

**Cincinnati Hebrew Day School
Samuel and Rachel Boymel Campus
Newsletter
Friday 19 Adar ~ 5770 March 5, 2010**

PARSHAS: Ki Sissa

Friday Night Candle Lighting 6:14 p.m.

Havdala 7:17 p.m.

“When Gold Is A Source Of Merit”

Dear Parents and Friends:

In this week’s Parsha, we learn about the tragic events surrounding the Golden Calf. The Jewish nation, impatiently awaiting the return of Moshe Rabbeinu from Har Sinai, made a fatal error. Three thousand citizens were swept into an idolatrous frenzy, creating the idol with their own gold. The after-shock of this event is still reverberating today, in many different ways. One such way that we see the effect is in our Yom Kippur adornments. We are instructed to refrain from wearing gold jewelry on Yom Kippur, just as the Kohen Gadol did not wear gold on Yom Kippur. The Talmud explains the reason for this rule: “The accuser cannot also be the defendant.” The commentaries explain this as follows: since gold was used inappropriately by the nation in the service of the Golden Calf, it would be brazen for the Kohen Gadol- or anyone else, for that matter- to use gold in service of G-d on Yom Kippur, our holiest of days.

I’d like to share a true story that happened recently to two people I know that relates to this event in our history.

A family in need in the Holy land reached out to a friend, somewhere in North America, for assistance in their plight. The friend, unable to help financially, was troubled by the family’s situation. She had an idea: she would scour her jewelry drawers for broken items, and pieces that she no longer wore. She was amazed to find that she had quite a few pieces of unusable gold. She was thrilled when she received over four hundred dollars from a gold salesman! She quickly sent it to her friend in Eretz Yisroel, where it made a huge difference.

But the story does not end there. This lady in North America told her story to another North American friend, who did not even have a connection to this family in Israel. Amazingly, she was moved to do the same thing! She scoured her bedroom, and –you guessed it- found over four hundred dollars worth of unusable gold! She then handed over the money to the same family in Israel- the family that she did not even know!

I am truly humbled to know two such wonderful ladies, who so exemplify the character trait of charity. Figuratively speaking, gold would be a defendant of theirs on Yom Kippur!

However, I am not just telling a story about two great people. I tell the story because I think it applies to all of us. On a simple level, we can all probably convert a lot of scrap gold into charity (and it would be great if we kept most of it for our local institutions)! However, I think that there are other forms of wealth other than gold that we have in abundance. And, like broken pieces of jewelry that are not so obviously valuable, we overlook their value and ability to change the world.

The Talmud says that to give someone a smile is to give them something even more valuable than a glass of milk. How many opportunities do we have in a day to greet someone? A phone call to a person who is alone can make their day. If a person has even more resources, and can give of their time to learn with another person, this can be an even greater act of charity. We can all act in different charitable ways, but the important point to remember is that we all have talents and abilities that are as priceless as gold. May we all merit to find our hidden treasures that can help change the lives of the people that surround us.

Wishing you a great Shabbos,

Rabbi Yuval Kernerman,
Principal

School News

Any family applying for low income status on EdChoice scholarship, all your financial documents must be into the state before April 30th.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARENTS REGARDING TUITION OBLIGATIONS -

Upon the recommendation of the School's Finance Committee, the School has implemented a new policy requiring parents with outstanding tuition obligations from prior school years to sign promissory notes and to commit to minimal repayment schedules on account of such obligations. This policy is **mandatory** and a condition for the continued admission of children to classes. Promissory notes that were received in the mail the week of February 22nd are due in the office by no later than **Wednesday, March 10th**. If you received a promissory note and need to discuss an appropriate repayment schedule or if you have any other questions, please contact either Mr. Robert Rosen at 604-7892, Mr. Norman Frankel at 265-9626, or Mrs. Elinor Ziv at 351-0909.

Dinner 5770/2010-A gala cruise down the Ohio is being planned for **Monday evening, May 31st** and it's not too late to get involved- contact Rabbi Travis in the office. In addition to recognizing **Rabbi Raffie and Sherri Zuroff** for all that they have done and continue to do for our school and community, **Dr. Gary and Lois Marcus** from Berkeley, CA will be with us to help remember school founder **Ben Levinson**. This is an event you will not want to miss!

PTA NEWS - KROGER FUNDRAISING PROGRAM: This is a friendly reminder to all Kroger shoppers to please use your Kroger fundraising card when you shop at Krogers. These cards are purchased by the PTA to raise funds to support our school. To receive a new card, please contact Rivka Preis. The cards are reusable and easy to use. You can even add money to the card at the checkout counter prior to having your groceries rung up. Your receipt will indicate how much money is left on your card. All new cards have a \$1 balance. The PTA receives a rebate check for a minimum of \$200 every time as a collective group CHDS cardholders have reached \$5000 placed on our cards. Thank you to all our parents and friends who participate in this ongoing fundraising program. Rivka Preis

What's New In The Classroom?

In Rabbi Gabay's Gemara class, the 6th graders are analyzing the following question: Is there any difference, as far as the laws of returning lost objects go, between finding something in Fountain Square, Cincinnati, or Zion Square, Yerushalayim? Please speak to one of our sixth graders to find an answer! In Chumash studies, the 6th and 7th grade boys have been tracing the path of the spies through Eretz Yisroel, with Rashi as their guide.

In Gemara studies with Rabbi Scherer, the 7th grade boys scored high once again with a booming 95% AVERAGE on their most recent Gemara test, discussing topics such as: the Leaning at the Seder, the 4 Cups of Wine- who is obligated and why, and how we accomplish Simchas Yom Tov nowadays. They have now begun the next Sugya discussing Karpas, and will follow with discussion on Maggid.

In Gemara class with Rabbi Kibel, the 8th grade boys are reviewing the sugya in Gemara of “Meitav”. This passage of Gemara addresses the issue of repaying a victim for damage to his property. The boys learned about the question: Do you have to repay using your best property, or could you even repay with the monetary equivalent of corn flakes? In Dinim, the boys are also learning about the laws of Muktzta on Shabbos.

In Rabbi Scherer’s Dinim class, 6 & 7 grade boys recently took a test on Siman 142 on Shaloch Manos, Matonos Li-evyonim and the Seuda. They all showed their mastery of the material with an incredibly high average.

In Chumash class with Mrs. Kernerman, the 6th grade girls have been learning about the incident of the “Slav” in the wilderness, where the Bnai Yisroel complained that they wanted something different than the Mann to eat.

In the 7th grade, Mrs. Kernerman’s students just started Parshas Pinchas, and are learning how Pinchas acted so bravely to save the nation from moral depravity.

This week in Navi with Rabbi Schwartzbaum, the 7th and 8th grade girls completed Perek Yud in Shmuel Beis and are about to start Perek Yud-Aleph, which speaks about Dovid and BatSheva. In Ivrit, the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls are working on a scrap booking project to learn everyday Hebrew phrases. The 8th graders are also writing a play in Hebrew, which they will hopefully put on for the pre-school.

In Dinim class with Rabbi Travis, the 6th grade girls are continuing their study of the “39 Melachos.” This week, they began the second category of melachos; those associated with making clothing.

In Navi, the 6 & 7 grade boys have completed (very seasonally, we might add) perek 15 which is the Haftorah for Parshas Zachor, discussing the Battle with Amalek, Shaul’s mistake of leaving the King Agag alive, and as a result, his unfortunate loss of the Kingdom.

This past Rosh Chodesh, for the month of Adar, Mrs. Scherer, with the assistance of Tehilla Spetner & Basya Kirschner, led the upper level girls in an activity of creating adorable and creative Purim door banners.

This week in Language Arts with Mrs. Polsky, the sixth graders are teaming up with Mrs. Grad’s second graders to write original pesach stories. They are already enjoying this interactive, educational experience! The seventh and eighth graders have begun reading a play in three acts entitled, “The Miracle Worker.” They are learning to appreciate their G-d given gifts of sight and hearing as they explore the world of Helen Keller.

In Mr. Meadows’ eighth grade class, the Algebra students are solving systems of equations using either the substitution method or the elimination method. The seventh grade Pre-Algebra students are learning to solve multi-step equations involving integers, fractions, and decimals. The sixth grade math students are working with percents and circle graphs.

In Mrs. Debow’ Social Studies class the 6th grade gave oral reports on countries in Latin America this week. Each student had a different country to research and report to the class and each presentation was interesting and unique in its own way. Great job 6th graders!

In Mrs. Krynock’s science class both the 5th and 6th grade are studying weather. The 5th graders are in the process of gathering 6 days of information about a specific city. Each day, they share the information and after next week, they are going to use the information to make a series of weather maps just like the ones in the newspaper or on the news! Sixth grade, while learning the foundations of weather, are also working on a project about a specific Earthquake, Tsunami or Volcanic Eruption that has happened in the past. With all of the natural earthquakes in the news recently, the students are beginning to understand how the

science they are learning applies to real life! The 7th and 8th grade have finished learning about sound and are now learning about light. The culmination of this unit will be a hands-on Sound and Light museum that they will invite the rest of the school to. The museum will be “open” on March 24 and 25 in the commons. Stop by to see the blending of creativity and science!

Next week in Mrs. Morrison’s advanced math, the 6th grade students will be starting a unit on factoring and exponents. The seventh grade students will continue working on reading, creating, and interpreting different kinds of graphs. The 8th grade students will continue graphing, solving and interpreting solutions for systems of equations and inequalities.

SHABBOS ACTIVITIES

Pirchei is cancelled this week.

There will be no Bnos this week.

Paula Weinberg’s Shabbos Chumash class is cancelled this week, March 6.

MISCELLANEOUS

Camp Ashreinu- The camp’s Early-Bird Deadline for discount on your child(ren)’s registration is March 15th. Only a few spots are remaining in Camp Ashreinu Toddler Program. Please turn in your application to deposit to reserve a spot. For any questions regarding the camp, please call Rabbi or Mrs. Scherer.

Yaacov’s Place – All CD’s in stock are on sale for only \$6.00 each. All cookbooks in stock are now 20% off.

SHATNEZ CLASS- Men and women are invited to an informative and hands-on class on the practical halachos of Shatnez. The class will be held Wednesday, March 10th 8:00 p.m. at CHDS. Class given by Rabbi Kernerman.

Shiraz needs a ride – if you are going to the Dayton Airport Wednesday, March 24th, she needs to be at the airport before 6:00 p.m. Please call her at 513-614-3648.

Young professional couple moving to Amberley area, looking for a home to rent in the eruv during medical fellowship. If you are interested in renting your home, please contact Jared or Ilana Ressler at (773) 857-3258 or ilana.ressler@gmail.com.

REMINDER: Golf Manor Synagogue Book Club Meeting this Sunday, March 7th, 2010, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Pearl and Greg Spitz, 6670 Meadow Ridge Lane. We will be discussing "The World to Come" by Dara Horn. All are welcome!

Summer babysitting – If you are looking for a steady babysitter during the day this summer, Esther Berger will be returning from Israel in June and will be available. Call Kayla at 841-1323.

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.

Attention All Ladies! The spring/summer hat sale has begun. Cleveland’s “Hair Options” has sent a great collection of dressy and casual hats, caps, berets, snoods and pre-tied scarves. Come early for the best selection. Call Barbara Balk at 631-2292 (home) or 325-1682 (cell) to make an appointment.

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.

Morah Adina's babysitting group: Morah Adina Zoimen is taking reservations for this coming fall!! Filled with a warm, loving, and safe atmosphere in a local and spacious location! Ages: From three months to eighteen months. Contact: 531-4002. Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Call Adina for further details and to reserve your spot. Afternoon drop-off will also be available for children of various ages.

3 yr. old "fun and exciting" day camp forming for the weeks between the end of school and beginning of Camp Ashreinu. More details to follow! If interested or for more information, contact Atara Minster @ 254-2511.

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

Free freezer and full size ping pong table. Freezer is older and not max. energy efficient, but working. Call Mrs. Lois Spahn, (neighbor of Karps) 531-9922

BABYSITTING SERVICE FOR THE SUMMER: Avigail and Tehila Spetner will be running a babysitting service this summer, at their home, for ages 9 -18 months. If you are interested call 531-2379.

"The Sock Market" will be hosting a trunk show on Sunday March 14th- 10:00-12:00, and 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Bidnick Home. Boys shabbos shirts and pants, women and girls shells, shabbos skirts, spring tops, denim skirts socks, hose and more! More details to follow.

Afternoon babysitter needed for an infant Monday-Thursday starting after Pesach until the end of the school year. If interested, please call (513) 295-8111. Thank You!

AEROBICS/DANCE CLASS -- NOTE (another!) CHANGE OF DAY and time: Shifra Motzen will be giving her exercise class Monday night, March 8 from 8:15-9:00 p.m. and next Motzei Shabbos, March 13, from 8:45-9:30 p.m. in the Gabay's basement (come through the back). Cost = \$6 per class. Call 924-0538.

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) the preferred method, or contact the office with the relevant details.

Lost: Boys green winter coat, around a size 5/6. If found return to the Scherers 351-7424

Found—

Right outside CHDS after the Schwartzbaum kiddush--two baby hats and a Thomas Train toy. You can find them in the lost-and-found at school.

Youth girl's hat, size 8-16. Let at the Hagage house by the L'Chaim Monday night.

Mazel Tov to:

Yosef and Adina Zoimen on Nosson Zvi Zoimen's upsherin.

Dr. & Mrs. Melman on the birth of a grandson.

Mr. & Mrs. Yisroel Shlomo Melman on the birth of a son.

Rabbi & Mrs. Yudin on the birth of a baby girl.

Mr. & Mrs. Elliot Smith on the recent bris of their son, Yehuda

Dr. Cricket Schwartzberg who earned her doctorate in audiology.

Dr. Behrman on the marriage of his sister Estie.

Rabbi & Mrs. Berlove on the engagement of their son Melech to Chana Fromowitz and their daughter Devorah on the birth of a girl.

Refuah Shelamah to:

Mr. Bill Ziv. Mr. Ziv would love visitors at Cedar Village until Tuesday.

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

Rabbi Yuval Kernerman, Principal

Mrs. Susan Shapiro, Director of Curriculum