

**Cincinnati Hebrew Day School  
Samuel and Rachel Boymel Campus  
Newsletter  
Friday, 19 Cheshvan ~ 5770 November 6, 2009**

*PARSHAS: Vayeira*

**Friday Night Candle Lighting 5:12 p.m.**

**Havdala 6:13 p.m.**

Dear Parents and Friends:

Normally, when we think of Chessed, we translate the word as ‘kindness.’ This week, we read the famous chronicles of Avraham, in search of guests to bring to his tent, which seems to be a great example of kindness. A closer look at this event will reveal the true profundity of Avraham’s act.

The author of Chovos Halevavos, Rabbeinu Bechaya, makes a distinction between two acts of kindness. On the one hand, a person may choose to give money to a poor person because he does not like to see someone suffering. On the other hand, a person may do the same act from a motivation to give to another human being. While in both cases, the result is the same, there are cases where the two motivations produce drastically different outcomes. For example, where there is no poor person at hand, the first individual may be only too happy to and keep the money for himself. The second individual, however, will not be content to keep the money in his pocket. He will go looking for a person to give the money to. Rabbeinu Bechaya explains that the first individual in our scenario is actually not doing an act of chessed; he is acting out of compassion for the needy person. Granted, this is meritorious, but it is not as high a level of giving. It is only the second person, the one who seeks out the poor, who is truly acting with chessed.

Relating to the Parsha, we can use this insight of Rabbeinu Bechaya to examine the actions of Avraham. Just days after his circumcision at the age of 99, surely Avraham was weak. He was justifiably exempt from compassionate acts. However, his motivation to act with chessed pushed him out of his bed to search for people in need.

In our own small ways, we too can emulate Avraham Avinu. Ironically we normally think only of going ‘out of our tents’ to look for recipients of chessed. Sometimes it is our own family members who are most in need of our kindness.

*The story is told of a prominent American Rosh Yeshiva who asked ‘Chaim,’ a former student who was very successful in business, to come to his office for a very urgent matter. Chaim was only too happy to come, as he had helped the Rosh Yeshiva in financial emergencies in the past. He hurried into the office, and, after greeting the Rosh Yeshiva, asked how he could help. The Rosh Yeshiva proceeded to describe the tragic plight of a particular family that was in desperate financial assistance. Without even being asked, Chaim asked, ‘How can I help? How much should I write a check for? Who should the check be made out to?’ The Rosh Yeshiva replied: ‘the money is for your brother.’*

Whether the assistance is monetary, or simply giving of our time or attention, let us never forget that charity- and in many ways chessed- should begin at home.

Wishing you a great Shabbos,

Rabbi Yuval Kernerman, Principal

## School News

**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.

## What’s New In The Classroom?

In Rabbi Gabay’s gemora class the boys have been introduced to the fundamental concept of "diyuk", inference, and have used it to figure out what the halacha would be if you find building materials that were washed away by a flood while their owner just stood by and watched.

In Rabbi Scherer’s Navi class, the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys put on beautiful presentations on Perek Daled on Shmuel Alef. Hollywood would be jealous! They successfully acted out the Battle of Klal Yisroel against the Plishtim, with Eli’s two sons dying in battle and Eli himself falling back off of his chair and breaking his neck (and dying as a result). Additionally, the aron was captured, along with the Luchos, but not before Shaul (the future King) snatched them away from the giant, Goliath.

In Dinim, the boys have completed a section on Hilchos Mashiv Haruach etc. and soon will be starting a Siman on Ya-aleh Vi-yavoh, if forgotten etc.

In Gemara the 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys have progressed phenomenally! They have nearly wrapped up learning about the necessity to make a new Bracha if one changes his location of eating in the middle. And so, if students are going from the hallway to outdoor recess with a snack in hand, they should be sure to inquire with the 7<sup>th</sup> grade as to whether they can leave the building if they have begun but not yet finished their snack.

In Mrs. Kernerman’s Chumash class, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls are learning about the jobs of the tribe of Levi. They learned that the family of Kehas was responsible to carry the holiest objects of the Mishkan. They also learned that the family of Gershon was responsible to carry the roof covers and curtains of the courtyard.

In the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Mrs. Kernerman’s Chumash students are learning that Bilaam finally understood why his donkey did not let him go to his destination- and angel was standing in the way! The girls learned further that the angel did not stop Bilaam from going to meet with Balak.

This week in Ivrit with Mrs. Schwartzbaum, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls are working on their weather reports. Come see them on our bulletin board in the hallway outside room 2. In dikduk, 6<sup>th</sup> grade is working on the nekudos, while 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> are reviewing binyan pa’al in all different shorashim.

Last week in Chumash, Mrs. Schwarzbaum’s 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls made their siyum on Parshas Chukas. This week they jumped ahead and began Sefer Devarim, and started learning about Moshe’s rebuke to Bnei Yisrael in Perek Aleph.

In Mrs. Schwartzbaum’s Navi class, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls finished Perek Gimel of Shmuel Beis and started Perek Dalet, where Dovid HaMelech is finally king over all of Bnei Yisrael.

In Yedios Klalios with Mrs. Schwartzbaum, the 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls each chose a different topic from all of the material they have covered so far to explain with a brief written explanation and a model. They hope to put these projects out on display this week.

In Rabbi Lifshitz’s class the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade girls have begun learning in Navi Shmuel Alef about the 1st of 3 Mitzvos that the Bnei Yisrael were commanded after entering Eretz Yisrael - appointing a king.

In Rabbi Travis class the 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls have just taken their exam on the first three units of the Halachos of Kashrus. They are now discussing what the waiting requirements are between foods cooked with meat or in a clean fleshing dish and dairy foods.

The 7th-8th Grade girls have been working on their presentations of the Mitzva "Lifnei ivair" - Do not place a stumbling block before an unsuspecting person - specifically in a non-literal way.

In Rabbi Gabay’s Chumash class, the 6th and 7th grade boys have been following the vicissitudes of the Jewish people's travels in the desert, as they leave Mt Sinai and head North towards Eretz Yisroel.

In Mrs. Polsky’s language arts class, the sixth graders are reading the novel, Holes. They are learning to relate to the main character, Stanley, in thinking towards their futures. They will complete a study guide on section two of the novel (chapters 8-17). Also, the students are completing their individual books for their book reports which will follow a traditional format.

Meanwhile, the seventh and eighth grade students are learning how literature and art have much in common. With the use of an overhead projector, they are viewing pictures of actual paintings that depict specific literary devices. Students have learned that just as authors paint pictures of scenes and events in the minds of readers through the use of vivid words, artists implement clear images with the use of color and lighting.

In Mr. Meadows 8<sup>th</sup> grade algebra class the students are finding the percentage of change, square roots of numbers and using the Pythagorean Theorem to find the length of a missing side in a right triangle.

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade pre-algebra students are studying the topics of divisibility, factors and the order of operations involving exponents.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade math students are learning about exponents, prime and composite numbers.

**PAINLESS SUPPORT FOR CHDS!!!-Do you know that a percentage of your purchases at more than 700 retailers (on-line) can benefit CHDS?** CHDS is enrolled as a beneficiary for on-line purchases done through the [igive.com](http://www.igive.com) website. **MEMBERSHIP AT IGIVE IS FREE AND ENTITLES YOU TO DISCOUNTS!** Please see the flyer regarding iGive at the back of the newsletter for more details or go to [www.iGive.com/CHDS](http://www.iGive.com/CHDS). Please contact Rabbi Travis in the office if you have further questions.

**Nutrition Website-** For parents who are interested in nutritional information, the following website comes recommended from Nutrition experts: Superkids Nutrition Website <http://www.superkidsnutrition.com>. There is a plethora of information and resources.

### **Safety Corner**

**New Traffic Pattern-** With approval of the Golf Manor Police, the alleyway into the school parking lot from Elbrook will soon be designated as **ONE-WAY** into the parking lot. This will be effective as soon as traffic signs go up in the alley, which should be in the next week or so. 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 are off to New York for the Sherut Leumi Volunteer weeklong conference. When they return 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. Klafter’s Kindergarten classroom, during their absence.

***The girls will need a ride home from the airport on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00p.m.***  
Please contact Ingrid Epstein at 351-1754 if you can pitch in for this needed chesed.

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

**Father & Son Learning** at the Cincinnati Community Kollel will begin its 14th season this Saturday Night, November 7 at 7:15 p.m. For more information, or to sponsor this valuable program, please call Josh Kibel at 295-6672.

**WOMEN'S HALACHA CLASS** with Rabbi Cobi Robinson will take place this Sunday (November 8) 8:00 p.m. at the Kollel (2245 Losantiville). Topic: "Minor House, Furniture, and Appliance Repairs on Shabbos".

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

Paula Weinberg's Shabbos Parsha class will take place on Shabbos November 7th at 4:15 p.m.at the home of Aviva Minster; an ahavas Yisrael chabura will follow.

There will be BNOS this Shabbos at CZE from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

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.)

**Kiddush-** Please join the Klaufers for a Kiddush on Shabbos, November 7<sup>th</sup> at CHDS in honor of Chasya becoming a Bas Mitzvah. The Kiddush will follow regular davening at the neighborhood shuls and will begin at about 11:45.

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.

**Take 'N Bake for Kislev: CHILDREN** The next scheduled Take 'N Bake will be next Friday, November 13 (or Thursday night after tzeis). To participate this month and/or add names, please contact Michal Mendelsberg ([mmendelsberg@gmail.com](mailto:mmendelsberg@gmail.com) or 513-351-6637) by Tuesday, November 10.

**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.

**Mark your Calendars—Girls' Chanuka Production** This year's girls' Chanuka production will be on Monday evening, December 14, at the JCC.

**Grades 1-4 Art Camp** The 8th grade girls will be leading an art camp for grades 1-4 on **Sunday, November 8**, 2:00-4:00 p.m., at CHDS.

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

**Ladies—Save the Date** You are invited to a day of learning with Rebbetzin Holly Pavlov on **Sunday, November 15**. There will be a shiur at the Kollel Retreat Center at 10:30 a.m. and two shiurim at CZE at 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. You can choose to come to any one, two, or all three 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](mailto:gjstat@juno.com).

**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](mailto: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.

**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.

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

Rabbi Yuval Kernerman, Principal

Mrs. Susan Shapiro, Director of Curriculum