

MAY 31, 2019



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פ' בחוקתי

MAZEL TOV TO:

~ Rabbi and Mrs. Yitzchok Krasne (3rd Grade Rebbe) on the wedding of their daughter.

~ Rabbi and Mrs. Chaim Zev Braun on the birth of a granddaughter.

~ Rabbi and Mrs. Aryeh Bodenstein (3rd Grade Rebbe) on the bar mitzvah of their son.

~ Rabbi and Mrs. Gedaliah Fogel (Pre 1A Rebbe) on the birth of a granddaughter.

~ Rabbi and Mrs. Dovid Greenberger on the bar mitzvah of their son.

~ Rabbi and Mrs. Menashe Kalatizadeh on the birth of a son.

~ Yaakov Steinberg on his Bar Mitzvah.

~ Eliezer Tzvi Sarles on his Bar Mitzvah.



**Sunday, June 9–
Monday, June 10**
שבועות
No Sessions

Sunday, June 16
8th Grade Graduation
12:30 P.M. Dismissal for all grades
Graduation at 1:30 PM

Message from our Menahel

In this week's Parsha, פרשת בחוקתי, it says:

"לא יחליפנו ולא ימיר...והיה הוא ותמורתו יהיה קדש"

"He shall not exchange it or substitute it...then both it and its substitute will be holy." (פרק כ"ז, י')

When a Jew designates an animal as a קרבן to ה', he may not exchange that animal for a different one, even if the substitute is of a better quality. If he does attempt to exchange the קרבן for another animal, then the substitute becomes קדש and both animals must be brought as קרבנות. The הלכות תמורה labels this process תמורה. The Rambam explains in הלכות תמורה (ד"י:ג) that the תורה was concerned that it is human nature to always be concerned about one's possessions and the תורה teaches that we must guard against this מדה. Even though one may have designated an animal as a קרבן, he might attempt to exchange it for an inferior one. Therefore, the תורה instructs that both animals become קדש to discourage us from exchanging קרבנות.

The תמורה (שנ"ב) ספר החינוך explains that from the mitzvah of תמורה, we derive an extremely important lesson in our history. As we saw, when a person is מקדש an animal as a קרבן, its קדושה is permanent and cannot be removed unless the animal develops a מום. If he attempts to remove the קדושה, not only will his attempt fail, he will bring about additional קדושה and both animals become קדש. This concept has parallels in our history.

Rav Avrohom Pam, זצ"ל, the Rosh Yeshiva of ודעת תורה, applies this concept of the ספר החינוך to our history that is filled with גלות and persecutions. Time and time again, our enemies have attempted to limit and destroy our קדושה but they have failed and in fact, resulted in an increase of our קדושה. Then we look back to our first galus in מצרים, the Egyptians attempted to get us to assimilate to their ways. Not only did that fail; we grew even stronger in our קדושה. During the days of Mordechai and Esther, Haman attempted to eradicate us but instead, it led to his own demise and a beautiful Yom Tov, Purim, for us. In many ways Purim has even more קדושה than יום הכיפורים. Even some of Haman's own descendants became גרים and learned תורה in ברק בני. This is the ultimate Jewish "revenge", a proliferation of קדושה in response to the threat of annihilation.

The lesson for us is clear, whenever there is an attempt to destroy קדושה, the mitzvah of תמורה teaches us, there will be an increase in קדושה.

Have a Good Shabbos,

Benji Kesh

Lag B'omer Hadlakah

Thursday, May 23, was Lag B'Omer and the excitement was in the air as soon as the boys got off the bus in the morning. Despite the overcast skies, the talmidim in grades 2-7 boarded buses at 10:30 to play a game of baseball at local parks. After playing baseball for a little over an hour, the talmidim came back to yeshiva to find hot pizza on their rebbe's desk. At 12:45, the entire yeshiva gathered in the yard where there was a bonfire waiting to be lit. As the fire was lit, the music began. There was geshmake Lag B'omer niggunim and **Rabbi Bodenstein** once again sang Bar Yochai. All of the talmidim and rabbeim began to dance around the fire and sing along. After the hadlakah, an ice cream truck came to yeshiva and every boy got an ice cream to enjoy. Thank you to the PA for sponsoring the ice cream truck. A special thank you to **Rabbi Greenberger** and **Rabbi Diamond** for their efforts in making sure the hadlakah was a reality and a success.



Grade 2 התחלת רש"י Mesiba

Grade Two celebrated its התחלת רש"י Mesiba on Sunday, May 12. It was a beautiful event which celebrated the next step in the classes growth in learning Torah. **Rabbi Adler** started his Mesiba with the class singing "אבינו האב" followed by a few words from their Rebbe. This was followed by divrei Torah and the recitation of pesukim by all the talmidim. **Rabbi Borenstein** started his Mesiba with opening remarks from **Rabbi Kessler** who told the boys they now had met their best friend in learning תורה for the rest of their lives. This was followed by divrei Torah and the recitation of pesukim by all the talmidim. The Mesiba concluded with a beautiful audio-visual presentation that showed the highlights of the class from the beginning of the year until now. Each of our talmidim was given a yarmulka with their initial in Rashi script. Mazel Tov!

Mrs. Gruza's 2nd Grade Author's Day

This past Monday, if you had visited the shul, you might have seen animals abounding--and bounding--around along with a magician and a marine biologist. **Mrs. Gruza's** second grade students were advertising the subjects of their books during the ABC Book Fair. The boys had worked for months writing, editing and illustrating their first published ABC books. For the fair, they prepared posters to go along with the books that they read aloud to their visitors. Among the subjects in the ABC books were Animals, Emergencies, Food, Magic Tricks, Inventions, Famous People, Sports and Games. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the fair and parents marvelled at what their sons had accomplished. Thank you to **Mrs. Gruza** and her very helpful assistant, **Mrs. Musheyev**, for a very entertaining afternoon.

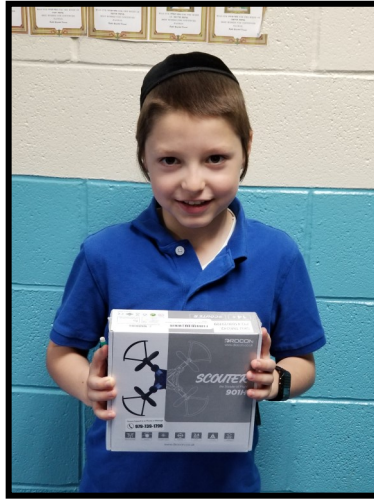
Rav Kolodetsky Visits Yeshiva

On Monday, May 13, the Yeshiva was zoche to host a very special visitor. **Rav Yitzchok Kolodetsky**, the son-in-law of the Gadol Hador, **Rav Chaim Kanievsky**, Shlit"a paid a special visit to Yeshiva. The excitement in the air was palpable as **Rav Kolodetsky** walked into the yeshiva and all the classes were lined up in the hallway. As he saw the group of Pre 1A children, he said Hamalach Hagoel and then spoke to the boys about the importance of wearing a Yarmulka all the time, even while playing ball. He then proceeded up to the 2nd and 3rd floors and spoke to the talmidim in grades 2-5. He gave different messages to the different grades so the information would be pertinent to them. He then proceeded to the shul where he was greeted by the talmidim in grades 6-8. He spoke to them about the importance of the mitzvah of tefillin and other topics. **Rabbi Kessler** translated for the boys so they could understand what he said. After the speech, every talmid had the opportunity to give שלום to the Gadol. Thank you to **Mr. Ari Hoch** for arranging the visit to yeshiva.



Masmidei Hasiyum

With the Siyum Hashas approaching in January 2020, many yeshivas, including our yeshiva, are participating in the Masmidei Hasiyum Program. It is a nationwide program to encourage boys to review what they have learned. There are raffles held every week. Mazel tov to Moshe Yonah Dvash, Yehuda Boiangiu, and Zelig Fogel on winning prizes. Mazel tov to 4F on winning a class prize! Please encourage your sons to continue learning and log in the amount covered.



1K Torah Event A Hit!

On Sunday, May 26th, Rabbi Klitnick's class held its end of the year Torah Event. It began as the boys walked into the shul singing. The boys then all took their places on stage. Without delay the talmidim began singing songs which reviewed many of the key ideas they learned about in פרשיות בראשית and נח. Rabbi Klitnick then addressed the audience. The talmidim then continued the event with songs displaying the skills they have gained over the course of the year. The talmidim were then presented with awards and pekelach. The event ended with a small reception. We are proud of all the boys and are confident that the skills they displayed will carry them to great heights in לימוד התורה.



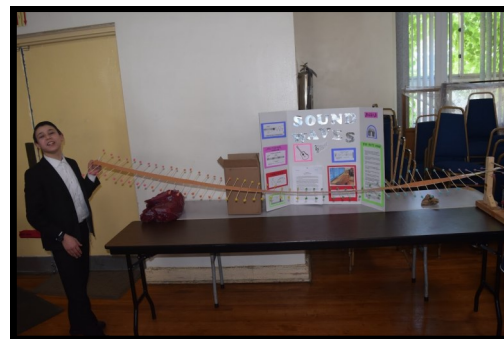
A Taste of Yeshiva

A few months ago, the yeshiva held its first ever "A Taste of Yeshiva" for the parents in Grade 7. It was an astounding success. And it was decided to offer that same experience to the parents and talmidim of grade six as well. So on Sunday morning, י"ד אייר, May 19, the Yeshiva held "A Taste of Yeshiva" for them. The fathers and some grandfathers arrived with their sons for שחרית. After שחרית, the fathers and sons were treated to a catered breakfast. After breakfast, they all went back to the shul and the fathers had an opportunity to sit down and learn with their sons. Since it was פסח שני, the Rebbeim gave out source material on the topic of פסח שני for the fathers to learn with their sons. After learning for a short while, the boys went with their fathers and heard a shiur from their respective Rebbeim. It was an amazing experience, and a great time was had by all.



STEM Fair

On Tuesday, May 28, our eighth grade created and presented a conglomeration of material science, engineering and physics projects at this year's STEM Fair. The audience, which included most of our students as well as their teachers, circled the shul to view inventions and hypotheses. One option for the boys' STEM project was to follow the engineering process, the process to find a need and create an item that would satisfy that need, which had been drilled into the students during class. We observed the One Swipe Wipe, a student's brainchild, absorb a full cup of spilled liquid in one swipe. According to his research, his One Swipe Wipe could potentially save 15 billion paper towels annually. We watched a simple wire clothes hanger be transformed into a belt hanger that could accommodate six or more belts, gripping the belts neatly and efficiently. Other STEM projects concentrated on the S of STEM, the S standing for the part of STEM that concentrates on Science. They were the projects that discussed the history and physics of phenomena, natural and artificial. Students were particularly fascinated by a study of slingshots, a study of color blindness, and an exhaustive analysis of the differences in the building process of various computers. Two of the most outstanding physics projects were a scientific determination of the best winglets and a study of sound waves, both compiled by students with a special interest in their topic. Our resident airplane junkie spent hours figuring out the most efficient shape for winglets, and an eight-foot representation of sound waves was created by one of our most musical students, who used the giant wave to teach our youngest audiences how music is heard. Our eighth graders truly surprised themselves by how much they enjoyed thinking, inventing and building.



Grade 5 Element Fair

Fifth Grade celebrated its Element Fair on Thursday, May 9 in the shul. Grades 1-4 were treated to fascinating nuggets of information. As they circled around the room and visited displays of various elements, the younger children learned that elements could be gases, solids or liquids. Some of the most fascinating facts we learned were that silver is not only beautiful but is useful as the best conductor of electricity, pewter becomes a beautiful metal when tin forms an alloy and Einsteintarium is a new element discovered from debris of the hydrogen bomb. Another gem of information is the one that Shalom Tzvi Sperling shared. A metal that is famous for its priciness and beauty is also important because of its ridiculously high boiling point. In World War II, we are told, the US made airplanes using platinum so that they would not melt that quickly if they were hit by enemy fire. It was gratifying to see how the fifth graders enjoyed presenting and how the audience enjoyed the learning.

