



Shabbat times
C.L.: 6:59 in: 7:17 out: 8:00

Weekly Window

Classroom News

2s made Israeli flags in honor of Israel's Independence Day, Yom Haatzmaut!

3s learned about our mothers and what they do for us!

Pre-K is making beautiful Mother's Day crafts for Mother's Day!

Kindergarten imagined Rabbi Akiva sitting and learning Alef-Bet with them! They really felt his journey!

1st Grade completed the Pasukim discussing day two of Creation! They are now familiar with seven common shorashim, eight prefixes and many new millim!

2nd Grade is excited to finish our Climbing Har Sinai unit, totaling 303 common words in Chumash!

3rd Grade finished Parshat Toldot in Chumash this week! Mazel tov!

4th Grade was excited to present their state reports!

5th Grade finished Parshat Va'era this week! Mazel tov!

6th Grade Boys have a better understanding of the Aseret Hadibrot as we delve deeper into their meaning, reasons, and dinim!

6th Grade Girls are in the middle of learning about the Aseret Hadibrot! Perfect timing before Shavuot!

7th & 8th Grade Boys are getting to see how the daily living of our Amoraim teach us so many dinim!

7th Grade Girls are working hard preparing for their human body project!

8th Grade Girls are gearing up for our annual science fair next Wednesday!



From the desk of the Principal

Dear Parents,

What do you get when you combine the week of IOWA testing, Teacher Appreciation Week, and the week of Yom Hazikaron and Yom Haatzmaut all into one? One really zany week here at school, of course! We began with the rigidity of IOWA testing, and all of the careful proctoring of standardized test after standardized test that comes with it. We are very thankful to you, our dear parents, for making sure the children came to school with clear heads and full bellies. Quickly however, Thursday approached, and with it, our annual Yom Hazikaron commemoration and Yom Haatzmaut celebration. The children enjoyed a very meaningful program during an extended lunch period. Firstly, the event began with the children, along with those parents, grandparents, friends, and PTO volunteers (Thanks so much!) who were able to make it, being offered a special pita, falafel, and Israeli-style salad lunch. After everyone had gotten their lunches and taken their seats, our Student Council president, Eighth Grader Bentzion Allouche, introduced a Yom Hazikaron video produced by the Afikim Foundation entitled The Strength to Continue. It movingly allowed us access into the lives of a few families who have suffered losses as part of their service to Israel in the IDF and of a few wonderful individuals who, despite being total strangers to those families, have taken it upon themselves to reach out to them, thereby making sure that the memories of those loved ones whom they lost would long endure even beyond the walls of their own homes. From there we transitioned into a joyous celebration of our one true homeland, the land of Israel, on its 71st birthday. We celebrated with our always popular annual flag waving ceremony, a short video clearly laying out the miraculous nature of our People's return to our ancient homeland after nearly 2,000 years of forced exile, and our own video, made by Mr. Shawn Benjamin, in which our students and staff could discuss what they

love most about Israel and Yom Haatzmaut. Sprinkle in all the love which we all felt as a staff from the many gifts of thanks and appreciation which you, our dear parents, showered upon us this week, and it certainly was a week to remember! Thank you parents and PTO!!

Shabbat Shalom,
Yisroel Weiner

Upcoming Birthdays

5/11- Zahava Tanzer

5/13- Eitan Bolel

5/15- Adina Yagudayeva

5/16- Akivah Abramov

5/17- Yeshaya Baer

Happy Birthday!

Dates to Remember

5/15- 4th-8th grade Science Fair- parents welcome

5/23- Lag Baomer Field Day

5/27- Memorial Day- no school

6/5- Kindergarten Graduation- 2:30 PM

6/6- 8th Grade Graduation- 7:30 PM



The Pre-school Press:

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of the wonderful parents who made our teachers feel so loved and special this week. We can't thank you enough for everything you did for them! Also, a special thank you to the PTO for a delicious lunch and energizing coffee! It was a fun and exciting week in pre-school. Our fours spent the week watching their caterpillars grow larger and larger each day. They made their own caterpillars out of dot paints and pom poms. We can't wait to see the chrysalis' when we get back to school on Monday. This week the threes focused on Mother's Day and what their moms mean to them. They even answered interview questions all about mom! Those are sure to be a fun read! The twos learned all about kachol v'lavan in honor of Yom Ha'atzmaut. They made Israeli flags and wore army costumes and light-up Israel hats. They also worked lovingly on a special Mother's Day project for their wonderful moms. It was a fantastic week! Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend, restful Shabbat, and a happy Mother's Day.



Mrs. Shaffer's Message: From Dr. Charles Fay:

Centuries ago, I presume, a tradition developed whereby parents felt compelled to provide a tangible expression of their gratitude toward teachers. The original motivations for this tradition are unclear. Some may have been prompted by genuine appreciation; others may have been spurred by guilt and attempts to atone for the unruly classroom conduct of their children; some may have darker motivations where it was hoped a small payoff would "grease the wheels" a bit toward a better grade for their child. Of course, all of us dedicated educators want to be appreciated for our hard work, long hours, and willingness to be exposed to every germ known to humankind. It's nice to be appreciated for the fact that we choose to love kids even when they behave badly and produce noxious fumes, and we take classrooms full of kids with different needs, abilities, behaviors, and troubles and turn them into high-powered learning teams. Great teachers are amazing! The best gift we can give them involves our own parenting, by sending them students truly ready to be respectful, responsible, and eager to learn. No doubt this gift also benefits our children, who will rise to the top when equipped with such character attributes. Listed below are just a few things you can do: -Make sure that your kids overhear you saying positive things about their school and their teachers. -Ensure that they are doing chores without reminders at home, so that they know how to do assignments without reminders at school. -Allow very little time with technology, including video games, texting, surfing the web, watching videos, television, etc. These activities make it more difficult for our children to remain calm and content at school. -Have family meals together, where you enjoy each other and talk about all of the things you've learned during the day. Thanks for reading, and thanks for raising great kids who have what it takes to benefit from the privilege of schooling!

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