

**Cincinnati Hebrew Day School**  
**Samuel and Rachel Boymel Campus**  
**Newsletter**  
**Friday 28 Shevat ~ 5770 February 12, 2010**

***PARSHAS: Mishpatim***

**Friday Night Candle Lighting 5:51 p.m.**

**Havdala 6:54 p.m.**

Dear Parents and Friends:

We, as parents, often ask ourselves: how can we teach our children the attribute of faith? We want our children to believe in Hashem and our Torah- but how can we succeed at conveying something which is so intangible? Perhaps a brief analysis of a verse in this week’s Parsha will give some insight into this question.

In this week’s Parsha we learn: “*Midvar sheker tirchak;*” “**Distance** yourself from a false word.” The commentaries ask: why is this verse worded as such? More typically, such a command would be stated as “Do not lie.” What is the lesson to learn from this nuance? The *Tzeida Laderech* explains that lying is unlike most other prohibitions. Due to the fact that we speak so much during the course of the day, we encounter so many opportunities to alter the truth. If one is not careful, then in a short conversation it could be possible to deviate from reality numerous times. Thus, a simple command not to lie does not suffice. In order to be truthful, we need to **distance** ourselves- to speak with deliberation and caution to avoid the easy pitfalls of dubious speech.

What is the root cause of lying? Our sages explain that it is a lack of faith which brings a person to lie. One who does not realize that Hashem provides sustenance in the required amount feels that he must take the matter into his own hands. He may alter the truth- he may cheat on his taxes, for instance- in order to get what he feels he needs. Sadly, he breaks down his faith in Hashem for providing his needs, since he deviates from Hashem’s laws.

Our insight into lying helps provide the answer to an original question of faith. If lying is an effect of disbelief, then axiomatically, being truthful builds belief. When we instill in our children the value of truth, we teach them that their needs will be met without denial of reality. They will learn to believe that everything that the compassionate Creator gives us is for our good, and does not need to be tampered with.

May we merit to live up to the awesome challenge of truth, and in so doing, be successful in instilling in our children the tenets of our faith.

Wishing you a good Shabbos,

Rabbi Yuval Kernerman  
 Principal

## **School News**

**Chumash Mesiba** - The community is invited to the Chumash Mesiba for our 1<sup>st</sup> graders, Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. at CHDS. Mazel Tov!

**Barton's Chocolate Sale** - The sale ends on Monday. Please bring your order packets to the front office.

**Snow Day Learning Challenge** – We hope we are through with the snowy season this year! In case we have another snow day, however, Rabbi Kernerman wants to make a “**Snow Day Challenge**” – each child that learns Torah on a snow day (aside from homework) in the amount of 10 minutes per grade level (i.e. 40 minutes for a fourth grader) will have their name printed on a newsletter flyer page, and will have their name entered in a raffle for a sefer!

**CHDS Tribute Dinner -Save the date!-CHDS Tribute Dinner, Monday evening, May 31st. Join us for a delightful cruise down the Ohio on the majestic *Belle of Cincinnati* as we recognize the many contributions of Rabbi Raffie and Sherri Zuroff to our school and community. This is an event you will not want to miss! A DINNER COMMITTEE IS NOW FORMING-TO PARTICIPATE CONTACT RABBI TRAVIS IN THE OFFICE.**

## **Sherut Leumi Volunteer Update**

Shiraz and Nofit are offering the following programs to the community:

The next Women's Conversational Group for beginners and intermediate levels is this Wednesday, February 17th from 8:15-9:15 p.m. at the home of Leah Politzer.

The Rosh Chodesh parties have been a fabulous success! Please join us for the Rosh Chodesh Adar Party, this Sunday February 14th at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Melissa Bernstein. See attached flyer for details.

The after school Ivrit B'Ivrit upcoming schedule is: Mondays: 2nd grade and 3rd grade girls at CHDS from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Thursdays: 1st grade (girls and boys) and 2nd grade boys from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

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

After completing our half year study of Hilchos Kushrus by taking a field trip to BIGGS to observe their Kashrus procedures, we began our study of Hilchos Shabbos by defining what is Melacha. We will be surveying the 39 melachos over the coming weeks.

In Mrs. Polsky's class, sixth grade students began a new unit in vocabulary. The focus for their latest book report is the biography. All books should be brought in for approval by Tuesday, February 16th. The seventh and eighth grade English students are avidly researching information on selected topics for their persuasive essays. They also began a new unit in vocabulary and are continuing their DOL lessons.

**In the Library** – Each month students learn about a different literary genre. Folktales are the focus for February, specifically, African and African-American folktales. A new 30-drawer card catalog has been purchased for the library, with a drawer for each letter. Students are better able to locate books by title, subject or author. Special thanks to Dr. David Alden for helping to transport it to CHDS. Mrs. Sivan generously volunteers in the library on Thursday mornings, in addition to Dr. Berg. Both of their assistance is much needed and greatly appreciated.

**After School Mishnayos Siyum-** Boys who have taken part in Rabbi Polsky's after school mishnayos should RSVP for next weeks siyum to 531-3151.

**After School Mishnayos-** Rabbi Polsky will be starting Maseches Yuma next week, for grades 4-8. Grades 4 and 5 will meet Mondays and Wednesdays and grades 6 and up meet Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**School Minyan-** Once again, CHDS is attempting to have a Mincha minyan for our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students at 3:50 p.m. Monday through Thursday. In order to make this happen, we need the commitment of several men in the community. If you are interested, and can commit to certain days, please call Rabbi Kernerman, or email him at [ykernerman@yahoo.com](mailto:ykernerman@yahoo.com).

## **SHABBOS ACTIVITIES**

**Pirchei** this Shabbos will be for Group 1 grades 1-2 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**WOMEN'S HALACHA CLASS** with Rabbi Cobi Robinson will **not** take place this Sunday (February 14).

There is BNOS this Shabbos.

The next women's **CREATION TO A NATION** class with Rabbi Cobi Robinson will take place next Shabbos (February 20) Parshas Terumah at 4:00 p.m., location TBA. Topic- "Sarah and Esther- One Person Can Change the World".

Parsha with Paula Weinberg at the Weinberg's at 4:45-5:15 this Shabbos until further notice.

**Shaloch Manos** activity with Nof & Shiraz at GM Synagogue for grades K-6: Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Barton's Chocolate Sale** - Please do all you can to make this year's sale a success. Don't forget that all order forms and monies (**checks made out to CHDS**) are due on Monday, February 15th. Please contact Ms. Burns if you misplaced your packet.

**Relief For Earthquake Victims In Haiti-** The Jewish Federations of North America is partnering with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) to provide aid and relief to victims of the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti on Tuesday. If you are interested in donating funds to help this cause, visit [www.jdc.org/donation/donate.aspx](http://www.jdc.org/donation/donate.aspx) and click on the "Haiti Earthquake Relief" option. Additionally, Agudath Israel has also indicated the following charity as a distributor for aid: **American Red Cross National Headquarters**, 2025 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20006, [www.Redcross.org](http://www.Redcross.org).

**Camp Ashreinu news.....**Enrollment for Camp Ashreinu 2010 is well under way. Many have already received their complementary CD of Memories of '09 for sending in their registration forms. **NOTE:** All scholarship requests must be made AND registration forms received **BEFORE THIS SUNDAY**, February 14th. For any questions regarding Camp Ashreinu, please call Rabbi and Mrs. Scherer at 351-7424 or 702-1513.

**Cholim List** The women's Tehillim group's updated Cholim List for Adar is attached to this week's newsletter. If you would like to receive the Cholim List via e-mail, please send an e-mail request to [gjstat@juno.com](mailto:gjstat@juno.com).

**Do You Need Help?** Call the eight grade boys if you need your garage cleaned, your car washed, snow shoveled, whatever it is we can help! Call 513-531-0479 and leave a message with your name, number, and the job you would like us to do. All prices will be negotiated depending on the job. Thank you.

**Women's Conversational Hebrew** Join Shiraz and Nof at Leah Politzer's house (2672 Cedarbrook Drive) on Wednesday from 8:15-9:15 p.m. All levels of Hebrew will be accommodated.

Rabbi Moshe Kibel will be collecting Matanos le'evyonim for aniyim in Israel. Please see him or call 403-4602 for details. Thank you!

**Want to get ready for the Chaggim?** Need an extra something? Not sure what it may be? Come to the BRACHA PARTY! Rescheduled for Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, Motzei Shabbos at 8:30 p.m. at Yiska Simcha Guigui's house. Her address is 6616 Meadowridge Lane. Please join Yiska Simcha Guigui and WendySue Steinberg for an amazing evening of Brachas, sisterhood and food. Women only. We will see you there!

**Chaya's Playgroup** The famous Morah Chaya's playgroup is taking reservations for this coming fall!! Filled with a fun and loving atmosphere, with hands on projects, group play, circle and exercise time in a spacious and friendly location! Age: Around 2 yrs old. Contact: 531-7738. Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Call Morah Chaya for more details and to reserve your spot.

Leila Kibel is selling children's shabbos and weekday clothing by catalogue order. All girls' clothing are tznius. To view the catalogue, please contact Leila at 351-0137.

**SARAH'S PLACE UPDATE** -- Thank you to all the very generous donors of new and gently used clothing. The Gemach is chock full of tsnusdik ladies', girls' and children's clothes. We also have brand new bed sheets, shoes and coats. Due to the large influx of new items, Sarah's Place will NOT be accepting any more donations at this time. We are now holding our yearly CLEARANCE SALE with the ENTIRE STORE at over 50% off! Our ultra-low prices easily beat out Snooty Fox, Once Upon a Child, and any thrift store you can find. We will not be undersold! Make an appointment today by calling Shifra Motzen 924-0538, Leah Politzer 337-5676, or Ruth Henn 731-3495. All proceeds benefit RITSS High School. If you are interested in working for this very worthy cause please call Shifra Motzen.

**Cholov Yisroel Products at Costco-** Kosher consumers should be aware that the Costco on Fields-Ertel now has some cholov yisroel cheese products- like 2 lbs of shredded mozzarella cheese for \$7.99 and 3 lb bricks of cheese slices for \$10.99! Many thanks to Miriam Younger for her efforts in making these products available!

**Play Group** - Michal Jacobson (has over 16 years teaching experience) is planning to start new play group in September 2010 for ages 1-2 years old (this will be my third year having play group) I might consider younger ages. Please email me: [shalommick1@aol.com](mailto:shalommick1@aol.com) or call 885-4984 (cell) or 699-5702 (home).

Anyone interested in a playgroup for ages; newborn-and up for this year or next year please contact Rebecca Pressman at 407-3400. References upon request.

The Motzen family invites the community to a kiddush Shabbos, parshas Mishpatim (February 13) at CZE. The kiddush is sponsored in honor of the birth of their daughter, Michal (6 months ago) and in gratitude for the many people who helped by cooking meals, running errands, and providing child care following her birth.

**"New!!! Drop off babysitting available for your toilet-trained tots!** Hours of operation are 1:30- 4:00 pm. Please call Avigaille Katz for more information at 351-1085.

If you are interested in purchasing a print or original of the paintings displayed at the auction, contact Miriam Karp at 351-8246.

***Big Brothers/Big Sisters is Looking for a Few Good Menches!*** Are you a man or woman between the ages of 21 and 81? Are you willing to donate a few hours a week for a really good cause? If the answer is yes, then ***WE NEED YOU!*** Big Brothers/Big Sisters Association of Cincinnati has children and teen-agers on our waiting list—all waiting for mentors—someone like you to be their friend, role model or just someone to talk to. You have what it takes...**no special skills are needed** only a desire to have fun and make a difference in a child's life. Positive role models help children build self-esteem and also assist them in navigating the difficult terrain of childhood and/or adolescence. By volunteering, you can make a huge impact on a child's life and develop a long-lasting relationship. We've been making matches for more than 100 years and we need a few good menches to make them for 100 more. Have fun and do something new this year. You'll be surprised by the change it'll bring into your own life. For more information, please call 761-3200 or e-mail [jennifer@bigbrobigsis.org](mailto:jennifer@bigbrobigsis.org).

The Schwartzbaum family invites the community to join them for a kiddush in honor of their daughter, Ayala, next Shabbos, Parshat Mishpatim (February 13) at CHDS, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**BTMS Cookbook Order** – Now is the time to place your order for this very useful and attractive cookbook featuring recipes for all different types of vegetable dishes. Cookbooks should arrive in time for Mother's Day. Each cookbook will be available for \$20.00. Please make checks payable to Beth Tevillah Mikveh Society or BTMS. Any questions call Barbara at 513-325-1682 or Kayla at 513-503-2144.

**Last Chance** - to order your early bird tickets to the RITSS production **PAINT**, to be held on Sunday, February 21 at 7:45 p.m. Early bird tickets are \$18.00. Beginning Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> tickets will be \$25.00. Call the school at 631-0083 to purchase your ticket.

**THE JEWISH OVERNIGHT CAMPING PROGRAM** for the Jewish Children of Cincinnati provides grants for Jewish children from the greater Cincinnati area to encourage them to attend a Jewish overnight camp. Children who have never attended a Jewish overnight camp can apply for a grant. For the summer of 2010 the value of the grants will be up to \$1,000 for camp sessions of three weeks or more and up to \$500 for camp sessions of two weeks. A grant from the Jewish Overnight Camping Program is a gift. It is not need-based or contingent on other scholarship or financial aid dollars. To qualify under the Program, the overnight camp must be sponsored by a non-profit Jewish organization. Application forms for the summer of 2010 are available online on the Jewish Federation website, [www.jewishcincinnati.org](http://www.jewishcincinnati.org) on the "Community Resources" page. Application deadline is April 15, 2010. For further information please consult your congregational rabbi or Jeff Baden at [jbaden@mayersonjcc.org](mailto:jbaden@mayersonjcc.org) or 722-7243 or Prof. Getzel Cohen at [getzel.cohen@uc.edu](mailto:getzel.cohen@uc.edu) or 556-1951.

**LOST** -- did you borrow an even flow exersaucer from the Weinbergs baby gear gemach? It is green and blue with a multicolored seat. Please call the Gemach if you have it at 924-0538. Thank you!

We would love to publicize your Mazel Tovs or to inform the community of any family events. We ask that you please email ([chds613@yahoo.com](mailto:chds613@yahoo.com)) the preferred method, or contact the office with the relevant details.

**Refuah Shelamah to:**

Mr. Bill Ziv

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

Rabbi Yuval Kernerman, Principal

Mrs. Susan Shapiro, Director of Curriculum