

Cincinnati Hebrew Day School
Samuel and Rachel Boymel Campus
Newsletter
Friday, 22 Tevet ~ 5770 January 8, 2010

PARSHAS: Shemos

Friday Night Candle Lighting 5:12 p.m.

Havdala 6:15 p.m.

Dear Parents and Friends:

The Torah records at the beginning of this week’s Parsha: “And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out to his brothers, and looked on their burdens; and he spied an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brothers. And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.” I once heard Rabbi Paysach Krohn make a powerful inference from the first verse listed above. What, he asked, was the indicator of Moshe ‘growing?’ The answer is seen in the latter part of the verse: ‘...he went out to his brothers and looked upon their burdens.’ In Judaism, growth is signified by the ability to look outside of one’s self, to see the needs of others. In fact, the Midrash on this verse tells us that Moshe was able to convince Pharaoh that he should give the Jews a day of rest –so that they wouldn’t desecrate Shabbos- in order that their work should be more effective!

Rabbi Krohn made another fascinating comparison, which deals with the creation of the sun and the moon. It says in Parshas Breishis: “And G-d made two great lights; the large light to rule the day, and the small light to rule the night; and He made the stars.” The Midrash on this verse tells us that the two celestial bodies, the sun and the moon, were originally made of equal size. The moon protested, however, the notion of having to share the glory of illuminating the world with the sun, and claimed that one would have to be the dominant force. Thus, G-d determined that the sun should be the ‘large light to rule the day,’ and the moon should be the ‘small light to rule the night.’ Here again, Rabbi Krohn points out, the term ‘godol,’ or large, is used to describe something- the sun. What is the connection? The moon was not interested in true giving of light. The moon was concerned only with itself- its own grandeur. Therefore it was reduced; it was not worthy of being a ‘godol,’ or of being considered an ‘adult.’ Consequently, the light of the moon is not a true giving of light. It is a mere reflection of the ‘large’ or ‘adult’ sun, which acts to give of itself to others. The idea is, says Rabbi Krohn, that for a Jew to reach adulthood is to give of himself, and to concern himself with the needs of others.

There is another that we can learn from the second verse listed above. The Torah indicates that Moshe hid the Mitzri that he killed in the sand. Because of this, the commentaries explain, Moshe was not allowed to bring about the plague of lice, which was initiated by striking the sand. Since he was saved by the sand (which hid the Egyptian that he slew), it was deemed inappropriate to ‘strike’ the sand. Of course, the sand is inanimate, and did not feel the ‘pain’ of Aaron’s rod when he struck the ground. Nevertheless, the Torah is teaching us the valuable lesson that we as individuals should develop a sensitivity to those who help us- even to the degree that we recognize the benefits of inanimate objects.

Perhaps this lesson connects to the first one as well. It is part of our growth into adulthood, when we look beyond ourselves, to care for others, that we build the sensitivity and gratitude for those that have likewise given to us.

Wishing you a great Shabbos,

Rabbi Kernerman
Principal

School News

Torah Fair Update- trifold boards will be available to take home from the office on Thursday, January 14th. 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.

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 10th 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. 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?

The 4th grade girls have been diligently working on their Pirkei Avos projects in Rabbi Scherer's class, focusing this week on the ideas learned in Mishna Daled and Hey. Examples of their learning include: opening your doors to the Chachamim, welcoming the poor into your house, and that excessive talking could lead one to speak Loshon Horah.

The 4th graders have learned the meaning of the famous posef of "HaMalach HaGoel", not in Be'ur Tefillah but in Chumash class, in Parshas Vayechi. Mishna class has covered a variety of topics ranging from the Mitzvah of Shiluach Hakan to some rules for Nesiyyus Kapayim, the priestly blessing. And Dinim, the students can all explain why freshly squeezed orange juice should not appear on the menu for breakfast in a Jewish home.

In Mishna class with Rabbi Scherer, the 5th grade boys have completed Perek Alef of Mishnayos Succah, learning about dimensions of a Kosher Succah and what validates S'chach. In Dinim, the boys have nearly completed a Section on the Origins of Tefillah and its" different components.

This week in Mrs. Steely's math class, the 4th graders continued to practice division facts. In writing, the students learned about fables. They read examples of Aesop's fables and then wrote their own stories with animal characters and morals. They will share their stories with the class next week. In social studies, the students learned about three of Ohio's early settlements; Marietta, Cincinnati and Cleveland. In groups, they acted out short plays, pretending to be early settlers in Ohio. Included in the plays were scenes of building log cabins, hunting, farming, sewing and story telling. The students finished their chapter on electricity and magnetism in science. They enjoyed making electromagnets and were interested to find out how electricity is generated. They will have their end of chapter science test next week.

In Rabbi Berger's Navi Class, the fourth grade is learning about Ochon's violation in perek zayin of Sefer Yehoshua and why Bnai Yisroel were collectively responsible.

In Mrs. Shapiro's class, the fifth grade boys are studying the establishment of the 13 original colonies. The students will be researching a colony assigned to them, to find out why the colony was established, what were the major industries there and how well did the people do coming to this colony. The students have done some very nice creative writings which are on display on the bulletin board outside the room.

In math they are working on dividing with double digits. The class explored estimation with compatible numbers. The new novel they are reading is The Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basel E. Frankweiler.

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. 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-OUR FINAL WEEK!- MANY THANKS TO THE **BARRY, BEHRMAN, BIDNICK, BRAMY, BRAUNSTEIN, COHEN, DZIALOSZYNSKI, ELIAS, EPSTEIN, FERTEL, FREED, GOLDBERG, GOLDSTEIN, KALMANSON, KARP, M. KIBEL, KIRSCHNER, KLAFTER, KERNERMAN, MOTZEN, OTTENSOSER, POLITIZER, PREIS, RAUBVOGEL, ROBINSON, ROSEDALE, SCHERER, SCHWARTZBERG, SINGER, SIVAN, SMITH, TORON, TRAVIS, WEINSCHNEIDER, WEISBERG, WILHEIM AND YOUNGER FAMILIES WHO HAVE GOTTEN TICKETS IN!!!** (Highlighted are those families that have brought in 3 tickets or more!)

CHDS also extends a very special thank you to the following school families for their significant donations (in lieu of/in addition to tickets) during our raffle campaign: Bernstein, Klafter, Sollofe, Rosedale and Wilhelm.

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! 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. 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 13th.***

SHABBOS ACTIVITIES

Pirchei will be for grades 1 and 2 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. this Shabbos, Parshas Shmos.

We plan to have the Iyun Tefillah class at 6761 Meadowridge Lane on Sunday, January 10 at 11:15 a.m. Topic: V'ahavta

WOMEN'S HALACHA CLASS with Rabbi Robinson **WILL NOT** meet this Sunday (January 10).

Rabbi Robinson's next class will be January 16th at Tamar Smith, 6680 W. Farm Acres Dr. at 3:30 p.m.

There will be NO Bnos for the girls this week Parshas Shmos.

MISCELLANEOUS

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. We do have a volunteer who could babysit for a lady who would then be free to lead davening.

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 10:00 a.m. 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!

Take 'N Bake for Shevat: SHIDDUCHIM The next scheduled Take 'N Bake will be next Friday, January 8. To participate this month and/or add names, please contact Michal Mendelsberg (mmendelsberg@gmail.com or 513-351-6637) by Tuesday, January 5.

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 Cell phone number: 8854984 Home phone number: 6995702

THIS SUNDAY! Family Bingo Night at the JCC. Enjoy a fantastic evening of Bingo, amazing prizes for all ages and lots of food! Sunday, January 10, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Call Melissa Bernstein at 289-7755 to RSVP or for more information.

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 girl's clothing are tznius. To view the catalogue, please contact Leila at 351-0137.

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

Rabbi Yuval Kernerman, Principal

Mrs. Susan Shapiro, Director of Curriculum