

**Cincinnati Hebrew Day School**  
**Samuel and Rachel Boymel Campus**  
**Newsletter**  
**Friday, 8 Elul ~ 5769 September 4, 2009**

*PARSHAS: Ki Savo*

**Please be reminded that School is closed for Labor Day on Monday,  
 September 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday Night Candle Lighting 7:45 p.m. (not before 6:44 p.m.)      Shabbos ends 8:45 p.m.**

Dear Parents and Friends:

This week’s Parsha, Ki Savo, starts out with the mitzvah of Bikkurim, the bringing of the first fruits to Jerusalem for tithing and celebration. Along with the donation of the fruits, a critical component of the mitzvah is the recitation of several verses- a proclamation of intent. A brief analysis of these verses will give us an important insight into the process of learning, and our approach to Mitzvos.

The declaration of the donor starts out with statements in the singular: “An Aramean tried to destroy my forefather. He descended to Egypt...” The next verse switches to the plural: “The Egyptians mistreated **us**... **We** cried out to Hashem... Hashem took us out of Egypt... He brought us to this place... with milk and honey.” Finally, the individual phraseology is utilized: “And now, behold: **I** have brought the first fruit from the ground that **You** have given me, O G-d!” Why do the verses switch from the singular, to the plural and then back again to the singular?

The commentaries explain that the Torah is teaching us the importance of identifying with our past. Each person, no matter which generation he finds himself in, must identify with the nation that was exiled to Egypt, and was later redeemed. Thus, he initially refers to himself as an individual whose own father (or great-great grandfather) was exiled and then refers to himself as part of the nation that suffered at the hands of the Egyptians.

In modern terms, this Mitzva is the essence of experiential learning. Each person is to relive the birth of nationhood, thereby solidifying his sense of faith and perspective amongst the nations. This is a critical component in the religious training of our children, and, in truth, of ourselves. Just as we relive the experience of bringing Bikkurim, and the exodus from Egypt during the Pesach Seder, so, too, must we identify with the Biblical stories, which we study. We must see the words of the Chumash and Navi not merely as records of an ancient past; we have to understand that these precious words were passed down to us as our birthright and identity. When we learn Torah from this perspective, we are not passive learners; we are experiencing our own past, which can help us to define our own destiny.

Let us all hope to grow in our knowledge, and more particularly, in our experiential knowledge.

Wishing you a great Shabbos,

Rabbi Yuval Kernerman, Principal

## School News

**OPEN HOUSE- We apologize for the recent need to postpone open house dates for both preschool and 1<sup>st</sup> grade, and appreciate everyone’s patience in this process. Early next week we hope to be able to determine an alternate date, and will inform you of the date as soon as we can.**

**CHDS SUIT SALE-** As you hopefully are aware, CHDS will be conducting a sale of fine men's suits **this weekend and next at the JCC** (September 6th,7th, and 13th, 9AM-3PM.) Offered will be top of the line Adolfo wool suits for below discount retail pricing. LaScala Select 80s 2 Ply cotton shirts and woven silk ties will also be available. Please see the flier in the back of the newsletter. Please help us spread the word!

It is not too late to volunteer! Please contact Mrs. Chaya Kahn (351-2783) if you are able to offer any time during any days of the sale.

**Shatnez Testing-** Rabbi Kernerman will try to be available for Shatnez Testing during many of the sale hours. Shatnez testing while-you-wait will be **FREE** for people who give an additional donation of \$10 to the school.

**Parking Lot Safety-**We would like to inform our new parents, and remind our returning parents, that **traffic through the service drive from Elbrook into the school parking lot is ONE WAY for drop-off and dismissal times.** When exiting the parking lot, kindly exit onto Losantiville.

**Walking School Bus-** Would you like to encourage your children to get more exercise? If so, you are encouraged to visit [www.walkingschoolbus.org](http://www.walkingschoolbus.org) for information on organized walking groups to school. If you are interested in escorting a group of children to school, or have your children walk in a group, please speak to Melissa Bernstein.

**Public Safety Note-** Parents should take note of the fact that a law was recently passed by the Ohio General Assembly, making Ohio the 44th state to enact a booster seat law. It requires children ages 4 through 7 and shorter than 4 foot 9 to be in a federally approved booster seat. Drivers can be cited after November 6<sup>th</sup> for failing to restrain their children in booster seats.

**Safety Day-** The Village of Golf Manor is having a safety day on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 3-7 p.m. This day promises to be a fun-filled afternoon for children of all ages! Exciting safety and rescue trucks and personnel will be on sight at the village. Special thanks are due to Rabbi Dovid Bidnick and Officer Forrest of the Golf Manor Police Department who both advocated strongly to make this event inclusive for the Orthodox community; consequently, it is being held on Sunday (as well as Shabbos) and the free food (such as hot dogs, hamburgers, cotton candy and popcorn) will be KOSHER (certified by the VAAD)! Please see the attached flyer for more details about the attractions. Drop by before you head over to the Kollel picnic, and show your appreciation to the Village for their Shabbos/Kashrus accommodations!

**Volunteers for Safety Day-** The Vaad Hoier would appreciate volunteers to help with food preparation for the Golf Manor Village Safety Day. If you are interested, please call Rabbi Yaakov Toron at 582-9148.

**School Minyan-** If there are any men who are interested in a minhan at 3:50 p.m. Mon-Thurs, 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.

**Safety Note-** please be reminded of our new policies in light of the swine flu concerns. As per policies set by the CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention), children who have had fever may not return to school until they are fever-free for 24 hours. “Fever-free” is defined as free of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications. For example, if a child is sent home from school with a fever on a Monday at 11:00 am, is given Tylenol immediately and the fever goes down by 12:00, they may not return to school Tuesday at 12:00 p.m. If Monday night, they were fever-free without an additional dose of medicine, they would be able to return to school on Wednesday.

**Phone use by Students-** We would like to remind parents that the office phones are not to be used by students under regular circumstances. Exceptions may be made in urgent cases; however, in general, use of the office phone by students ties up the lines and prevents parents and others from reaching the secretary. This is especially problematic at dismissal time, when many children want to make phone calls (often for such things as arranging play dates), and parents are trying (unsuccessfully) to call the school about important and time-sensitive dismissal information.

**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.*

**Mandy Duff**

I grew up in Columbus and spent my summers throughout high school and college as a camp counselor at the JCC. My mother and sister are both teachers and it was that experience that made me sure I wanted to be a teacher. I went to Ohio State University and graduated with a BA in Psychology and a Masters in Early Childhood Education. I moved to Cincinnati after I graduated to be with my fiance, and now husband, Jason, who already lived in Cincinnati. Jason and I have been married for 3 years and have a puppy, Charlie. In my free time, I like to practice yoga, run and take culinary classes at Cincinnati State's Culinary School. I absolutely love teaching 1st grade at CHDS and getting to know all the children and families year after year. I couldn't imagine having any other job!

Shiraz and Nofit would like to see the Labor Day Weekend WEBN fireworks. If you are planning to go and can invite them please contact Jan Maltinsky 731-0910. They would appreciate any invitations to include them in your Labor Day Weekend plans!

**What’s New In The Classroom?**

In the first grade with Mrs. Fishman, students are progressing nicely in their new Kriah (reading) groups. They began using their kesiva (writing) book and learned "vav," "yud," and "nun sofit"! Everyone is doing a great job of writing neatly and straight. They are very busy learning and preparing for Yom Tov.

In Rabbi Berger’s class, the second grade has been learning the beginning of Parshas Noach, where Hashem tells Noach to build the teivah (ark). They are working on building vocabulary as well as understanding the story. Their first Ivrit unit is about the family.

Rabbi Berger’s third graders are meeting Yaacov and Esav in Parshas Toldos and studying the sale of the birthright. They are continuing in the same Ivrit book as last year, starting with unit 14 about winter.

Both classes are studying the laws and customs of Rosh Hashana and the month of Elul.

In secular studies with Mrs. Duff, the first graders were busy learning about many things this week. They practiced writing and identifying numbers, recognizing color words and rhyming words, writing in their journals, and learning about neighborhoods and communities. They also learned strategies that good readers use when they read and are preparing for their first spelling test. They had a great first week! Keep up the great work!

In Mrs. Grad’s classroom, both second and third graders have been settling in to routines of the class, to which they have done an excellent job! Second graders have begun their reading books, completed two spelling units, and started reading the social studies book.

The third graders have also started their reading book, and have completed two spelling units. In their Social Studies lessons, they have been reading about the start of our government in colonial times. They have also been learning multiplication concepts along with learning facts 0-3. They are off to a great year!

### **SHERUT LEUMI VOLUNTEER UPDATE**

**Sherut Leumi Volunteer Report-** Shiraz and Nofit have received a warm welcome to our community thanks to so many hospitable families and friendly people. At school they have already begun to meet the children and teachers, make bulletin boards and banners, and start planning for the year. The main bulletin board is called “Luach Midaot.” It contains current events, recognition of students’ Hebrew birthdays, Parshat Hashavua, and even a recipe. A large and beautiful banner greets all who arrive at CHDS with words about the month of Elul and the importance of Tshuva, Tzedakah, and Tefillah. In order to offset the cost of the Sherut Leumi program, Shiraz and Nofit are alternating in the afternoons, as an aide in Mrs. Klafter’s classroom. They are enjoying getting to know the kindergarten children. After one more week, they will begin doing educational activities with all of the other classrooms. They are also helping to work with first graders individually in Hebrew reading practice. In addition, Shiraz and Nofit met with Tamar Smith and Rabbi Balk to discuss exciting plans for Junior Congregation at Golf Manor Synagogue and weekend activities that invite all youth in the community.

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

The Sherut girls are 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.

**Father and Son Learning-** will be both at the Kolllel and CZE locations this Shabbos, from 5:30-6:15 p.m. Both hosts have asked again that boys are not to be sent without their parents or guardians, and similarly should not be left without adult supervision in either building once the program has ended.

Rabbi Cobi Robinson will give the next ladies shiur at 4:00 p.m. [next](#) Shabbos, Shabbos [Nitzavim-Vayeilech](#), at CZE. The title of the shiur is “Yitzchak Avinu: Lessons from the Man of Judgment for the Day of Judgment”.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Shalom Zachor-** Men and women are invited to a Shalom Zachor tonight at the Scherer residence, 6700 Elbrook avenue, from 9:00-11:00 p.m.

**Bris-** The community is informed that the Scherers will be having a bris for their son this coming Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at CHDS at 8:15 a.m. There will NOT be a Shacharis minyan at school before the bris. There will be regular davening and class start times for CHDS students.

**Kollel picnic has been postponed. Watch for details.**

**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.

**Kiddush-** The Bidnick family invites the entire community to the kiddush celebrating the bas mitzvah of their daughter Nechama, Parshas Ki Savo **Shabbos September 5** (not Sunday) following davening.

**Kiddush-** Dena and Yaakov Morton invite the entire community to a kiddush on **Shabbat, September 12** at CZE following davening, to celebrate the birth of their daughter, Leah Batya.

**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.

**Piano Lessons in Your Home** – An experienced, patient and dedicated teacher; doctoral student at CCM in piano performance, providing individual private piano lessons to music lovers of all ages. Call Assaf at 324-5769.

**Creative Cakes by Adena** – Offering unique designs for special occasions or to grace your Shabbos table. Please call Adena Goldberg, a Wilton trained cake decorator, at 351-9566 for more information.

**Take 'N Bake for Rosh Hashana!:** **CHOLIM** The next scheduled Take 'N Bake will I"YH be next Friday, September 11 (or Thursday night). To participate this month and/or add names, please contact Michal Mendelsberg ([mmendelsberg@gmail.com](mailto:mmendelsberg@gmail.com) or 513-351-6637).

**Playgroup-** Michal Jacobson has one spot in her play group for 3 days (Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) ages 1-2 years old. Hours 9:00-1:00, flexible about the days (can be one, two or three days). Please contact me by email: [shalommick1@aol.com](mailto:shalommick1@aol.com), cell phone: 885-4984, home phone: 699-5702

**Looking to carpool -** We are looking for a carpool for our son in Kindergarten. We will pick up (we have one spot in our car) and we need someone to bring him home at 4. Please contact us at 513-898-9197. Thanks - Leah Freed

**FALL & WINTER HAIR & SHAITAL ACCESSORIES** - Just In Time For Yom Tov! Sunday, September 13, 1-3 & 7:30-9:30 PM at 2580 Section Rd. Great for: Babies, Children, Teens and Adults. Pre-Tie Bandannas, Israeli Tichels, Silk, Leather, Velvet and suede Wrap Headbands. Special Pricing for This Night Only! Also by Appointment Call: Chaya Kibel 513-254-5555

**Do You Want to Feel Like You're In Israel This Rosh Hashana? There Are Only 2 Weeks Left!** Due to the great success of last year, Achim invites you to join the Israeli community of Cincinnati along with families from Kentucky, Chicago and Indiana to celebrate Rosh Hashana 2009 with us. Enjoy a spiritual experience with chazzan Asher Hadas from Chicago! This exciting event will be taking place at the newly renovated Quality Inn & Suites at 250 Byers Road, Miamisburg, Ohio 45342 (I-75 Exit 44), with refrigerators in every room, Sefardi-style services, fantastic Israeli-style cuisine, children's programming and babysitting. Prices include all meals, children's programming, Machzorim, and Chazzan fees. Rates are: Single (1 person per room): \$ 200; Singles (2 per room- \$149, 3- \$129, 4- \$118); Couple: \$ 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. Limited space,

reserve today! Register and pay online on our website [www.israeliachim.com](http://www.israeliachim.com). Discounts and sponsorships are available.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys.

**AYALA'S CLOSET** is Los Angeles’s premier fashion boutique coming to Cincinnati on September 13, 1-3 & 7:30-9:30 PM at 2580 Section Rd. Featuring great fashion items for teens and adults at 30% - 60% below regular retail prices.

**Attention all Ladies** – New fall hats have arrived! Dressy and casual hats, (packable 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](http://www.kinneretcafe.com) for lunch menu specials and coupon specials.

**Erev Yom Tov Madness Sale.** The Sock Market of Dallas, Texas is coming to Cincinnati carrying a full line of socks, stockings, shells (kids and ladies up to 3X), ladies and girls weekday and shabbos skirts, ladies and girls t-shirts, boys shabbos pants and boys shabbos shirts. At the Bidnick home (back entrance please) Monday September 7th, Labor Day. 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 -9:00 p.m. A portion of all proceeds goes to CHDS.

**Mazel Tov to:**

**Rabbi and Mrs. Shai and Tova Scherer on the birth of a baby boy.**

**Found-** a brand new, brand-name MP3- type device. 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