

Cincinnati Hebrew Day School
Samuel and Rachel Boymel Campus
Newsletter
Thursday, 28 Elul ~ 5769 September 17, 2009

PARSHAS: Rosh Hashana

Friday Night Candle Lighting 7:23 p.m. (not before 6:26 p.m.)

Candle Lighting Saturday Night- After 8:23 p.m.

Havdala Sunday Night- 8:19 p.m.

Please be reminded that there is no school Friday, September 18th and Monday, September 21 we dismiss at 1:30 p.m.

Dear Parents and Friends:

Rosh Hashana is translated as the “head of the year,” or the “new year.” One understanding of the word for “year” is “repetition,” as can be seen in the verse in Genesis 41:32, where the repeated dream of Pharaoh is called “*hishanos hachalom*.” However, the Maharal (Gvuros Hashem 51) states that the word ‘shana’ has a different meaning: to change. Combining both meanings, we see that Rosh Hashana symbolizes a time for repetition, as we repeat the yearly cycle, while at the same time, there is change. We are not supposed to walk blindly through another calendar year, checking off the days. Rather, we are to try to use the new cycle to try to become new people- better people. How are we to accomplish this?

“Shana” is also related to another word: “shinun,” to sharpen, or to teach sharply and repeatedly, as in Krias Shema: “*Veshinantam levanecha*” “you should teach these words to your children.” Knowledge therefore comes about not merely from the awareness of information; rather, it is the repetition of thought that brings a person to growth in knowledge. According to the understanding of the Maharal, changing our understanding of concepts also deepens our comprehension and wisdom. Thus, when we come to study something again, we change our perspective; we look at it differently, and this allows us to grow.

Spiritually, the Jewish nation is compared to the moon, and not the sun. Our New Year is based on the lunar, and not the solar cycle. As the commentaries explain, this is to teach us that the nation changes, as does the moon.

There is a beautiful concept that allows us to make a stab at change. It is recorded in Shulchan Aruch, the codified book of Jewish law, that one should be stringent in certain matters for the short span of time between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. One may ask: what is the point of such a small change? Is this not hypocritical to change with the intention of doing this only temporarily?

Perhaps according to our theme that we have developed, we can begin to understand the wisdom of the Shulchan Aruch: growth comes through change. When we start a new cycle, rather than slip into an all-too-familiar pattern, we must make change in our lives. Rather than be overwhelmed with an undertaking that seems beyond us, however, we are asked only to make a temporary change. After doing so, however, we can be inspired to make permanent change, as we build our self-confidence and grow spiritually.

May we all merit to use this New Year as a time not just to repeat a new year, but to affect change in our lives, and thus grow as Jews

Wishing you a great Shabbos,

Rabbi Yuval Kernerman, Principal

School News

School Minyan- If there are any men who are interested in a minyan at 3:50 p.m. Monday-Thursday, please contact Rabbi Kernerman. At present, we do not have enough students for a minyan, but we would love to form one with some help of community members.

CHDS Suit Sale- Because of a shipping issue, suits from the menswear sale will be at CHDS until Wednesday afternoon (September 23rd). If you didn't make it to the sale but would like to purchase a suit, please contact the office before Wednesday.

CHDS Calendar Update- We hope the new CHDS calendar will be ready for distribution by the end of next week.

Thank you! to Rabbi and Mrs. Mayer Kahn, Rabbi Mendelsberg, Mr. Reuven Stern, Rabbi Spetner, Moshe Yaakov Spetner, Dr. Fran Behrman, Gavi Behrman, Moshe Alden, Akiva Kirschner, Yisroel Moshe Weisberg, Yaakov Travis, Meir Kernerman, Yosef Wilhelm, Mrs. Tovah Kirschner, Mrs. Ahuva Goldman, Mrs. Cricket Schwartzberg, Mrs. Chana Raubvogel, Mrs. Chagit Hagage, Rabbi Robinson, Rabbi Weinschneider, Mr. Jason Schreiber, Mr. Uzi Kattan, Dr. Noti Horowitz, Rabbi A.Y. Braunstein, and Mrs. Pammy Samuelson who assisted with the CHDS suit sale.

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.

Teacher's Corner- *From time to time, we plan to give you a little biography about our teachers at CHDS. We hope this will give you a little more appreciation for their lives- both inside and outside of the classroom.*

Karoline Kynock:

This year will be my 14th year teaching either part-time or full time Science and I'm very excited to be showing students at CHDS how much fun Science can be. I was born and raised in Pittsburgh, but moved to Chicago shortly after graduation from college where I began my teaching career. I taught in both Private and Public schools in the Chicago area teaching grades 6-8. After the birth of my first daughter, my husband and I moved to Mason, OH. For the last 11 years, I have stayed home at least part-time with my 3 children. During my stay at home, I wrote hands-on science curriculum for after-school programs, tutored and subbed at local schools. I also received my Master's in Education from Miami University. I have an 8th grader, a 5th grader and a 3rd grader in the Kings school system and my husband works in Lebanon, OH as a computer network supervisor.

What's New In The Classroom?

Grades 6 boys Gemara---The boys successfully learned their first "Blatt" of Arvei Pesachim along with all Rashbams. They've mastered the topic of whether one can or cannot start a meal on Erev Pesach and

Erev Shabbos/Yom Tov after midpoint in the afternoon (9 Halachic hours into the day from sunrise). As well, they're working on their skills of reading a Gemara and a Rishon (Rashbam) daily.

Grade 6-7 boys Shmuel Alef---After finishing the first Perek of Shmuel Alef, along with major Rashis , Radaks and M.Dovids, the boys have been reviewing well and scored fairly high on their first test. Numerous Halachos have been stressed as well throughout this Perek, such as davening slowly and davening with kavana. This was all learned from Chana's famous tefilla upon her visit to the Mishkan.

Grade 6-7 boys Dinim---The boys have plowed through their first Siman in the Kitzur Shulchan Aruch covering ground on the Tefillos of Rosh Hashana and have now moved on to a Siman concerning proper Teshuva and "people skills" during Aseres Yimei Teshuva.

Mr. Meadows' 8th grade algebra students are studying probability this week. The 7th grade students are studying the various properties of numbers. In the 6th grade math class students are learning to construct frequency tables and line plots. Also, they are finding the mean, median, mode, and range of a set of data.

Mr. Taplits' 6th grade students are studying for a test on multiplication and division of decimals, fractions and mixed numbers. Test will be on September 22 and 23.

Mr. Taplit's 7th grade students are studying for a test on solving linear equations with unique solutions, no solutions or being identities. Test was given on September 16 and 17.

Mr. Taplit's 8th grade students are studying for a test on solving quadratic equations using “completing the square” and the quadratic formula. Test will be on September 22 and 23.

What's up in Science:

5th grade science has finished learning the metric system and how to measure length, volume and mass. They have now moved on to Electricity and Magnetism. They have made batteries from lemons and practiced with parallel and series circuits. Soon, they will be making fuses, electromagnets and other fun stuff! They will have a test on this unit on October 1.

6th grade science also wrapped up their lessons on the metric system, measurement and science safety and is now working on map skills. They are practicing working with road maps, topographic maps, country maps and relief maps. They will be finishing up this unit with a test next week and then will move on to Rocks and Minerals!

7th and 8th grade Science is currently finishing up their work with the Metric system and Science safety. This week and next, the students are designing their own experiment and doing a formal lab write-up. They have been given things like plastic spoons, cotton balls and straws to use in their experiment. Mrs. Krynock is expecting some very creative experiments! Next week, they begin Chemistry where they will begin by learning all about the atom!

SHERUT LEUMI VOLUNTEER UPDATE

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

The Sherut girls are still looking for a ride to the Baltimore/D.C area for Sukkot- returning to Cincinnati in time for Shemini Azeret. If you have room in your car, contact Shiraz at 513-614-3648

SHABBOS ACTIVITIES

Pirchei- is cancelled this week for Rosh Hashana.

MISCELLANEOUS

Does your 3rd-6th grade girl want to play volleyball after school? Where: The JCC

When: Wednesday 4:30-5:30 p.m. **With:** a women instructor **Why:** Because it is a fun way to get some activity Details are still being worked out as well as cost (*approx* \$80 for members a little more for non-members). The current plan is for the JCC van to pick up the girls from CHDS at 4:00 and transport them to the JCC. This special session will be for 8 weeks beginning after Sukkot and we need at least 6-8 girls for the class to begin. If you are interested please email Melissa Bernstein at melissaja@aol.com as soon as possible so that we can make this happen.

Kollel picnic has been postponed. Watch for details.

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!

Quicken CD – If anyone has an extra copy of the Quicken CD, please contact the office.

Yaacov's Place – Place your order now for your Lulav and Esrog sets. Call Yaacov at 513-703-5954.

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.

Going to Israel? If someone has room for a small suitcase or a small bag or more, Tchiya left some things here. Please contact Rochelle Moskowitz at 531-3705.

Do You Want to Feel Like You're In Israel This Rosh Hashana? Due to the great success of last year, Achim invites you to join the Israeli community of Cincinnati along with families from 5 states to celebrate Rosh Hashana 2009 with us. This exciting event will be taking place at Quality Inn & Suites, 250 Byers Road, Miamisburg, Ohio 45342 (I-75 Exit 44), with Sefardi-style services, fantastic Israeli-style cuisine, children's programming and babysitting. Prices include all meals, children's programming, Machzorim, and Chazzan fees. Singles (1 per room): \$200; Couples: \$ 289; Child: \$49; Family with 2 children age 4-17 (in suite): \$418 (plus \$39 for 3rd child; each additional child gets a \$10 discount.) Family with 2 children (2 connected double rooms): \$488; Family with children (2 connected double rooms):\$377. Please RSVP to: www.israeliachim.com or 513-276-6054.

Rosh Hashana Cookie Sale: Featuring apple, honey, sugar and chocolate chip cookies. Order by Tuesday, September 15, pick up on Thursday, September 17. See flyer for details or call Yali Travis at 351-0413 for more information. Proceeds benefit 8th grade boys.

Charity Opportunity- An Israeli single mother, expecting her third child, has no support and is in need of financial assistance. If you are able to make a modest contribution, please contact Michal Kernerman at 351-2932.

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.

Israeli Dance – For children pre-kindergarten through 8th grade. Beginning after Succos. Details to follow. Given by Galit Benzaquen.

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."

Sock Market / Clothing Sale Information: We are pleased to inform the community that the Sock Market orders should be arriving on Friday. Please pick up your orders between 12:00 - 2:00 pm. from the **front porch** of the Bidnick's Home - 2350 Vera Ave. (Any orders that were placed after Labor Day may still be arriving during the next week.)

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 9-10 AM 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.)

Come do Tashlich, at the Henn's pond, All are invited, you needn't respond, It's at 6681 Meadowridge, Bring your family and all your kids. Please don't bring any bread, The fish are well fed, Just bring your Machsor, You won't need anything more. Swirly the fish is truly a neis, Confess your sins at a special place, Hashem truly heard someone's prayers that were said, For Swirly turned white after Tashlich was read!

Mazel Tov to:

Found- a brand new, brand-name MP3- type device. Please see Rabbi Kernerman to identify.

Found- a ring with Hebrew lettering. Please see Rabbi Kernerman to identify.

Found- a girls brown Puma sweater was found at the Malky Giniger concert. Please contact the Preis'.

Lost- Did we lend you our baby bath or baby swing? If so, please call the Motzens' at 924-0538.

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