

Cincinnati Hebrew Day School
Samuel and Rachel Boymel Campus
Newsletter
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PARSHAS: Ha’Azinu

Please be reminded that Monday, September 28th we are off for Yom Kippur and next Friday, October 2nd begins our Succos break.

Friday Night Candle Lighting 7:11 p.m. (not before 6:16 p.m.) Shabbos ends 8:12 p.m.

Dear Parents and Friends:

“For through this day He will atone for you to cleanse you; from all your sins before G-d you shall be cleansed.”

This verse is a source of inspiration for all of us, as we approach the awesome day of Yom Kippur. Repentance is in our reach! An important caveat is in order, however: our sages teach us that for sins between man and his fellow, repentance is only accomplished through appeasing the individual. This explains the common practice of asking forgiveness from our family and friends. This is a crucial part of our Yom Kippur preparations.

However, we can go even further. There is an extremely powerful paragraph in the Tefillah Zakkah, composed by Rabbi Danzig several centuries ago. Part of the moving text states as follows:

But since I know that there is hardly a righteous person in the world who never sins between man and his neighbor... Yom Kippur does not atone until one appeases his neighbor...Behold! I extend complete forgiveness to everyone who has sinned against me... or who has gossiped about me.. I grant complete forgiveness; and may no person be punished on my account. And just as I forgive everyone, so may You grant me favor in everyone’s eyes, so that He will grant me complete forgiveness.

The following story illustrates the incredible spiritual power that a person taps into when they are able to let go of wrongdoing that has befallen them:

During the 1967 war in Israel, the Mirrer Yeshiva sought cover in a bomb shelter during one of the enemy raids. Shells blasted the surrounding buildings, and the bochurim in the Yeshiva were fervently reciting Tehillim, to seek Divine protection. After a huge blast marked a near miss, a lady who was next to the bochurim in the bomb shelter yelled out: “Master of the Universe! You have seen my troubles... how my husband abused me and left me unable to divorce for years... I forgive him with a complete heart!” In what seemed to be a miracle, all of those in the shelter were spared the further onslaught of bombs. The Rosh Yeshiva, Rav Chaim Shmuelevitz told his disciples: “know well that you were saved not from your prayers, but by the prayers of that woman who was able to forgive her husband!”

This can be a powerful lesson to teach our children in preparation for Yom Kippur. Of course, it is not healthy for children to let others harm them, and they must inform us so that we can help better the situation. However, we should all strive to grow in our ability to ask forgiveness, and to forgive.

Wishing you an easy and meaningful fast,

Rabbi Yuval Kernerman, Principal

School News

School Calendar – CHDS 2009-2010/5770 school calendar is in print! In order to get the benefit of a bulk mailing parent calendars have been sent along with the calendars we are mailing to our business advertisers. Your calendar should be arriving shortly.

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. We will be sending copies of the permission slip to you next week.

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?

In 1st grade Hebrew the students learned about the laws of Erev Yom Kippur and the day of Yom Kippur. They discussed the story of Yonah and the midah (trait) of Rachmanus (compassion) that we learn from it. They practiced reading words that end with different 'sofit' letters and learned how to write letters 'samech,' 'cof,' and 'chof' in script.

The second grade has been getting closer to the beginning of the mabul in parshas Noach. In Ivrit they have begun a unit on people that will continue after Succos.

The third grade is enjoying the suspenseful story of how Yaakov impersonated Esav to get the brachos in parshas Toldos. Their next Ivrit unit will deal with baking and serving cake.

In Dinim both classes have been preparing for Yom Kippur and will be spending next week preparing for Succos.

This week the 1st graders have become familiar with the short e vowel sound and using the words "first:", "next", "then" and "last", to help guide our writing. In math, they have been making and reading many bar and pictographs and are practicing seeing what numbers make other numbers (e.g. 4 and 2 is 6). They also started a science unit that focuses on plants and are doing experiments that help us to learn about how plants function and about the different parts of the plant.

Second and third graders have been doing skills review in both reading and math this week with Mrs. Grad. They have also been practicing good listening and following directions.

Both grades received The Current Events newspapers. Each group has been learning to find topic sentences and details in paragraphs. They practiced highlighting the sentences and reading for a purpose, along with learning new vocabulary words. Each grade is also writing creative poetry for Autumn.

In 8th grade girls chumash this week, the 8th grade girls learned about Aharon's death on Mt. Hor and B'nei Yisrael's mourning him. All of B'nei Yisrael mourned him because he was a peace seeker. They have now completed Perek Chaf of Bamidbar.

In 7-8th grade girls Navi class, the girls are in the second Perek of Shmuel Beis. They are learning about when Avner makes Ish Boshes king, even though Dovid was already annointed king, and it was considered a rebellious act. The girls wrote news reports about Ish Boshes becoming king. You are welcome to come see them on their bulletin board.

In 6, 7, 8 girls Ivrit the girls are writing their own children's books, and they will be putting them into their soon-to-be-established Ivrit library.

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 for grades 6-8, 3:30 – 4:40 p.m. PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILDREN EARLY.

PTA NEWS

Attention Kroger shoppers. Please remember to use your Kroger Fundraising card when you shop at Krogers for YomTov. 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

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!

Upsheren- Rabbi Meir and Aviva Minster invite the community to a kiddush Shabbos Shuva in honor of the upcoming upsheren of Chananya Simcha Minster and the aufruf of Ilya Verzub . Kiddush following davening at CZE.

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.

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.

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.

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 9:00-10:00 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.)

Need a babysitter? for an event or just “Stam”? Call Yehudis Berlove who is often available (and sometimes can drive) at 396-7128.

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

Mazel Tov to:

Rabbi & Mrs. Dov Katz on the birth of a baby girl.

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

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