

Cincinnati Hebrew Day School
Samuel and Rachel Boymel Campus
Newsletter
Friday, 3 Kislev ~ 5770 November 20, 2009

PARSHAS: Toldos

Friday Night Candle Lighting 5:00 p.m.

Havdala 6:02 p.m.

Dismissal for Tuesday, November 24th will be 1:30 p.m. There is no school November 25, 26, or 27. Classes resume Monday, November 30th.

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 8:30a.m.- 1:30 p.m.

Kindergarten will have additional conferences with Mrs. Zadikoff and Mrs. Klafner on Monday afternoon.

The last time parents can sign up for conferences will be Monday, November 23, at 12:00 p.m.

There will be no newsletter next week.

Dear Parents and Friends:

In this week’s Parsha, we read about Yaakov impersonating his brother Esav, to receive the blessings of his father, Yitzchak. Rav Yaakov Kaminetsky, Zt”l, states that this event can aptly be described as the ‘binding of Yaakov.’ That is to say, just as the ‘binding of Yitzchak’ was the highest test of Avraham’s devotion to His Creator, this episode was the test which helped Yaakov actualize his greatness. The following explanation will help clarify how these two events, which seem incomparable, can actually be called parallel trials of Avraham and Yaakov.

Our sages tell us that each of the forefathers devoted their lives to the perfection of a particular character trait. Yaakov’s was the quality of *emes*, or truth. Amazingly, the events of the Parsha indicate the tremendous challenge that Yaakov faced in his desire to cling to truthfulness. Rivka, his mother, commanded him to dress as his brother Esav, and deceive his father Yitzchak into giving him the blessings intended for Esav. This went against his very being, and is even subtly seen in his dialogue with his mother: “*perhaps* my father will feel me and I will be as a mocker in his eyes...” the word for ‘perhaps’ in the verse is not ‘pen,’ which is used to say: ‘perhaps something bad will happen.’ Rather, the Torah uses the word ‘Ulai,’ which is always used in a positive context, saying: ‘perhaps something good will happen.’ Thus, points out Rav Kaminetsky, Yaakov actually was hoping his father would catch him impersonating his brother, so that he would not have to go through the act of deception!

Of course, we know that Rivka was a prophetess and correct in her command. She understood that in this critical event, the ‘truthful’ act was for Yaakov to take over the spiritual role of his wayward, older brother. Yet, the fact remains, that for Yaakov, who was the embodiment of the trait of truthfulness, this was an incredible test. This, points out Rav Kaminetsky, is the whole point of G-d given tests: to push us to discover our devotion to fulfill G-d’s will in the face of our desire to do the opposite. Hence, Yaakov Avinu became the great leader that he was largely because he was tested, and he passed. Was he to never be tested, his true greatness would have been latent, and not actualized.

In fact, the same is true for all of us. For ourselves, and for our children, our lives are a constant spiritual struggle. A person can be embittered by the struggle, and focus on the exertion that is needed, both spiritually and physically. The goal, however, is to embrace tests, and realize that they are given to us to bring out our G-d given strengths. Keeping this in mind gives us both the confidence to pass our tests, and happiness of days as we live through them.

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 that 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?

The fourth grade just finished perek hey in Sefer Yehoshua. The Bnai Yisroel have celebrated their first Pesach after entering Eretz Yisroel, and started eating from the produce of the land.

This week in Mrs. Steely's math class, the 4th graders practiced subtracting from numbers containing zeros, using the regrouping method. They also used mental math to solve various problems. In English, the class wrote directions for making their favorite snacks. Each student's directions included a list of ingredients, equipment and a method with illustrations. The students' work will be put together to make a class recipe book entitled 'Yummy Snacks!' In science the students learned how environmental changes affect animal survival. Each student made a poster to remind people to take care of their environment. The students practiced using various reference sources to find information in social studies.

The fifth grade boys have finished up a unit on how to write a research paper. They really did a fantastic job. Each child researched an Indian tribe and wrote about the tribe from the 15-1600's. The class also started a new chapter in math this week. The week started with a review of division remembering how to divide, multiply, subtract and "bring down". We will continue working with division, dividing with two and three digit divisors. Grammar was another new area that the fifth grade is undertaking; going back to some basics.

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

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, tentatively from 10:00 a.m. until noon time.

SHERUT LEUMI VOLUNTEER UPDATE

Nof is planning to go to Baltimore for Thanksgiving. If anyone is able to give her a ride either there or back, please contact Nof or Rabbi Kernerman.

Shiraz is potentially planning to go to New York Tuesday afternoon, November 24th. If anyone is able to give her a ride there, please contact Shiraz at 513-614-3648 or Rabbi Kernerman at 328-2932. Alternatively, if anyone is driving to the Louisville or Indianapolis airport on Tuesday, please let Shiraz know.

This week the B’not Sherut did an activity about Tiberias for the third through fifth graders. The students enjoyed learning through a special edition of “Snakes and Ladders,” involving questions and missions to do.

Well done to all of the students who wore white shirts for Rosh Chodesh! White shirt or not....all students were given lollipops for the special day.

A special thank you to Shiraz and Nofit who decided that the women in our community should enjoy a festive Rosh Chodesh with “A little bit of Kodesh and a lot of Fun” each month. The first Rosh Chodesh party, was a wonderful success! Thank you to Michal Kernerman for delivering a beautiful and inspiring Dvar Torah. Also, thank you to Galit Benzaquen for hosting the event and to Orly Sivan and Jan Maltinsky for their assistance with Galit in planning. Next month’s Rosh Chodesh party will be held at the home of Chana Weisberger. The activity will be hands-on chocolate making!

At Golf Manor Synagogue another wonderful program for all children in the community was held with games, nosh, and a beautiful mobile art project. The theme was the rain in Israel for the month of Cheshvan.

Congratulations to all students who solved the parsha riddle: third graders: Chana Mina Toron, Drew Samuelson, Koby Bernstein, Esther Alden, Ayala Rosedale; fourth graders: Yehuda Heigh; fifth graders: Mordechai Zuroff, Adir Sulam; and eighth graders: Moshe Alden, Yisroel Moshe Weisberg.

Also, a special thank you to Jeff Epstein and Melissa Bernstein for helping to get the girls’ car repaired this week.

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 1---Grades 1-2 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Please do NOT send your son early.

The **WOMEN'S HALACHA CLASS** with Rabbi Cobi Robinson WILL NOT take place this Sunday (November 22).

BNOS: There will be **BNOS** this shabbos from 3:30 to 4:30 @ **CZE**.

Every Shabbos, Paula Weinberg teaches a Parshas Hashavua class at 4:00 p.m. at the home of Aviva Minster, 6661 Meadowridge Lane. An “Ahavas Yisroel” chabura follows the class. Call Paula at 631-7227, if you have any questions.

MISCELLANEOUS

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.

Props and costumes needed- We need to borrow the following items for the Chanukah Production: Lavender, Grey or purple scarves or filmy material; a beard, a crown, a “royal” robe, a black or silver robe, wings or blue or white feathers; a cane, a frilly apron, a roman column, a tulle, glittery or gauzy

material; and a throne-like chair, a white Kallah or queen type dress, or long white skirt (with sparkles preferred), a lion mask or head, small stuffed birds or tweety birds, and a eagle-looking mask or hat. If you have any of these items, please label them with your name, and bring them to the three year old classroom, Karp home, or call Miriam Karp to pick them up at 351-8246.

Father and Son Learning is MOVING—Due to the overwhelming turnout, the Cincinnati Community Kollel / Rabbi Nechemiah Kibel Motzo’ei Shabbos Father & Son Learning Program (CCKRNKF&SL) will be relocating to CZE’s main sanctuary until further notice, beginning this week.

Camp Ashreinu Reunion for girls and preschool: save the date! During the January 1st weekend, Sorochel Garber and Rivky Zytnick will be returning to Cincinnati! Great activities are being planned; more information to follow.

CAMP ASHREINU is now filling positions for summer 2010! New for this summer, there will be a “Staff In Training” program for girls entering 8th grade. These SIT’s will work 1/2 day with toddlers/babies and swim 1/2 day with the rest of the camp, participate in night activities and the end-of-summer performance. There are limited SIT spaces available. For its second year, Camp Ashreinu is offering a C.I.T. program for girls entering 6th& 7th grade. There will be a unique camp experience to meet the specific needs of this age group (contingent upon interest). If you are interested in any of the above programs or positions, contact Mrs. Tova Scherer at 513 351-7424 by Monday, November 23rd.

CDs for Sale Several of Rebbetzin Holly Pavlov’s shiurim on CD are available for purchase. They are \$5 each. Contact Gayle (631-5293, gjstat@juno.com) for more information.

Israeli Dance – 1st and 2nd Grade – Last class for this session will be postponed until December 2nd. Galit Benzaquen

Please join us for a kiddush in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of our dear son Naftali Yaacov Behrman. It will take place Shabbos Chanukah Parshas Vayeshev, December 12th either at the Bais Hamikdash or otherwise at CZE. Your presence will enhance the simcha. We look forward to celebrating together.

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.

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. (if 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. We will also be open Thursday, November 26th.

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 CANDY CORNER - the CANDY CORNER offers a large selection of candy to choose from. You can purchase candy in bulk or create a sectional platter which are perfect for a shalom zachor, kiddush, bris or any occasion. Please call Miriam Ottensoser @ 631-0636 to place an order. A PROJECT OF BTMS.

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.

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

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 your 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.

Swimming lessons are now available for boys if you are interested please call Shmuel Freedman at 1-973-557-3339.

Rebecca Pressman is looking for full time work. I have my B.A. in Psychology. If you have anything available or any leads please email me at rsilverpressman@yahoo.com. Thanks in advance!

Support CHDS Jewish Studies Tutoring Program with Credit Card bigg's Purchases CHDS has been the beneficiary of JEEP's in-school Jewish tutoring program since 2005. Please help support this program by purchasing bigg's gift cards from JEEP at www.JewishEducate.org. You may use your credit card on line or call Rabbi Karp at 307-2386 to purchase with a check or cash. Bigg's gives back 6% of your purchase price to support the program. (JEEP! Jewish Education for Every Person helps local Jewish children, adults and seniors with special needs access Jewish education and other aspects of Jewish life.)

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

Found :

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

A calculator was left at the Suit Sale, please see Rabbi Travis.

Mazel Tov to:

Rabbi & Mrs. Yitzchok Stern on the birth of a baby girl.

Rabbi & Mrs. Zuroff on the bris of their son, Avraham.

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

Rabbi Yuval Kernerman, Principal

Mrs. Susan Shapiro, Director of Curriculum