

Cincinnati Hebrew Day School
Samuel and Rachel Boymel Campus
Newsletter
Thursday, 13 Tishrei ~ 5770 October 1, 2009

PARSHAS: Ha’Azinu

Please be reminded that Friday, October 2nd we are off for our Succos break. We will return to school on Tuesday, October 13th.

Friday Night Candle Lighting 7:00 p.m.

Saturday night not before 8:00 p.m.

Dear Parents and Friends:

As the Yom Tov of Succos quickly approaches, and we hasten to purchase our schach and erecting our succos, it would be wise to spend some time thinking of the symbolism of our makeshift, seasonal homes. As we know, the succah is supposed to be our dwelling for the entire holiday. During this time, we make our brick house our temporary dwelling, and the succah the main residence. One of the reasons that the Talmud gives for this is to remind us that we dwelt in succos in the desert during the time of the Exodus from Egypt. The image conjured from this statement is that of the Benevolent Creator providing our dwelling during the years of desert travels.

The question we must ask is: what is the message of the succah? Why is it so important to relive the experience? To focus on one of the perhaps many answers, we could look at the idea of dependence on Hashem for our physical needs. Clearly, with the many miraculous accommodations, the nation had much free time on their hands. The Succos did not require much effort to construct, the food fell from heaven, and other communal needs were minimal. What then, was the nation to occupy itself with? The answer, of course, is Torah study. The nation’s inception, in the desert, needed to be strongly rooted in the study of the Torah, which they had just received at Sinai. Thus, Hashem took care of their physical needs, to allow them to occupy themselves with spiritual pursuits.

As we break for the holidays, it is worthy to make note of this important aspect of the holiday. We are familiar with the Talmudic dictum of the holidays being “half for us (physical enjoyment) and half for Hashem (spiritual endeavors.)” Yet the latter half of the statement is, admittedly, not an easy task. Even Chol Hamoed often becomes a time for important family activities and other worthwhile pastimes. However, we owe it to ourselves- and also to our children- to spend some time learning with our children. We should try to use this time to become more involved with our children’s limudei kodesh classes to review their studies with them. If we do so, we not only teach our children an important aspect of Yom Tov, but we also show them that education is not just a chore, but an enjoyable part of our lives.

Wishing you a chag sameach,

Rabbi Yuval Kernerman, Principal

School News

Swine Flu Vaccinations- The Hamilton County health department will be providing **FREE** swine flu vaccinations to all students of CHDS at a date still to be determined (likely the end of October). Permission slips **MUST** be handed in to the school if you wish your child to be vaccinated. You should be receiving these in the mail by the end of the week; the forms are also available on our website.

Points for Education - As the school year begins we would like those of you who subscribe to the Jewish Press to be aware that we will again be collecting "Points for Education." This is an easy way for the school to earn gift certificates to book stores in which we can buy educational materials for our classes. Please send the "points for education" coupons to Mrs. Shapiro.

Sponsorship Opportunities- CHDS can use some new Chumashim for our middle school classes. We would also like to host a class for our middle school classes (grades 6-8) given by speakers of the renowned “Jews For Judaism” organization. This organization will be coming to Cincinnati in November as part of a Cincinnati Community Kollel program. If anyone is interested in sponsoring either the purchase of Chumashim or this speaking engagement, please contact Rabbi Kernerman.

What’s New In The Classroom?

The fourth grade is learning the story of the spies which Yehoshua sent in perek bais of Sefer Yehoshua.

In Grade 4 Pirkei Avos the girls have learned all about "Being careful in Judgment, Raising many students and Making a fence around the Torah" in great detail. They then began to delve into the deeper meanings behind "The World stands on Torah , Avodah and Gemilas Chasadim".

In Grade 5 boys Mishna the boys have finished the first half of Perek Daled in Maseches Rosh Hashana, learning all about the Yom Tov of Rosh Hashana during the times of the Beis Hamikdash; shofar blowing laws as well as lulav and esrog decrees.

In Dinim the boys successfully plowed through their Rosh Hashana booklets and ended off the week taking a test on the Elul and Rosh Hashana Booklets. Shortly after the Succos break they will be starting a new booklet focusing on Tefilla, its origins and meanings.

This week in Mrs. Steely’s math class, the 4th graders practiced writing numbers in standard form, expanded form and words. They identified the value of digits in numbers, depending where they were placed. The class read and discussed the issues in their Current Events Newspaper. Topics included 'President Obama’s Health Care Solution’ and ‘Light Pollution’. The students studied the Ohio River and Lake Erie in social studies. They also took their first 4th grade science test!

The fifth grade has completed their first chapter in math. In this chapter we reviewed place value, adding and subtracting numbers and adding and subtracting decimals. The class is learning about the geography of the United States to better understand how the first peoples lived on this land. The class has begun the novel Maniac McGee and is enjoying reading this book. After break we will be starting our first research project. This project will encompass writing, social studies and reading.

SHERUT LEUMI VOLUNTEER UPDATE

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

Shiraz and Nof need a ride home from the Dayton airport on Thursday of Chol HaMoed. They arrive around 12 noon. Email shirazf1@gmail.com or call Ingrid Epstein @ 351-1754 if you can help.

Israel Club- the first meeting of Israel Club for 4th to 6th grade girls will be on Thursday, October 15th. Boys in 3rd through 5th will meet the following week (October 22nd).

In the past weeks, Shiraz and Nof have started visiting the classrooms. They have led activities on Rosh Hashana with the theme that we start a clean slate at the New Year. This gives us a fresh start to make good choices.

They have made a beautiful new bulletin board of the Hebrew birthdays of Elul and Tishrei. There is information on different places in Israel and a place for the current news of the week.

Nof and Shiraz led a really fun and successful activity for all community children at Golf Manor Synagogue. Children decorated the shul sukkah and made their own decorations to hang in their sukkah at home.

SHABBOS ACTIVITIES

Pirchei- is cancelled for the Succos break and will resume October 17th.

PIRCHEI Learning Masmidim Program for Boys Grades 1-8.....continue your Torah learning over the Succos break and earn great prizes. See attached Flyer for all details.

PTA NEWS

Attention Kroger shoppers. Please remember to use your Kroger Fundraising card when you shop at Krogers for Yom Tov. Krogers gives a 4% rebate when using the fundraising card which adds up to \$200 when as a group we have reached \$5,000 in recharges. To recharge your fundraising card, simply give it to the cashier prior to scanning your grocery items. You may put up to \$250 dollars on your card using a credit card, cash or check. After you pay for your items your receipt will indicate how much money is left on your card. **DO NOT THROW OUT YOUR CARD.** Continue to reload it as needed. All new cards received through the PTA have a balance of \$1. A card that has a zero balance for 90 days will no longer work and a new card is needed. You must get your card through the PTA in order for us to receive a rebate for your purchases. To receive a new card please contact Rivka Preis 396-6482. Wishing all the CHDS families and friends a Shana Tova and thank you for your support!

MISCELLANEOUS

Women's Tehillim Group Did you know that the entire sefer Tehillim is divided up among members of our community and said every day in the z'chus of a refuah for the cholim?? There is also a Tehillim gathering every Tuesday evening, where the entire sefer Tehillim is said in the z'chus of a refuah for the cholim. For more information about the daily recitation of Tehillim, please contact Gayle at gjstat@juno.com or 631-5293. To join the Tuesday evening gathering, contact Donna Taplits at 351-9294. The updated cholim list for Tishrei is attached to this week's newsletter. Thank you and Tizku l'mitzvot!

RITSS High School is in the need of another van. Our student body is growing and we need another van for school outings. Please let us know if you can help.

Experienced babysitter/day care provider available to children/infants of all ages in your home. References available from within the community. Please call Debbie Grinshpan 683-8666.

Attention all Ladies – New fall hats have arrived! Dressy and casual hats, (pack able and crushable), multi-seasonal, pre-tied scarves, great new colors, popular Israeli and Canadian brands, all from Hair

Option of Cleveland, are waiting for you. Limited time only. Call for Barbara Balk at 631-2292 (home), 325-1682 (cell) an appointment. Come early for the best selection and give yourself a treat!

Kinneret Café is celebrating its second anniversary! Go to our website www.kinneretcafe.com for lunch menu specials and coupon specials.

[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, or stop by the front desk. Feel free to contact Cathy Weinberger if you need additional information.](#)

Babysitter needed - I am looking for babysitting help Chol Hamoed Succos, October 5th & 6th. If you will be in town and can help, please email me at wendysuesteinberg@yahoo.com or call me at 731-2244."

Free - Shmiras Haloshon Yomi Calendar Booklets for "Guard Your Tongue" and also for Sefer "Shmiras Haloshon" and Sefer "Chafetz Chaim" are now available for the year 5770. For questions please call Fran Behrman @351-2989 or E-Mail: pheigh@fuse.net.

Please join the worldwide Morning Machsom L'Fi 9:00-10:00 a.m. daily. Sponsored by the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation (CCHF) and endorsed by the Gedolim. Do it for zechus (merit) for any needs. This important mitzvah constitutes verbally accepting extra caution in Shmiras Haloshon during that hour. For more information or to join: 212-444-9898. For e-mail, put "Join" in the subject line, and email to: join@morningmachsomfi.org. (An email order form will be sent to you.)

Open Sukkah – please join us on shmeini Atzeres after lunch in our sukkah in honor of the birth and refuah of our daughter, Devorah Bayla o October 10th from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Avi and Leah Politzer's house, 2672 Cedarbrook Dr.

What is the Cincinnati Mishmeres? A Mishmeres/Machsom Lifi is a time period when one is extra careful with shmiras haloshon. The Cincinnati Mishmeres follows the rules set up by the rabbonim of the mishmeres in Yerushalayim. There are two cycles of mishmeres per month. Each member can choose a two hour slot between 6:00 A.M. and 12:00 A.M. They will be given the Hebrew name of a person to do this mitzvah as a merit for his/her need. Members of our community may submit names of people for whom the mishmeres will be a zechus. To join or submit names, please call 351-2989.

Tzidkath Yoseph Naphtali- Rabbi A. D. Motzen is collecting money for needy families in Israel for the Yomim Tovim. Tzidkath Yoseph Naphtali is a very reputable organization, run by volunteers where all of the money goes directly to the needy.

Mazel Tov to:

Shneur and Mashi Friedman on the birth of their daughter.
Dr. & Mrs. Younger on the engagement of their son, Josh.

Lost - A Pittsburgh Pirates baseball cap, toddler size, was lost this past summer during Camp Ashreinu. If it accidentally went home with you please call Leah Politzer at 513-337-5676. Thank you.

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

Rabbi Yuval Kernerman, Principal

Mrs. Susan Shapiro, Director of Curriculum