

Cincinnati Hebrew Day School
Samuel and Rachel Boymel Campus
Newsletter
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PARSHAS: Bo

Winter break begins Friday, January 22, returning to school Monday, February 1. School ends regular time on Thursday, January 21.

Picture Retake Day is scheduled for February 3rd. Anyone wanting a retake should send their picture package to the office. All class photos will also be retaken.

Friday Night Candle Lighting 5:26.m.

Havdala 6:30.m.

Dear Parents and Friends:

This week, we have still been focusing on the plagues that Hashem brought upon the Egyptians. Aside from the awesomeness of the plagues themselves, we find another important lesson that the plagues can teach us.

In last week’s parsha, several of the plagues were not delivered by Moshe himself, but rather by his brother Aaron. For example, Aaron, as the agent of Hashem, was the one whose actions precipitated the transformation of water to blood. Our sages explain that it would have been inappropriate for Moshe to be the agent to change the life-giving waters into a solution of sterility. Hidden in a floating crib at a tender age, Moshe was protected from the Egyptian plots of infanticide. Therefore, explain the commentaries, as a former recipient of life through the Nile, Moshe could not adversely affect the water’s wholesomeness.

We find a similarly amazing expression of sensitivity in our Friday night Shabbos meal. Since bread is a more important item of food than wine, it ordinarily deserves precedence when eaten. Thus, the blessing on any other day would first be recited over the bread, followed by a blessing recited over wine. However, our practice is to make an exception at the Shabbos meal. We drink the wine before we eat challah, due to the importance of Kiddush – the blessing of sanctification of the Shabbos. Consequently, the laws of Shabbos dictate that the challahs be covered during the Kiddush ceremony-so as to not be **embarrassed!**

As intriguing as these examples of sensitivity are, they beg the question: would the waters of the Nile be humiliated under the control of Moshe? Would uncovered challahs really get embarrassed? Obviously not. However, the following story illustrates an extremely valuable point:

Rabbi Shraga Feivel Mendelovitz, one of the pioneers of Torah Judaism in America, was one invited to a man’s house for the Friday night meal. As the two of them entered the man’s house, it was immediately clear to Rav Mendelovitz that the woman of the house had fallen asleep after lighting candles, and was sorely unprepared for the entrance of her husband and guest. The house was a shamble, and the Shabbos table had not yet been set. The husband, clearly embarrassed by the situation, began to yell at his wife. “Don’t you know that the house is supposed to be cleaned in honor of Shabbos? The table isn’t even set! And the challahs on the table-they’re not even covered! Don’t you know that the challahs need to be covered?” Rav Mendelovitz remained motionless, too shocked to react. How sad and ironic, he thought. The whole reason we cover the challahs is so as not to be ‘embarrass’ them. And here was a person embarrassing his wife because she failed to cover the challahs!

Clearly, there is a reason why Moshe needed to show sensitivity to the water, and similarly, there is a reason why we need to show sensitivity to the challahs. Yet, it is not the inanimate objects that require our attention-these actions are done to arouse within us the attribute of sensitivity. Of course, we must build this sensitivity to our fellow man. May we always strive in our sensitivity for, and gratitude to the people around us.

Wishing you a good Shabbos,

Rabbi Yuval Kernerman
Principal

School News

EDCHOICE INFORMATION Each family should have received their Edchoice packet this week. If you did not receive the information please call Mrs. Shapiro at school on February 1. There is a clarification needed. If you are applying for low income status, please send that information to the state at the address listed on the packet; do not send it to school. This year the state is dealing with all low income inquirers. Your registration comes to school; financial information goes directly to the state. If you know of any child in our area who is coming to CHDS for the first time, going into Kindergarten, please speak to Mrs. Shapiro as soon as possible. Again, if after winter break all paper work could be sent into the office it would be greatly appreciated.

Raffle 5770-Final totals indicate that this year's raffle was one of the most successful ever! (\$96,000) SIXTY school families helped support the raffle campaign-by far a new school record!!! Thank you to all our supporters who purchased raffle tickets. Congratulations to Mrs. Ranelle Kibel, our grand prize winner, as well as to second prize winners Mr. and Mrs. Shelby and Dale Gubin. Thanks to all who were a part of the planning, setup and cleanup of the Melava Malka. **For a full raffle update please see the attached flyer.**

Save the date!-CHDS Tribute Dinner, Monday evening, May 31st. Join us as we cruise down the Ohio on the majestic *Belle of Cincinnati* and 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!

Barton's Chocolate Sale Update - There are 3 weeks left for the Barton's chocolate fundraiser. Please help support CHDS by selling. Don't forget to bring your sale packet with you when you head out of town for winter break. Also, remember that the chocolates make great host/hostess gifts for Pesach.

Torah Fair Update- tri-fold boards are available to take home from the office. Please send in \$3.00 with your child to Ms. Burns to cover the cost. Please do not buy your own privately since we would like all the boards to be the same size and color.

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

What's New In The Classroom?

This week in Ivrit with Mrs. Schwartzbaum, the first graders tackled a new vocabulary list--things around the house, including words such as salon (living room), sherutim (bathroom), cheder (room), ritzpa (floor), and sapa (couch).

In first grade with Mrs. Fishman, the class has been busy preparing for learning Chumash. They have mastered the pre-fix letters and have started learning about shorashim and how to pick a shorash out of a word. They recently completed learning how to write all of the aleph beis in script!

In Mrs. Duff's class the 1st graders had a fun week learning about force and motion in science. They made mazes out of shoe boxes for a marble to travel through and experimented with magnets. They began learning about the long a sound in words like came, name, and gate. In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day they read and learned about Martin Luther King Jr. and wrote about what their dreams for the world would be.

Mrs. Grad's third graders have completed reading Charlotte's Web and watched the video of the movie to compare the differences between the two. Most students enjoyed reading the book over seeing the movie. They enjoyed having a wonderful mini debate on this topic. The class has been working on addition of large numbers with and without regrouping. Students have discovered that by using patterns they could

add any large group of numbers quickly and rather easily. Practicing basic math facts has helped significantly. The second graders in Mrs. Grad's class completed reading the Boxcar Children and made boxcars which are on display in the front hall. The class has been working on learning column addition using various strategies to aid them in solving problems. They have caught on quickly. As with the third graders practicing learning basic facts has helped greatly for adding accurately. Both classes have been learning about Martin Luther King Jr. with each grade completing a different project. Each class will also be assigned a book to read during vacation. Third graders will be reading about famous African Americans while second graders will be reading a book about different presidents. Each class will complete a project upon returning from vacation. These projects will be in celebration of Black History Month and Presidents' Day in the month of February.

The second grade is learning about Bris Mila in the final perek of parshas Lech Lecha. In Ivrit the class is finishing up their unit on the question words. The third grade has just completed their third parsha this year, Vayishlach, in which Yaakov returned home from his journey to Charan. In Ivrit they are starting a unit about the farm. Both grades are almost finished learning about Brachos in Dinim class.

School Minyan- Once again, CHDS is attempting to have a Mincha minyan for our 6th-8th 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.

SHABBOS ACTIVITIES

Pirchei this Shabbos, Parshas Bo is for group 1 grades 1-2 3:30-4:30 p.m.

There will be no Bnos for the next few weeks. Bnos will resume on February 6th.

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

WOMEN'S HALACHA CLASS with Rabbi Cobi Robinson will take place this Sunday (January 24) 8:00 p.m. at the Kollel (2245 Losantiville). Topic: "Tu B'Shvat".

We are planning to have an Iyun Tefillah Class in the home of Mrs. Ilene Raubvogel on January 23rd. Topic: First paragraph of Shma. Time: 11:15 a.m. -12noon.

MISCELLANEOUS

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 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.

Box Tops – check the Meijer ad and look at the items that indicate that by buying and 10 items listed in the ad and you will receive an extra 70 bonus box tops. Check it out!

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.

Flute Lessons - If anyone knows beginning flute and would be willing to give my 11 year old son a few lessons (we will pay you), please call or contact me. He would prefer to start off, just getting the fingering and blowing basics with someone in the community, and then we'll decide what to do.
Thanks, Miriam Karp 351-8246

Rabbi Eli Glaser, director of Soveya, will be speaking in Cincinnati on Monday evening, February 1, at CZE Synagogue, at 8:00 p.m. The talk is entitled “A Rabbi’s Journey from Fat to Fit – Maintaining a 110-pound Weight Loss in the Face of Chulent, Kishka and Kugel”. Men and women are invited. There is no charge.

THE CANDY CORNER: Beautiful platters and assorted bulk candies. Get all of your candy needs! Wide selection available. To place an order, please call Miriam Ottensoser@ 631-0636. A project of **BTMS**

SARAH'S PLACE UPDATE -- Thank you to all the very generous donors of new and gently used clothing. The Gemach is chock full of tsniusdik 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.

Take advantage of the BTMS mishloach manos . Last day to submit all orders is Monday, January 25th. Please help support the mikveh with this important fundraiser. For any questions - call Aviva Minster @ 531-8966

Ride from the airport: Shiraz is looking to be picked up from the airport January 29th at approximately 1:30 returning home.

Shalom Zachor – the Weinschneider family would like to invite the community to a Shalom Zachor this Friday night, January 22nd, at 2193 Section Road from 8:30 – 10:30 p.m. The bris will be at CZE on Shabbos morning, Parshas Bo, January 23rd. Kiddush following the davening. May we share in simchos.

"New!!! Drop off babysitting available for your toilet-trained tots! Starting after the school break. 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.

Mazel Tov to:

Rabbi & Mrs. Mendy Kalmanson on the birth of a son.

Condolences to:

Kirschner family on the passing of Tova’s father.

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

Rabbi Yuval Kernerman, Principal

Mrs. Susan Shapiro, Director of Curriculum