

**Cincinnati Hebrew Day School**  
**Samuel and Rachel Boymel Campus**  
**Newsletter**  
**Friday, 14 Tevet ~ 5770 December 31, 2009**

*PARSHAS: Vayechi*

**Friday Night Candle Lighting 5:05 p.m.**

**Havdala 6:08 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.**

**Please be reminded there is no school Friday, January 1, 2010**

Dear Parents and Friends:

In a well-known episode from this week’s Parsha, Yaakov prepares to bless Ephraim and Menashe, his grandsons through Yosef. We know, of course, that a blessing is much more than “wishing someone well;” the commentaries explain that the blessings of the forefathers carried a spiritual infusion of their own energies. Yaakov hoped to pass on to his grandchildren the strength to remain holy through their long and harsh exile. From here, we can examine an interesting dynamic in child rearing that is often overlooked: the relationship and influence of grandparents.

We all know the strong bond that exists between grandparent and grandchild. Amazingly, even when distance separates grandparents for most of the time, the relationships can be very solid and secure. One aspect of *kibud av ve’em*, or honoring parents, that can easily be overlooked is honoring grandparents. Rav Frand writes that we often fool ourselves into thinking that honoring parents is a “kid’s mitzvah;” something we learn about in grade school. For some reason, he writes, when we leave our parent’s home, we feel that we have ‘graduated’ from the mitzvah. In fact, he continues, nothing could be further from the truth. The older we get, the greater our appreciation for our parents becomes. As we create homes and raise children of our own, we gain a new depth of understanding of what they went through to raise us. We, therefore, grow in our personal fulfillment of the mitzvah. Moreover, the way we, as parents, honor our parents, becomes a powerful lesson to our children as to how they should honor us. For those of us who are blessed to live in the same city as our parents, the opportunities abound by teaching *kibud av ve’em* by example. However, those of us not as fortunate still have many ways of modeling the mitzvah. Aside from phone calls and email, we can also send letters, including artwork and schoolwork from our children. Of course, when we are able to visit, we have a tremendous opportunity to impart practical lessons. Yet, there is another powerful way that we can have a great effect in the comfort of our own homes. By teaching lessons and values that we learned from our parents, we teach our children that parents are not only caregivers; they are soul-nurturers. We show that our parents facilitated our own growth, and that we need their assistance to grow as Jews.

Tomorrow night, many of us will place our hands on the heads of our children, delivering the Biblical blessings that Yaakov gave to his grandchildren. Let us use this Shabbos to focus on appreciating grandparents, in order to help those who are children today become better parents tomorrow.

Have a great Shabbos,

Rabbi Kernerman  
Principal

## **School News**

**Chumash Mesiba – please join our first graders as they receive their chumashin this Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 – 6:00 P.M. at CHDS.**

**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. Please see the attached letter from Hamilton County Public Health with details of time and location, along with a question sheet and consent form. Students will NOT be given a second dose without the consent form. Additional forms can be picked up at school, or our website, or from the county website at <http://www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org/files/files/Forms/EPI/Consent%20Form%20-%20version%206.pdf>

## **What’s New In The Classroom?**

In Mrs. Fishman’s class, the first graders have been busy practicing for their upcoming Chumash Mesiba on **Thursday, January 7, 2010 from 5-6 p.m.** They have also been practicing reading different Tefillos that they daven to familiarize themselves with the words and how to say them correctly. In kesiva they learned how to write a *tzady sofis* and have been practicing changing print letters into script.

In Mrs. Duff’s class, the 1st graders had a busy week learning about sound in science and probability in math. They are also beginning to learn strategies for addition and subtraction that will help them to use their fingers less often when adding and subtracting. Students will begin math a minute in January, so the math strategies will be very helpful.

In Rabbi Berger’s class, the second grade has started learning the Bris bein Habesarim in parshas Lech Lecha. The class just completed an Ivrit unit on clothing and will be learning the question words next. The third grade Chumash class is studying how Yaakov prepared to meet Esav in parshas Vayishlach. In Ivrit they finished a unit on colors. Both grades will spend the next few weeks studying brachos in Dinim class.

Second graders in Mrs. Grad’s class will be completing reading The Boxcar Children and will be making boxcars from shoe boxes. They have completed chapter 3 in math learning about finding patterns in addition and subtraction.

Mrs. Grad's third grade classes completed learning about fractions and linear measurement in math and are beginning a review on regrouping in addition using patterns. They are finishing reading Charlotte's Web and completing their unit on friendship.

Both classes are writing poems about winter. They have been learning about different forms of poetry including couplets, terses, and Haiku.

**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!

**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 slushies. 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 8:30 p.m. @ 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.*

## **SHABBOS ACTIVITIES**

**Pirchei** is cancelled this Shabbos.

The Shabbos parsha class of Paula Weinberg will **NOT** be held this Shabbos, January 2.

There will be a Rabbi Yisroel Reisman video this motzei Shabbos, January 2, at 8:35 p.m. at CHDS. The title is “The Failure of the Queen of Sheeba”. The program is sponsored by the Mehlman Family and Agudas Yisroel of Cincinnati.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Camp Ashreinu Girls and Preschool Reunion** is here. **THE SEED GIRLS HAVE ARRIVED!!!** Schedule of events is listed on the flyer in the CHDS bulletin. For any questions and/or directions regarding the trips to Run Jump’N Play (Friday) or Bananas (Sunday), call Tova Scherer at 351-7424.

**REMINDER:** 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 and ***starting at 10:10 am***, (not 10:30 am). ***Addresses*** for mapquest are as follows: Run Jump N Play is at 8481 Duke Blvd in Deerfield and Bananas is at 7102 Hamilton Mason Road in Liberty Township.

**ATTENTION ALL BOOK LOVERS!** The Golf Manor Synagogue Book Club will meet on Sunday, January 10, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. at the Balk residence, 6785 W. Farm Acres Dr. Please join us for a discussion of The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit, My Family's Exodus from Old Cairo to the New World, by Lucette Lagnado. Questions? Call Barbara Balk 631-2292 or 325-1682.

**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.

Ladies, it's that time of year again, it's time to join the Mikveh Society for packing the annual Purim baskets! The first round of packing will be on January 17th at 10am in the CZE social hall and then again that night at Marilyn Horwitz's house from 8:00-10:00 p.m. If you have any question please call Rochelle Moskowitz at 531-3705. More packing times to follow. Thanks in advance for your participation!

**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.

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 10th at the Mayerson JCC, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Check your mailboxes after Chanukah for more information!**

**Mazel Tov to:**

Rabbi & Mrs. Gabay on the bris of their son, Yaakov.

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

Rabbi Yuval Kernerman, Principal

Mrs. Susan Shapiro, Director of Curriculum