The individual talmidim are what makes our Yeshiva great in its entirety!

Rabbi Yisrael Lefkovitz, Mesivta Menahel

UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday, February 27

5th Grade Haschalas Gemara

7th Grade Parent Bar Mitzvah Dinner, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 1

LS Professional Development, 4th & 5th grades; 3:45pm dismissal

Motze Shabbos, March 12

MS Pre-Purim Mesiba, 8:00 pm

Monday & Tuesday, March 14 - 15

HS Tzedaka Drive, Dismissal 4:20 pm

Monday, March 14

HS Professional Development, Dismissal 4:20 pm

Wednesday, March 16

Taanis Esther, LS - Half Day Schedule, MS & HS - 12:00 pm dismissal

Thursday - Sunday, March 17 - 20

Purim, LS - No Sessions for ALL divisions

3RD GRADE HASCHALAS MISHNAYOS



MISHNA YOMI SIYUM





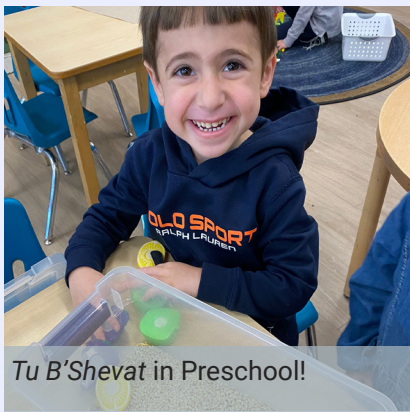
Rabbi Rifkind's shiur celebrating their Motzai Shabbos Learning!



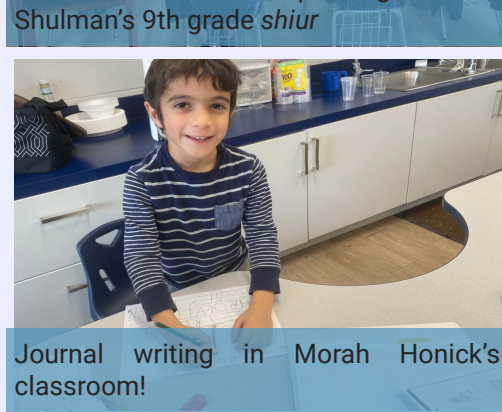
HaRav Schuchatowitz speaking to Rabbi Shulman's 9th grade shiur



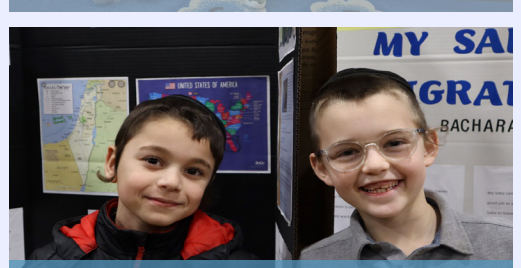
Morah Caryn's Nursery class learning "K" for kaleidoscope!



Tu B'Shevat in Preschool!



Journal writing in Morah Honick's classroom!



3rd Grade presenting their projects at the Immigration Fair!



Music time with Morah Suri!



Montessori Nursery learning about leaving Mitzrayim!



Mrs. Mushell's class enjoying a Caribbean party!



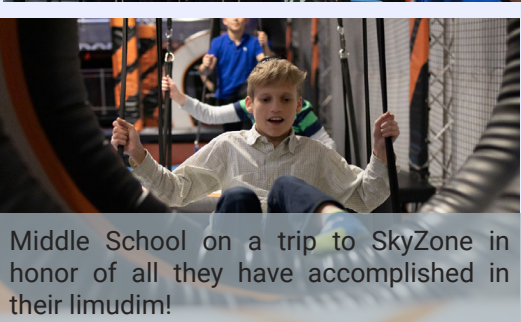
Middle School on a trip to SkyZone in honor of all they have accomplished in their limudim!



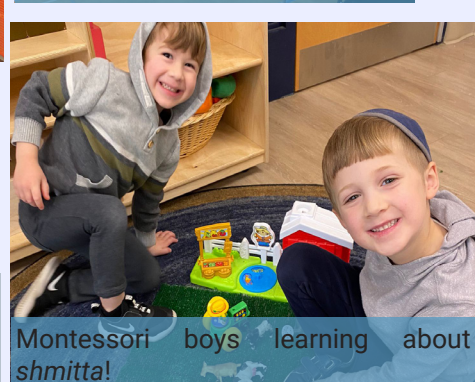
Parent Teacher Conferences



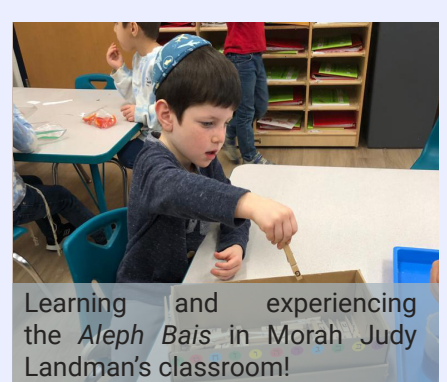
Elementary boys participating in the Safety Kid Program.



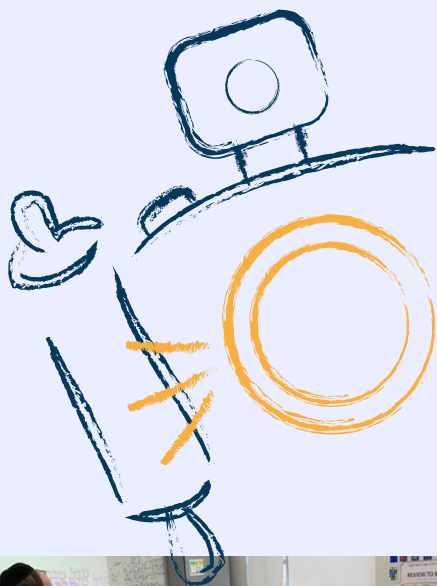
Montessori boys learning about shmitta!



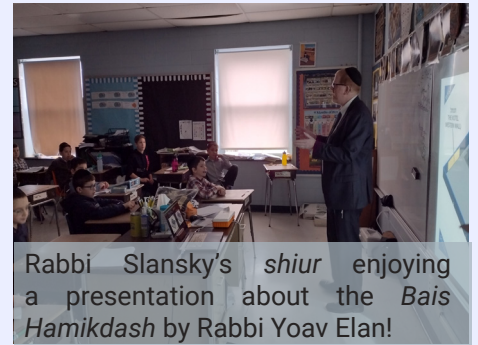
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Learning and experiencing the Aleph Bais in Morah Judy Landman's classroom!



Rabbi Sass learning with 5th grade talmidim!



Rabbi Slansky's shiur enjoying a presentation about the Bais Hamikdash by Rabbi Yoav Elan!



Rabbi Brody's 2nd grade class making a siyum on parshas Lech Lecha!



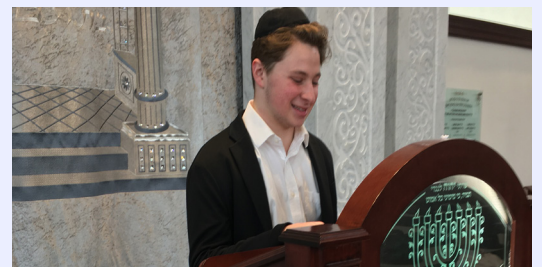
The Jewels boys learning b'chavrusa and being farhered by HaRav Yaakov Hopper



Elementary boys exploring our STEM lab!



Mazel Tov to Ephraim Dickstein, Yitz Goldstein, Tzvi Kaplon, Itai Klotzman, and Shlomo Shaw on making a siyum on Maseches Megillah!



The Mesivta enjoying a ski trip at the Montrose Ski Resort.



Elementary talmidim playing chess during their lunch recess!



Rabbi Kranz's shiur enjoying steak and fries in honor of their grand siyum!



Rabbi Slansky's 4th grade class enjoying a special lunch as part of the STAR program!



Preschool talmidim enjoying the library!

SPECIAL GUESTS

HaRav Hagaon Yehoshua Cohen *shlita*
came to speak to our *Mesivta* talmidim



The Vizhnitzer Rebbe *shlita* came to speak with our *Mesivta* and Middle School talmidim

ELEMENTARY TALENT SHOW!



TA MOTHER'S MELAVE MALKA

The PTA treated our TA mothers to a Melave Malka. They enjoyed a delicious dairy buffet and a presentaion by Mrs. Gitti Horowitz



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8:00 - 9:15 p.m. Via Zoom

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Zoom link will be provided in your confirmation email.
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FEBRUARY 2
Planning for Success: Using Visual Aids to Support Working Memory
Facilitated by Leah Golley, Special Education and Support Consultant, SHEMESH

MARCH 2
Helping your Child with ADD and Anxiety
Facilitated by Tammy Mintz, Ph.D. Licensed Psychologist


APRIL 6
Making Your Holidays Happy!
Facilitated by SHEMESH Staff

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February is Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month



ADHD Like You!

A Virtual Discussion for Kids with ADHD in Grade 4 through High School

Wednesday, February 23
7:30 p.m. Via Zoom

Meet other kids like you and learn how they have made the most of their unique abilities and dealt with their challenges. Share your own special strengths and ideas. Hear from young adults with ADHD about what it's like to be working toward achieving their dreams.

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rsvp@shemeshbaltimore.org

Registration is required.
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