

**Cincinnati Hebrew Day School**  
**Samuel and Rachel Boymel Campus**  
**Newsletter**  
**Friday, 8 Tevet ~ 5770 December 25, 2009**

***PARSHAS: Vayigash***

**Friday Night Candle Lighting 5:00 p.m.**

**Havdala 6:03 p.m.**

**Picture retake day will be Thursday, January 7, 2010. Remember to return picture packages to be retaken and all class pictures will be retaken.**

Dear Parents and Friends:

Parshas Vayigash details, among other things, the dramatic reunion of Yaakov and Yosef- father and son. When Yosef revealed his identity to his brothers, he gave them a sign to give to their father that he was alive and spiritually well. As the Torah relates:

*And they told him (Yaakov) saying, ‘Yosef is still alive,’ and that he is ruler over the entire land of Egypt; but he had a turn of heart, for he did not believe them. And they related to him all the words of Yosef that he had spoken to them, and he saw the wagons that Yosef had sent to transport him, then the spirit of their father Yaakov was revived*

Rashi points out that the Torah refers to the ‘wagons that Yosef had sent’ as opposed to the ‘wagons that Pharaoh had sent,’ which would have been more accurate. This, Rashi explains, hints to the fact that Yosef wished to send a message to his father that, not only was he physically alive, but that he was still spiritually a son of Yaakov. Thus continues Rashi, the ‘agalos,’ or ‘wagons’ that Yosef sent, were to allude to Yaakov of the laws of the ‘egla arufa,’ which they had learned together years earlier just prior to their separation. Indeed, as the verses indicate, Yaakov rejoiced not upon hearing that his son was alive, but rather when he saw the wagons that he sent and comprehended their hidden message.

We learn from here an amazing lesson in the importance of continuity: it was not enough for Yaakov to know that his son was alive. True joy comes not from physical survival, but the spiritual connection to the Torah chain. Yosef, through the years of imprisonment and Egyptian lifestyle, was able to stay connected deeply with his father’s teachings.

This gives us a deeper appreciation for the causes of Jewish celebration. Whether it is an upsheren rejoicing the start of learning aleph-bais, or a bar or bat-mitzvah celebrating coming into adulthood and the commitment to Hashem’s Laws, our simchas focus on the learning of Torah.

Another lesson we can learn from this account is the corollary: that the learning of Torah brings one to simcha. We beseech Hashem daily in the blessings of Torah learning that Hashem should make Torah study sweet to us. This can be accomplished in different ways for children of different ages. For the three-year old, it may be with candies, or honey-coated letters to lick at an upsheren. For the older child, however, the simcha and positive association to Torah study may be much more subtle. For the grade-school aged child, integrating a day of Torah study with quality parent-child time is a likely formula for success. May we all strive as parents to synthesize a lifestyle where learning and fun are balanced harmoniously.

Have a great Shabbos,

Rabbi Kernerman  
Principal

## **School News**

**School Photo Problems-** there seem to have been some questions regarding the clarity of the recent pictures that your children brought home. The company is willing to retake both class pictures and individual pictures on January 7th. Please email Mrs. Shapiro if you want your child's class picture retaken as well as your individual picture retaken. Mrs. Shapiro's email is [momshap9@aol.com](mailto:momshap9@aol.com). Please respond as soon as possible so classes can be notified that they will have their class pictures retaken.

**Swine Flu Vaccination Date-** Please be reminded that the Hamilton County Public Health has told us that children aged nine and under who received their swine flu vaccination **need to have a second dose**. They have announced that the date will be **Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> from 1-6 p.m. at Nagel Middle School, 1500 Nagel Road, Cincinnati, OH 45255**. They will NOT be coming back to CHDS for the second dose. The clinic is open to children nine and under who need a flu vaccination booster (second dose) and **also to those school children (Kindergarten through grade 12) who missed the first round vaccination clinic (for any reason)**. In addition, it is open to all school staff (including teachers, substitute teachers, and all other support staff) who would like to receive the vaccination. We will inform you the exact time that CHDS students are invited.

**RAFFLE 5770 NEWSFLASH!** Greetings parents and teachers of CHDS! The school's annual raffle drawing is just around the corner on Motzei Shabbos, January 16th, and we're excited to announce a new development in the evening's program. This year's event will include both live and silent goods and services auctions. We are asking all parents and teachers to offer either an item or a service to auction off. Items can be unused things of value you have in your house like new linens or judaica items etc. or a specialty food like a shabbos challah or shavuos cheesecake. Parent services can be anything from an hour of yard-work to music lessons or even an afternoon of babysitting! Some ideas for teachers to offer are a free homework pass or a trip with a student to get shlushies. Additionally, you can solicit your favorite local establishment for a gift card or significant discount. Just be creative! Everyone has something to offer. When you think of some talent, service, favor, or item to auction, please email [abigailkatz@gmail.com](mailto:abigailkatz@gmail.com) so that it will be included in the auction program. If you'd like some more ideas, just give us a call or email. And of course, we will gladly issue a tax receipt for fair market value of any goods or services you provide. Thank you for your contribution, and for making the event a night to remember! CHDS Raffle Committee (Tamar Smith, Raffle Chair, Avigaille Katz and Atara Robinson)

**We are thrilled to announce that all families that sell all ten of their tickets will be entered into a special raffle to win an exquisite ladies Raymond Weil diamond studded watch valued at \$2250!**

**IMPORTANT RAFFLE NEWS!** MANY THANKS TO THE **BARRY, BIDNICK, BRAMY, COHEN, FERTEL GOLDBERG, GOLDSTEIN, M. KIBEL, KIRSCHNER, KLAFTER, KERNERMAN, OTTENSOSER, MOTZEN, POLITZER, PREIS, ROBINSON, ROSEDALE, SCHERER, SMITH, TRAVIS, WEINSCHNEIDER, WEISBERG, WEISBERGER, WILHEIM AND YOUNGER** FAMILIES WHO HAVE ALREADY GOTTEN TICKETS IN!!! Please keep up your much-appreciated efforts selling tickets! **As soon as you have collected any monies for tickets, please drop them off at the office with Pam Burns**. Remember, the family that sells the most tickets will receive a \$100 gift certificate to Krogers. Please contact Tamar Smith with any questions you may have at 531-0155 or [tamarsmith@cinci.rr.com](mailto:tamarsmith@cinci.rr.com). Hatzlacha Rabah!

*Cincinnati Hebrew Day School invites you to bid on an array of incredible prizes at a silent & live auction AND be there as the winners of the 2010 CHDS raffle are announced! Delicious Melava Malka food catered by Kinneret Café. **Motzei Shabbos, January 16 at 8:30pm @ CHDS.** Adults only, \$5/person. Please RSVP to Pam at the school office by January 6th .*

*Frequent visitors to the school couldn't help but notice the beautiful new lockers that were installed during volunteer day for use by our first graders. Many thanks to the Bernstein family who sponsored this improvement in memory of Melissa's father Stephen Allen A"H.*

**Nutrition and Health Program-** We would like to share with you a very exciting web site that you and your children can participate in. The site is [www.clevercrazes.com](http://www.clevercrazes.com). This web site helps kids build healthy lives with a focus on nutrition, physical activity, self-esteem and respect for the earth. When families register on the site and use it the school has a chance to benefit from it also. Thanks go to Dr. Melissa Bernstein for bringing this to our attention. This is a win-win process; your children will get fit and healthy as you help the school with potential funds!

### **What's New In The Classroom?**

In Rabbi Scherer's class the 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys primarily used this week to review the last blatt and a half for their test, which covered topics such as "How does one combine Kiddush and Havdala when Yom Tov falls out on Motzei Shabbos", "what is the proper order of a regular Havdala ceremony" and "Should one make a new Brocho Hagofen when benching with a cup in ones' hand".

In Rabbi Scherer's Navi, the 6 & 7 grade boys have finished both Perakim Zayin and Ches this week, focusing on the infamous request for a Human King (as opposed to the King of Kings up in Heaven) and its' repercussions.

In Rabbi Lifshitz's class, the 6th grade girls have learned in Navi about the renewal of Shaul's kingdom in Gilgal. In the 7th-8th grade class, the girls have learned in Dinim about Asara B'Teves.

In Mrs. Kernerman's Chumash class, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls are continuing their studies of Parshas Balak, learning that Balak brought Bilaam to a new location to attempt to try to curse the Bnai Yisroel. Balak perceived that the new location was a place of misfortune for the Jewish nation, but he did not realize it was the place where Moshe Rabbeinu's would die in the future, not a place where a curse would succeed.

Mazel tov to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Chumash class, which completed Parshas Bamidbar with Mrs. Kernerman! Their most recent studies dealt with the role of the Bnai Kehas, who had the privilege of carrying the holiest of the Mishkan's vessels.

In Navi with Mrs. Schwartzbaum, the 7th and 8th grade girls have just completed the 6th perek in Shmuel Beis, where B'nei Yisrael attempts to bring the Aron to Yerushalayim. But Uzzah touches the Aron and dies instantly. This teaches B'nei Yisrael a lesson about the holiness of the Aron. When they bring the Aron the second time, they make it to Yerushalayim.

In Ivrit class with Mrs. Schwartzbaum, the 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls wrote children's stories about Chanuka. In Dikduk, 8th grade is focusing on prefixes, 7th grade is reviewing the rules for shva'im, and 6th grade just started rules of dageshim.

In Chumash class with Mrs. Schwartzbaum, the 8th grade girls have just completed the second perek of Parshas Devarim, which concludes with B'nei Yisrael conquering the land of Sichon and inheriting it, which gets them closer to Eretz Yisrael.

In Mrs. Polsky's English class, the sixth graders are working on brochures to advertise the fictional Camp Green Lake from the novel, Holes. Using their imagination and computer skills, they are depicting the camp's features in original ways. Look out for their artwork on our classroom bulletin board! Additionally, these students are reading at home daily for their mystery/suspense book reports.

The seventh-eighth graders are avidly reading, Where the Red Fern Grows, a novel depicting life in the Ozark Mountains in the early 1920s. They will begin a WebQuest guided study to research elements that are found in the novel. Working with partners, they will use the internet to complete this project.

This week Mr. Meadows' Algebra students are finding the slope of a line and learning to use the slope-intercept form of a linear equation. The 7th Grade Pre Algebra students are working with customary units of measure, as well as solving equations involving fractions and mixed numbers. The 6th Grade math students are completing their study of adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers.

In Mrs. Debow's Social Studies class, the 6<sup>th</sup> graders took a map test on Wednesday over the continent of Europe. They have also each picked a country in Europe and are working in the computer lab to make a power point presentation of their selected country.

**A Donor “Thank You-”** CHDS would like again to extend a warm thank you to Mrs. Bella Kleinman for generously donating an assortment of office furniture and supplies for school use.

### **SHABBOS ACTIVITIES**

**Pirchei** this Shabbos, Parshas Vayigash, will be for Group 2---Grades 3-5 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Please do NOT send your son early.

### **Torah Classes**

The **WOMEN'S HALACHA CLASS** with Rabbi Cobi Robinson will take place this Sunday (12/27) 8:00 PM at the Kollel (2245 Losantiville). Topic: "Timers and Appliances on Shabbos".

**Parenting Class-** Rabbi Ginsburg will not only be conducting our curriculum review this week, he will be giving a parenting class as well! Everyone is encouraged to attend this coming Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at CHDS. The class is entitled: “Six Tools for Successful Parenting.”

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Shalom Zachor-** the community is invited to a Shalom Zachor this Friday night at the Gabay's home, 6771 Elbrook Ave.

**Bris-** The community is informed of the forthcoming bris of the Gabay's baby boy, which will take place IY”H Monday morning, 8:30 at CHDS. All boys are invited to Rabbi Gabay's house at 6:45 Sunday evening, to say Shema with his new baby boy before his bris.

**Barry Kiddush** - The entire community is invited to a Kiddush in honor of the birth of Rabbi and Mrs. Barry's twin girls, Leah & Rachael THIS SHABBOS, Parshas Vayigash, December 26. It will be held at 11:45am in the CHDS lunchroom. They look forward to having you join in their simcha!

**Volunteer needed** - A lady in the community to daven with our 6th-8th grade girls every morning (or perhaps even some mornings, on a consistent basis) from 8:00-8:30 a.m. This would be a nice opportunity for a lady who wants to enhance her own morning davening by setting a time and place for Tefillah. If interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact Rabbi Kernerman at school.

**Lost & Found** – Our lost and found is growing daily with winter coats, sweatshirts and sweaters. Some are name brand items. We have temporarily moved all items in the main lobby. We will keep these items until the end of January. They will then be boxed up and donated to a foundation in need of clothing and winter coats.

**Attention parents-** If you have good photos of the girls' performance or any other CHDS Chanukah happening please email ASAP to Miriam Karp, [miriamskarp@gmail.com](mailto:miriamskarp@gmail.com), we need them for a school publication.

If you are interested in advertising your business in the 2010 Community Information Refrigerator Magnet (with a target audience of over 400 people) please email [plotskers@gmail.com](mailto:plotskers@gmail.com) or call 513-826-0037. All proceeds go to Tzedaka.

**NEW AT KINNERET! FASTER Service & NO TIP Required!** We have switched to counter service to serve you better. WE NOW OFFER **SLICES EVERY DAY AT ONLY \$1.99!** **KINNERET CAFE IS NOW OPEN MOTZEI SHABBOS FROM 7:00-11:00 p.m..** Come in and check out our reduced pricing on many of our menu items. Don't forget that Tuesday is our \$5 Falafel Special - and Thursday is our \$10 Large Pizza Special.

**Save the Date** Rabbi Yinon Kalazan from Arachim is returning to Cincinnati as part of an Achim Shabbaton. There will be a shiur for all women Shabbos afternoon, January 2. For more information or sponsorship opportunities, contact Rabbi Schwartzbaum at 276-6054 or [israeliachim@ymail.com](mailto:israeliachim@ymail.com).

Michal Jacobson (who has over 16 years teaching experience) is planning to start a new play group in September 2010 ages 1-2 years old (this will be her third year having play group) Please email her at: [shalommick1@aol.com](mailto:shalommick1@aol.com) Cell phone number: 8854984 Home phone number: 6995702

**Save the Date!! FAMILY BINGO NIGHT! Sunday, January 10 at the Mayerson JCC, 5:30-8pm. Check your mailboxes after Chanukah for more information!**

**Camp Ashreinu Girls and Preschool Reunion** is quickly approaching, next Shabbos January 1st-3rd, 2010. Schedule of events and costs are listed on the flyer in the CHDS bulletin.

In order for your daughter or Preschooler to participate, reservations and payment must be in by THIS SUNDAY, December 27th to Rabbi or Mrs. Scherer. Call 351-7424 for any questions. Please note that due to Krazy City going out of business, we're happy to announce that the Girls trip on Friday, January 1st will be at Run Jump and Play. See flyer for details

**RITSS G.O.** is looking for some extra "sheitel heads" (the Styrofoam type). If you have any "heads" that we can use, please call Atara Minster @ 513-254-2511 or Rivka Wilhelm @ 513-508-2104. Thanks!

Camera for sale- A fuji film camera in good shape for sale. For more information, please contact Almog Sulam at 351-7577.

CHDS has a sofa to give away, in fair condition. If anyone is interested in having it, please contact the office.

**Mazel Tov to:**

Rabbi and Mrs. Gabay on the birth of a baby boy.

On behalf of the staff, Shabbat Shalom – Gut Shabbos,

Rabbi Yuval Kernerman, Principal

Mrs. Susan Shapiro, Director of Curriculum

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**CHDS IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE**

**A CLASS FOR PARENTS:**

**“SIX TOOLS FOR SUCCESSFUL  
PARENTING”**

**BY RABBI BINYOMIN GINSBURG  
NOTED EDUCATOR AND LECTURER**

**PRINCIPAL OF  
THE TORAH ACADEMY OF MINNEAPOLIS**

**THIS WEEK AT CHDS  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT, 7:30 P.M.**

**OPEN TO THE ENTIRE PARENT COMMUNITY  
ATTENDANCE IS FREE**