

NOVEMBER - 1703



A PEEK INTO THIS MONTH...

SNAPSHOTS



SPECIAL LAMDEINU CAMPAIGN!
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IDVAR CHIZUK

Parshas Vayigash

We have just finished celebrating *Chanukah* and although it is history for this year, there is one very important message that should remain.

Chanukah stands for *chanu, chaf hay* – they rested on the 25th. Most wars and battles generally memorialize the battle that took place. The great battle of Gettysburg, or Yorktown or Iwo Jima. The name is about the battle not the outcome! We *yidden* look at war much differently. It is not about being victorious, it is about the goal. War is not a goal in and of itself, it is the result that we look for. For us, the battle of the *chashmonaim* was about being able to rest and rededicate ourselves to *Torah* true values; keeping *Mitzvos* and learning *Torah* in a safe and peaceful atmosphere. Hence the *Yom tov* is commemorated with the name of our final goal – resting on the 25th of *Kislev*!

To segue into another *Chanukah* minhag, let's talk about "*Chanukah gelt*". There is a *Minhag* that on

Chanukah we give money as a present. What is the meaning of this? I would suggest based on the concept put forward in the first paragraph; we are being taught a similar lesson. In the outside world, accumulation of wealth is a goal unto itself. People spend their entire life in the pursuit of money and riches. For what, you may ask? As they say, you can't take it with you! Our concept of money is quite different. Money is a means to our goal of *Avodas Hashem*. It is not the gathering of wealth that is important but rather the use of wealth as a resource in our continued growth in *Yiddishkeit*.

May the lights of *Chanukah* remain with us throughout the entire year to focus us on our true goal in life, *Avodas Hashem*.

Rabbi Yaakov Schwartz
Middle School Menahel

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 14

Asara B'Teves

Lower School - Half Day Schedule

Middle School/High School - 1:00pm Dismissal

December 21

Lower School Professional Development

4th & 5th grades; 3:45pm dismissal

January 6

Mesivta Off Shabbos begins, 1:00pm dismissal

January 7 - 9

No School - All Divisions

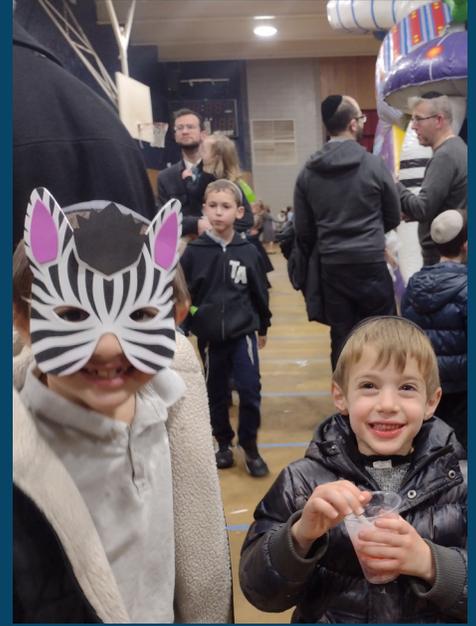
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MESIVTA YARCHEI KALLAH



PTA CHANUKAH CHAGIGA



CHANUKAH MESIBAS AROUND TA!



CHANUKAH PROJECTS!



ELEMENTARY DREIDEL SPIN-OFF!



Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences



4th graders created magnificent *sukkah* models to represent what they had learnt in Mishnayos!



Rabbi Shulman, our 9th grade Rebbe speaking to 7th grade talmidim



Middle School boys dissecting an owl!



Middle school enjoying their ice skating trip as a reward for the successful new lunch initiative!



PTA gave out doughnuts for *rosh chodesh kislev*!



Boys taking out books from our newly opened library!



Preschool talmidim enjoying an entertaining puppet show by Mrs. Brucha Dinovitz!



Kindergarten celebrated their *aleph-beis siyum* with 4th grade!



Rabbi Robinson's 5th grade class acting out the *mishnayos* they learnt in shiur



Preschool *talmidim* enjoying gym class with Mr. Mike



Elementary *talmidim* enjoying the *chanukah* Assembly





Elementary boys singing and dancing at the *rosh chodesh* assembly!



Elementary boys exploring our STEM lab



3rd Graders decorating *chanukah* candles.



Mr. Zuckerbrod blowing his tuba and having a discussion about *chazozros* with our Elementary *talmidim*



Kindergarten *talmidim* showing off the *challahs* they baked in honor of *Parshas Chaye Sara*



2nd graders using their creative dance mats to review what they learnt in *chumash*!



Elementary boys taking part in the STAR auction event!



Elementary boys enjoying fun activities on Dot Day!



Nursery boys making fruit kabobs!



Nursery *talmidim* enjoying music class with *Morah Suri*!



Mesivta bachurim shteiging at late night seder.





Elementary talmidim creating beautiful pieces for Chanukah with the talented Mrs. Cynamon!



Rabbi Weingot is being welcomed back to TA by Middle School talmidim



Please Help LAMDEINU

At TA, we take great pride in our commitment to an educational model that addresses the **individual needs of every student**. TA is dedicated to providing as many educational and support tools as possible to enable each student to grow and thrive in his learning and Yiddishkeit.

All of those support services and programs are part of LAMDEINU @ TA, and we are excited to announce a **special campaign on December 29th and 30th!**

When a particular talmid needs extra attention from a teacher or is having trouble keeping up in class, LAMDEINU is there for support. LAMDEINU provides extra reading or Kriah support for hundreds of TA students, special education services in our Learning Centers and/or special classrooms, and collaboration and partnerships with outside educational support services to ensure the success of every talmid. Chances are, your child has been a beneficiary of LAMDEINU @ TA in one form or another.

As much as TA has been able to accomplish with LAMDEINU, there is more work to be done. More students need services, and there are more services that are needed. TA must answer the call to do more.

Please join us for our special LAMDEINU campaign, December 29th and 30th

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IN EVERY CHILD



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Registration in advance required.

Zoom link will be provided in your confirmation email.

There is no fee for attendance. Confidentiality assured.

JANUARY 5

HELP!! My Spouse Has ADHD

Facilitated by Sharyn S Rhodes, Ph.D.
Board of Directors, CHADD of Greater Baltimore

FEBRUARY 2

Planning for Success: Using Visual Aids to Support Working Memory

Facilitated by Leah Gothey, Special Education and Support Consultant, SHEMESH

MARCH 2

Helping your Child with ADD and Anxiety

Facilitated by Tammy Mintz, Ph.D. Licensed Psychologist

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