

Beth Shalom Academy Newsletter



TAKE A PEEK AT OUR WEEK

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Chof Beis Shevat

Rabbi Edelman and the boys joined together for a Farbrengen in honor of 22 Shevat, the yahrzeit of Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka ע"ה, the wife of the Lubavitcher Rebbe. The boys heard stories of her extreme modesty and care for others, and were inspired by the many important lessons we learn from her. The boys even had a chance to hold and see a special *kuntres* (booklet) that the Lubavitcher Rebbe gave out on this day in the year 5752 (1992), which talks about the specialness of Jewish women and their mission, and how it was in their merit that the Jewish people were redeemed from Egypt, and that it will be in their merit that we will be redeemed from the current exile to the ultimate redemption.



Trip to the Ohel

BSAH joined many high schoolers from around the world this week with a trip to the Lubavitcher Rebbe's Ohel in Queens, NY in honor of Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka's yahrzeit.



Holocaust Remembrance Day

Rabbi Dovid Krautwirth came to speak about Holocaust Remembrance day. Rabbi Krautwirth went discussed the history of the Jewish people leading up to the Holocaust.



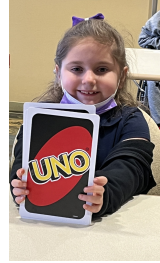
Breakfast Club

We had some very happy kids at Breakfast Club this week!



Out in the Community

Who knew using pool noodles and beach balls could be such a fun intergenerational activity?! 5th and 6th grade girls threw beach balls up in the air, while residents at Elan Gardens hit them with pool noodles. The girls were smiling from ear to ear after our time there. They loved seeing how the elderly adults were being so youthful and fun. Later in the week students in 1-2 played games and ran crafts at Elan Skilled Nursing.



Show and Tell

BSA Toddler-K classes had an awesome show and tell this week. Toddlers brought in an item that started with the letter *n*, Pre-K brought in items that started with the letter *c*, and Kindergarten students brought in their favorite books.

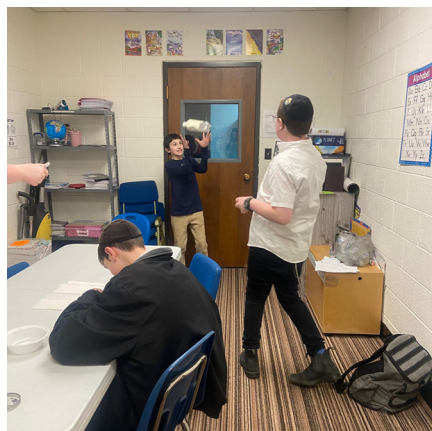


Torah Thursday



Making Our Very Own Butter

The older boys made butter in their life skills class.



Rocks and Fossils

Miss Nina Vogel gave a lesson on rocks and fossils



Toddler Shabbos Mommy and Tatty

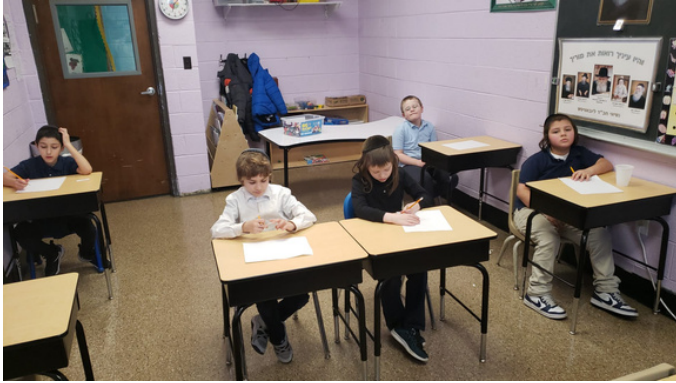
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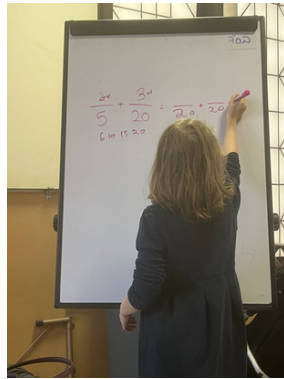


Learning in Rabbi Edelman's Class

3-4 Boys practicing writing their names in script



Adding Unlike Fractions



Politics with Dr. Bond

Learning about politics from the 1930's with Dr. Bond





Take a Peek at Our Week



Homebase Level 1-2

This week, level 1 and level 2 continued building their bird feeders as part of their bird study. In math, the students enjoyed learning how to tell time through various projects and learning activities. Check out this week's snapshots in learning.

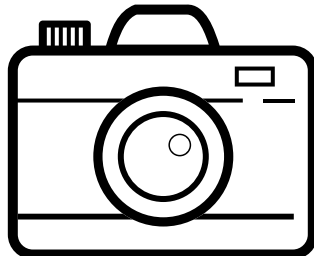
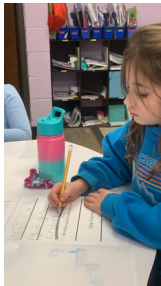
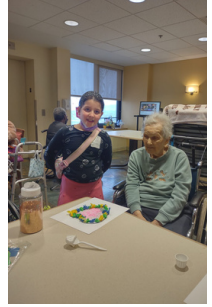
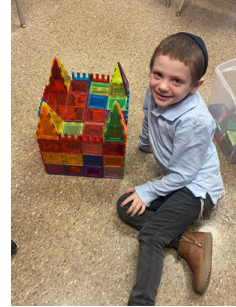
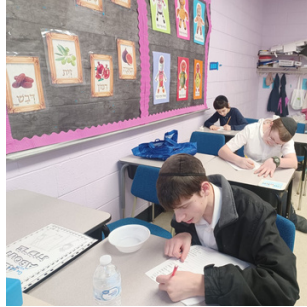


Toddler Room

in the toddler room students were learning the letter alef this week and partaking in dramatic parsha play.



More Smiles



Dvar Torah from Rabbi Edelman

The portion begins with a description of how “Yisro heard ... all that G-d had wrought — that G-d had taken the Jews out of Egypt — and Yisro came ...” that Yisro came to see the people whom G-d had taken out of Egypt with miracles and wonders in order to give them the Torah on Mt. Sinai; then, in the continuation of the narrative, the portion relates the story of the giving of the Torah.

This story is particularly relevant to Jewish children for, as the Midrash relates, they were the first to recognize G-d through the miracles of Egypt. Surely, they knew that the purpose of those miracles was to receive the Torah. Each year, the entire narrative is relived. Jewish children gather on the Shabbos of Parshas Yisro to hear the Aseres HaDibros (Ten Commandments), thereby receiving the entire Torah anew. This is a good time to make new resolutions to increase their study of Torah, fulfillment of mitzvos, and activities to influence other Jewish children.

There is an added lesson to be learned from Parshas Yisro: As explained above, Yisro was motivated to come to see the Jewish people because he heard of the wonders wrought by G-d in Egypt. This emphasizes that even when a Jew is in exile, G-d is found there together with him. Though in other armies, the Commander-In-Chief remains in one place and sending his soldiers away on missions, the Commander-In-Chief of the Tzivos Hashem, G-d’s army, is found together with each of his soldiers wherever they are found. As stated in one of the 12 verses of '*Vihiney*' — “Behold, G-d stands over him and the whole earth is filled with His glory and He searches his mind and heart, [to see] if he is serving Him as is fitting.” G-d is together with everyone who is part of Tzivos Hashem and searches out whether he studies Torah, fulfills mitzvos, fulfills his obligations as a soldier in Tzivos Hashem, and works to influence other Jewish children to increase their observance of Torah and mitzvos.

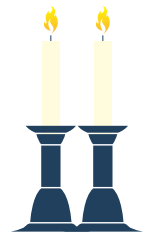
Dvar Torah from Rabbi Edelman (cont'd)

Similarly, G-d waits, ready for the Jews to conclude their service and then, He will again take the Jews out of exile with wonders and miracles. Just as the miracles of the exodus from Egypt were open and revealed to all, similarly, the miracles connected with the future redemption will be revealed to all. The entire world will see how G-d redeems each and every one of the Jewish people, beginning with the Jewish children. G-d will redeem each Jew, as our Sages declared, 'taking him by the hand and leading him out of exile' and thus, we will reach Shleimus Ha'am — the complete state of the Jewish people. Each Jewish child will follow the directive of G-d in the Torah and influence his family to do so. Thus, we will reach Shleimus HaTorah — the complete state of the Torah, and then we will attain Shleimus HaEretz — proceed to the complete Eretz Yisrael, the holy land, and come to Yerushalayim and see the third Temple. May this happen Now — speedily in our days — with joy and happiness with the coming of Moshiach now!

Have a wonderful Shabbos Mevarchim!

Living the Parsha

In this week's parsha, one of the ten commandments given is to keep the shabbat. What is your favorite part of shabbat?



Morah Mushky Gelman- That I can curl up with a book

Morah Bracha- Chulent

Mrs. Flescher- That I can stay in my pajamas

Rabbi Edelman- Davening

Eliana- Going to shul

Elana- Spending time with mommy

Yishai- Doing Kiddush

Mr. Itzkowitz- Shabbos!

Sara G- Sleep whenever I want

Leah H- Zemiros

Anita- Not having to get up for school

Akiva G- Going to shul and going to the programs

Morah Miriam- The mindfulness without technology and interruptions

Po-D- Guests

Ellah- Being with my family

Sheva- The food and lighting shabbos candles

Rochel- Being with my family

Parsha Questions & Answers

1. How was Yisro related to Moshe? (He was his father-in-law)
2. When Yisro heard about all the miracles that Hashem did, what did he decide? (That he wanted to be Jewish)
3. Who went to greet Yisro when he came? (Moshe and all of the Jewish people)
4. What was Moshe doing at the party that was for Yisro? (Serving the food because he was so humble)
5. What did Yisro see Moshe do each night and day? (Answering questions)
6. What good idea did Yisro have? (Moshe should teach other people how to answer questions)
7. What gift did the Jewish people receive in this week's Parsha? (The Torah)
8. What were the words that the Jewish people said when they received the Torah? (נעשה ונשמע)

Student Interview

1. What is your favorite thing at BSA? Chessed
2. What do you want to be when you grow up? A bookseller
3. Is there a book you enjoy? Yes, the 613 Mitzvos book
4. Who at BSA makes you smile? Liba Gaerman, even though I don't really get to sit with her anymore
5. What is a class you enjoy most and why? Chessed because it's a mitzvah
6. If you could convince Mrs. Itzkowitz to add any new class to your schedule, what would it be? Digital Art
7. What do you do on your Sundays? Sometimes I help my mother wash the beds and go to special events.
8. What is your favorite school lunch? Sushi, if we could add it to the menu, and onion rings.
9. Can you tell me two truths and a lie about yourself? My brother asked if he can share my room, I sleep in a different room than my siblings, I have an alarm by my bed
10. What is a talent of yours? Math is my best talent!
11. What do you look forward to most on Shabbos? Going to the rally at the Kasowitz's house.



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Thank you!

A special thank you to those who donated computers for our computers and programming classes.

-Mr. and Mrs. S Toker, parents of Sheva, Chani, Rochel and Rivkah

- Harris and Janice Cutler, unice and aunt of Sara and Adi Grossman

-Mr. and Mrs. S Schoenbrun, friends of BSA



Mazal Tov!

Mazal Tov to the Vogel Family on the birth of their new baby boy! Sending love from BSA to Morah Mushky and our friends Anita, Nina, and Akiva.



Happy Birthday!

A very happy birthday to all the Shevat birthdays! A huge thank you to the 3-4 girls for baking and decorating such a beautiful cake.



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Looking to fill a position for an assistant Pre-K teacher.



Students of the Week



Dovid Harkavy is a delightful addition to our BSA family. He is eager to serve as a role model for younger boys, he is consistently respectful to teachers, and he is always eager to learn



Leah Harkavy has a smile that brightens up any room. She is respectful to teachers and classmates at all times.



Esther Miriam is a great friend to her fellow classmates. She is always prepared to learn and completes her work well.

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Mazal Tov Motty!



Wishing everyone a beautiful and relaxing Shabbos!

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