

Cincinnati Hebrew Day School
Samuel and Rachel Boymel Campus
Newsletter
Friday, 26 Cheshvan ~ 5770 November 13, 2009

PARSHAS: Chayei Sarah

Friday Night Candle Lighting 5:06 p.m.

Havdala 6:07 p.m.

On Wednesday November 18th the sign-up sheets for conferences will go up in the main hall. This year conferences (including preschool) will be held on Tuesday evening November 24th from 4:30-8:00 p.m. and Wednesday morning November 25 from 8:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. Kindergarten will have additional conferences with Mrs. Zadikoff and Mrs. Klafter on Monday afternoon; please check the sign-up sheets.

Dear Parents and Friends:

This week’s Haftorah reading has an insightful lesson in raising children. The portion of Navi that is read is from the beginning of the book of Kings, which details the events of the struggle surrounding the continuity of the Davidic line. King David’s plan to anoint Shlomo as his heir to the throne is brought into doubt with Adoniyahu- another one of his sons- claiming to be the next king. Luckily, King David’s wife, Bas Sheva, devised a plan to ensure a rapid public pronouncement of Shlomo’s status as the future king of Israel.

The glaring question from this episode in the Navi is: how could Adoniyahu rebel against his father in this way? Surely, he knew his father’s intentions to appoint Shlomo as his successor. Moreover, did he not anticipate the wrath of punishment from his father for this rebellion?

The Radak gives us an amazing insight into the education of Adoniyahu, as indicated in verse 1:6: “All his days his father had never saddened him by saying, ‘Why have you done this?’” The Radak explains: “King David never got angry at his son when he did something wrong, and he never shamed or rebuked him by saying, ‘Why have you done this?’” Of course, this criticism of King David has to be taken in the context of his greatness. Undoubtedly, this flaw was measurable only to him. Nonetheless, the Radak is essentially saying that, at times, it is necessary to get angry (or, more accurately, to give the appearance of being angry) at the inappropriate deeds of our children. We are supposed to rebuke them; to let them know that their actions were incorrect. As our sages teach us, “the right hand should draw close, and the left hand should push away.” That is to say, there are two aspects to education: encouraging positive behaviors, and actively discouraging poor ones. A person may think, “I will just encourage things which are good;” however, the events of Adoniyahu prove that this reasoning is flawed. Perhaps we can suggest that if there is no ‘left hand pushing away bad behaviors,’ the right hand is not truly giving encouragement. Such a child sees only non-critical acceptance, without any expectation for growth. In effect, the child who sees authority not being exercised comes to reject authority. Moreover, it is possible that when a child does not see boundaries for his actions, he learns that his actions have little significance. In essence, a child learns over time that: “If I don’t have a set bedtime, then the actions I am supposed to accomplish during the day cannot be very important. If I don’t need to keep a tidy room, then my possessions cannot be very important. If I can eat whatever I want, then my health and body are secondary as well.”

May we all merit to give our children the proper balance of ‘drawing close’ and ‘pushing away,’ so that our children are brought close to us and to G-d.

Wishing you a great Shabbos,

Rabbi Yuval Kernerman, Principal

School News

RAFFLE 5770/2009-10 IS HERE!

We hope you have received, or will receive very shortly in the mail, your raffle package and are excited to get started-the raffle is a crucial school fundraiser! All the materials and information you need should be in your envelope. Remember you can buy/sell raffle tickets on-line at our website! (An e-mail to friends and relatives directing them to the website is a great option if you aren't comfortable calling them directly!) Our grand prize is once again \$10,000, 2nd prize is \$1800 and 3rd prize is \$500. We will also be offering a prize to the family that sells the most tickets. Be sure to check back here for weekly raffle news and updates. Hatzlacha to everyone! If you have any questions along the way, please don't hesitate to contact Tamar Smith at 531-0155.

Chumash Curriculum Development- CHDS is proud to be partnering with Torah Umesorah in groundbreaking project of curriculum development! Our staff has already had one meeting with Rabbi Yehoshua Levy of Torah Umesorah, and will soon be conducting a second set of meetings. The focus of this project is to create a curriculum of shorashim (verb roots) and other vocabulary words that will be compiled and built upon in successive years. This will help in the retention of learned materials, and will help enable students to comprehend new psukim learned by identifying shorashim of verbs that they have already learned in a different context. This is planned to be a 1-2 year project, and gradually, there will be implementations in Chumash classes, both in instruction and testing. This program is being made possible with a generous grant scholarship from Torah Umesorah. Additional funds, however, are needed to cover costs of this project. If anyone is interested in partial sponsorship, please contact Rabbi Kernerman.

What's New In The Classroom?

In Mrs. Fishmans class, the first graders have been progressing very nicely in their Hebrew reading. This week they focused on reading words with different types of "shiiiva's". In Kesiva, they learned how to write the letter "mem" and "chof sofis" in script. They just began an exciting new writing booklet to practice the letters that they have learned how to write.

This week in first grade Ivrit with Mrs. Schwartzbaum, the students began working on their dictionaries. They are taking all the words they learned this year, and putting them in a dictionary organized according to the Aleph-Bais. Each child got a binder with divider pages for each letter and blank pages for gluing in the words (along with pictures). This will be an on-going project throughout the rest of the year, as they review the words they have already learned and also add new words as they are learned.

The 1st graders have had an exciting week learning all about different animals and insects. They began researching an animal or insect of their choice and will use that research to write reports. They are also practicing subtraction and learning about how addition and subtraction relate. Students learned about Veteran's Day, made thank you cards to Veteran's, and learned about words in the -op family (shop, hop, mop, top, etc). Keep up the great work, 1st graders!!

In Rabbi Berger's class, the second grade has finished their first parsha for this year, parshas Noach. Everyone is working on review sheets and preparing for their big test on Tuesday. Stay tuned for Yom Hamabul coming soon! In Ivrit the children are practicing the subjective pronouns and how they must match the verb in gender and number.

In the third grade, Rabbi Berger's students are learning about how Yaacov met Rochel at the well and planned to marry her after seven years of work for Lovon. They recently celebrated the completion of Toldos with a siyum. All the food and drink was red, to remember Asav's famous line, "Gimme some of that red stuff!" They contributed some of our fruit seeds to Mrs. Grad's science unit. In Ivrit, the students are talking and writing about Shabbos foods.

Both grades are learning some laws about Bircas Hamazon in Dinim class.

In Mrs. Grad’s class, the second graders have been continuing their studies learning how to relate addition and subtraction as they do problem solving in math. The class made colorful coffee filter butterflies as part of their lesson on the life cycle of a butterfly. They will continue the unit on Life Science learning about fossils.

In Mrs. Grad’s class, the third graders have completed learning about place value, number sense, and understanding time in math. They will begin the chapter about fractions and measurement. In Science class, the students will be completing the unit on Life Science over the next two weeks and will return to Social Studies learning about countries’ capitals and community government.

Both classes discussed Veteran’s Day along with reading about the American soldiers in Afghanistan in the Current Events Newspaper.

H1N1 Vaccination Note: Parents who had their children vaccinated at school recently should please note that children who are 9 and under will require a second dose of the vaccination. While the minimum wait period between the doses is three weeks, it is not clear at this time when the Health Department will be giving our students the second dose. We will notify you as soon as we have more information.

REMINDER: Retake Picture Day will be Wednesday, December 9 from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Volunteer Update – We want to thank the follow volunteers who have donated their time on weekly basis to assist at CHDS: Jan Maltinsky, Tamar Smith, Pammy Samuelson, Rifky Fertel, Ingrid Epstein, and Tovah Kirschner. We also want to thank Rachel Sollofe who helped out during the vaccination clinic. In addition, Leah Politzer helped supervise lunch duty so that our teachers could have planning meetings. We still need volunteers to assist Dr. Berg during library time on Thursday. Call Tovah at 360-8682 if you are able to help,

SAVE THE DATE – Sunday, December 6th for a school wide volunteer day. We will do multiple projects to improve the appearance and organization of CHDS.

Safety Corner

New Traffic Pattern- Please note that **the alleyway into the school parking lot from Elbrook is now ONE-WAY into the parking lot.** This move should help ensure the safety of both drivers and pedestrians in the alley. When exiting CHDS, please exit on Losantiville **ONLY**, and please do not cut through the parking lot of the tax business on the corner. To do so is not lawful, and could create ill will with our neighbors, not to mention a potential Chillul Hashem.

SHERUT LEUMI VOLUNTEER UPDATE

Nofit and Shiraz have just returned from their conference in New York for the Sherut Leumi Volunteers! They have a lot of exciting activities planned for the students and the community for the upcoming Rosh Chodesh.

A special thank you to Ingrid Epstein, Pammy Samuelson, Tamar Smith, Jan Maltinsky and Orly Sivan, for covering the Sherut Leumi assistance they provide in Mrs. Klawter’s Kindergarten classroom, during their absence.

Nof and Shiraz are planning to go to Chicago for Thanksgiving. If anyone is able to give them a ride either there or back, please contact the girls or Rabbi Kernerman.

Please contact Ahuva Goldman at 531-4440 to host the Sherut girls for Shabbat and Yom Tov meals.

SHABBOS ACTIVITIES

Pirchei this Shabbos will be for Group 2---Grades 3-5 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Please do NOT send your son early.

The first Rabbi Yisroel Reisman Melachim Aleph video, entitled “The Perfect Shabbos Cruise”, will be shown this motzei Shabbos, November 14, at CHDS at 8:30 p.m. The series is brought to you by Agudas Yisroel of Cincinnati and by the Mehlman Family.

Rabbi Robinson's next class is on Yaakov Avinu at Eleanor Ziv's Shabbos Apartment, 6530 Elbrook Ave at 3:30p.m. November 14th.

There will not be BNOS this Shabbos. Wishing our wonderful BNOS leaders an enjoyable Shabbaton!

WOMEN'S HALACHA CLASS with Rabbi Cobi Robinson will NOT take place this Sunday (November 15).

MISCELLANEOUS

Shalom Zachor – The community is invited to a Shalom Zachor at the Zuroff residence, 2180 Blue Grass Lane, at 7:45 p.m. tonight.

Shalom Zachor – The community is invited to a Shalom Zachor at the Goldman residence, 6645 W. Farm Acres, at 7:30 p.m. tonight.

PTA Chanukah Party- Wednesday, December 16th - Fun for the whole family! There will be food (doughnuts, latkes, etc). More details to follow. Looking for parent volunteers. If available, please contact Michal Kernerman at 351-2932

Camp Ashreinu Reunion for girls and preschool: Save the Date! During the January 1st weekend, Sorochel Garber and Rivky Zytznick will be returning to Cincinnati! Great activities are being planned, More information to follow.

If anyone is interested in learning the Kuntres Ahavas Yisrael by the Chofetz Chaim, please call 351-2989 to either obtain a free copy or to borrow one from the Shmiras Haloshon Lending Library. It is an important tool for loving other human beings. It is also appropriate for chavrusos or learning groups. This is a new Hebrew-English version distributed by the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation.

Video presentation- There will be a video presentation on November 21, Motzei Shabbos Parshas Toldos, entitled “ETERNAL IMPRINTS: A Jewish woman creates a home, a generation, an imprint that lasts forever.” The panel of speakers includes: Mrs. Baila Friedman, Mrs. Chani Juravel, Mrs. Yael Kaisman and Rebbetzin Faigy Twersky plus much more. The program location is the home of Pammy Samuelson, at 6753 Glen Acres Drive (the fourth house on the right), at 8:30 p.m. (f you would like to host future classes, and have a large screen TV, please call Paula Weinberg at 631-7227.)

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.

Lost Clothing – Our lost and found is growing daily with winter coats, sweatshirts and raincoats. Some are name brand items. We have a North Face fleece; Wippette Kids coat; pullover from L.L.Bean; winter Nike coat; Rothschild winter coat, sweatshirt from Camp May, New Jersey; yarmulka with shepherd and lambs; Marc New York jacket; lots of clothing from Children’s Place; Pink Rose zip sweater; Gap Kids jacket and gloves; Faded Glory coat; pink baby blanket; lots of Old Navy (one from Israel); Royal

Dragoon back pack; tote with Diamonds Are Forever on it; baseball hat with palm tree and moon. Please claim in lunchroom Lost and Found area, thank you.

CDs available for \$3 each of the program featuring Rebetzins Tehilla Jaeger and Tziporah Heller. Call Paula at 631-7227 if you would like to purchase one. Also anyone who was unable to view it, and would to see it, call Paula and another showing will be arranged.

Save the Date: There WILL be a Midwest Agudah Convention this year! December 24-27. Stay tuned for more details.

The Kattan's will have an open house for Devorah's Bat-Mitzvah, Sunday, November 22, 2009 from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m., 2329 Section Road.

Ladies—Shiurim This Sunday! You are invited to two shiurim with Rebbetzin Holly Pavlov this **Sunday, November 15**. The shiurim will be held at CZE at 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. You can choose to come to either one or both shiurim. Rebbetzin Pavlov is the founder and director of She'arim, a learning program in Jerusalem for adult women. She has also authored two books, *Mirrors of Our Lives: Reflections of Women in Tanach* and *Water from the Well: Reflections on Being a Jew at the End of History*. See the attached flyer for more information. Questions? Contact Gayle at 631-5293 or gjstat@juno.com.

Cholim List for Kislev The Tehillim group's updated Cholim list for Kislev is attached to this week's newsletter. If you would like to receive the list via e-mail, send an e-mail to Gayle at gjstat@juno.com.

Girls' Chanuka Production - The 3rd through 8th grade girls' annual Chanuka production is Monday evening, December 14. You can support the girls and offer words of encouragement by placing an ad in the playbill. See attached flyer for more information.

Girls Volleyball (grades 3 - 6) Wednesdays, 4:30 - 5:30 (8 classes) Beginning October 28. \$80 member \$112 public. To register, you can call [761-7500](tel:761-7500), or stop by the front desk. Feel free to contact Cathy Weinberger if you need additional information.

Do you enjoy making seniors smile? JEEP! Jewish Education for Every Person is hiring someone to head our "Five Minutes for Every Bubby and Zaydie" program. This program provides warm Jewish visits for seniors in nursing homes, etc. JEEP is also hiring a part-time administrative assistant. jewisheducate@gmail.com

Traveling to Israel? Yacova Guigui is looking for contact people who are flying to Israel who would be willing to bring some small boxes (2lbs. each). This ad will be running weekly as I am always looking for travelers who can handle a few more pounds. Please let me know if you can help. Please call 898-3060.

SARAH'S PLACE THANKSGIVING SALE!! Brand new and (very) gently used clothing available at Sarah's Place at 50-80% off already reduced prices! Highlights this week include: New influx of children's clothes, infant sizes, shoes, coats, tsniusdik women's suits (size 4), plus size suits, Shabbos robes, and more. Why shop around when you can find what you need right here? Help yourself and give to a worthy cause at the same time. All proceeds go directly to RITSS High School. Call Shifra Motzen 924-0538, Leah Politzer 337-5676, or Ruth Henn and let us help you get the deal of the year! Actual testimony from a satisfied customer: "After searching numerous stores for a long skirt for my daughter, I finally looked in Sarah's Place. The staff were extremely helpful – especially Mrs. Henn. I found a beautiful purple skirt with the tags still attached and paid only \$1.00! So I treated myself to some jewelry and felt great that my donation was going to help RITSS." Sarah's Place hours: Sundays 11:00-1:00 or by appointment.

For Sale: Dining room set. \$200.00. Includes table > 100” and 10 chairs. 6 of one set, 4 of another. All coordinate. For more information, please call the Bidnicks at 351-1146.

Lawn mowing, leaf raking and snow removal – call Y & Y Lawn Service for all your needs. Call Yali Travis at 351-0413.

REPEAT PERFORMANCE :Diamonds in the Dust will show again Motzei Shabbos, November 14th at the home of Gayle Statman, 6632 Meadow Ridge Lane at 8:00 p.m. The movie is approximately 2 hours. Cost \$10 for ladies, \$5 for students and made out to the Chofetz Chaim Foundation.

Found - A pair of glasses near the school. Please contact the Sterns at 513-351-5129.

Mazel Tov to:

Dr. & Mrs. Klafter on the recent Bat Mitzvah on their daughter Chasya.

Rabbi & Mrs. Travis on the recent Bat Mitzvah on their daughter Leeby.

Mr. & Mrs. Goldman on the birth of a baby boy.

Rabbi & Mrs. Zuroff on the birth on a baby boy.

Mr. & Mrs. Rabenstein on the birth of a granddaughter to their son, Nesanel.

Mr.& Mrs. Spitz on the wedding of their daughter Elana.

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

Rabbi Yuval Kernerman, Principal

Mrs. Susan Shapiro, Director of Curriculum