

# BNOS MALKA WEEKLY

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## From the Desk of Mrs. Rivky Babad Assistant Principal, Grades 1-4

At the beginning of this week's parsha we are introduced to Noach: אלה תולדות נח נח איש צדיק תמים היה בדרתיו את האלקים. These are the offspring of Noach. Noach was a righteous man, perfect in his generations; Noach walked with Hashem. Interestingly, נח's name is mentioned three times in this pasuk. The Midrash Tanchuma relates that this is because נח experienced three different worlds: the original world that was established, its destruction, and finally, its establishment once again.

Rav Simcha Wasserman comments that it is somewhat hard to understand how נח could emerge from the תבה having witnessed one of the most miraculous events to have ever occurred on this planet, and instead of being inspired and following Hashem's directive to 'replant' the world, he planted a vineyard. נח should have been planting the necessities for the perpetuation of humanity and all life, but instead he gravitated to the ordinary and plebian—grapes for wine. While planting a vineyard was not a sin, it was a waste of a defining moment that נח could have made substantial and worthwhile. Rav Laibel Hyman adds that נח was unable to see past his past accomplishments (pun intended) of saving the animals of the world. In his mind, his greatest accomplishment was behind him, and now he could sit back and relax with a bottle of wine. In this the pasuk, the word ויחל is used in reference to נח, the shoresh of which is חולין—mundane.

As we get back into the routine of school at Bnos Malka, after the ebb and flow of the Yamim Noraim and Sukkos, we do not rest on past accomplishments, but rather we are focused on the present and looking towards the future. Our best and brightest accomplishments are yet to come, as this year promises to be an exciting and enriching year ahead for all the students, staff, and families of Bnos Malka. Looking forward to sharing it all with you in the coming months. Have a good Shabbos and Gut Gebentched Rosh Chodesh.

## UPCOMING DATES

**Sunday, October 22 at 8:00 AM-1 PM**  
PKA Sunday Session (no busing)

**Monday, October 23**  
Lice Check

**Tuesday October 24 (4)**  
**Wednesday, October 25 (4A)**  
4th Grade Trip to Brooklyn Historical Society

**Thursday, October 26**  
Pizza Day

**November 18 - Save the Date!**  
Parent Appreciation Melave Malka

## Classroom Milestones

### Morah Rochel Chait | Pre-1a Limudei Kodesh

Welcome back to Pre-1a, we hope you had an enjoyable Yom Tov. We each have our very own Aleph Beis books which we will use to learn the letters of the Holy Torah and recognize their names and sounds. We will learn the letters through writing, and other appropriate developmental activities. We will learn to recognize many familiar words in Hebrew and cover various themes and be exposed to the Hebrew language through these thematic units. We have started Chumash Bereishis and Parsha is the focal point of our week. The girls are anxious to share their Parsha knowledge through the pictorial Parsha sheet. This week our attention is on Noach and the great Chesed he and his family did for all the animals on his Teivah. Our children enjoyed exploring the special Noach center we set up with various hands-on experiences. We are off to a great start and we are looking forward to telling you more about Pre-1a. Good Shabbos.

### Mrs. Yocheved Kandler | 2A General Studies

The second graders came back from vacation ready to learn! We have been busy writing all about our great Sukkos vacations. The girls brainstormed, wrote a rough draft, edited and revised their writing. When their stories were complete, they decorated them. We look forward to sharing our writing and hanging them in our classroom. In Math, we started a new unit on numbers to 1,000. We reviewed place value to help us master this new topic. The girls have been making hundreds and figuring out how many tens they need to use. Wednesday was our fantastic trip to Alley Pond Park Nature Center. We learned about the different layers of a forest and what lives and grows in each layer. We took a nature walk around the pond and identified many different animal homes and saw many beautiful and interesting things growing in nature. Looking forward to another incredible week of learning! Have a great Shabbos!



## IN THE BNOS MALKA FAMILY

Mazel tov to **Mr. & Mrs. Tuvia Hirsch**, parents of **Esther** (4th Grade) on the birth of a grandchild.

Mazel tov to **Mr. & Mrs. Aron Pinkhasov**, parents of **Liora** (5th Grade) and **Miriam** (8th Grade) **Khaimova** on the birth of a baby boy!

Our condolences to **Rabbi & Rebbetzin Yerachmiel Zalmanov**, parents of **Shaina** (7th Grade) upon the loss of Rebbetzin Zalmanov's father.

CANDLE LIGHTING 5:48 PM | HAVDALAH 6:55 PM

**PIZZA DAY**

Our first monthly Pizza Day will be this **Thursday, October 26**. If you would like to sign your daughter up, you can still send in \$25 (cash or check) with your daughter to the office by Thursday.

**Morah Adina Burger | 3 Limudei Kodesh**

Kitah Gimmel is off to a terrific start this year! We just finished exploring the topic of Akeidas Yitzchok in Perek Chof Beis in Chumash. We emphasized how Avraham and Yitzchok did what Hashem asked, even though it may have been difficult for them. We are focusing on Avraham's constant response of "Hineini" and we are striving to emulate his attitude of readiness for what we are supposed to do. The girls gave examples of times when they successfully acted with a "Hineini" mindset. Their thoughtful comments reflected understanding of the relevance of what they are learning to our own lives. Chodesh Tov to everyone!

**Mrs. Julie Faska | 4A General Studies**

The 4th grade has shown tremendous excitement and engagement for their learning over the past month. They are eager to share and work hard in their studies. The students finished writing their first piece in their 'How Writer's Work' model and we will soon begin learning about essay structure. As this is the first time the students are learning the structure, we will be spending a good amount of time on it. The girls have also finished their first chapter in Math, and took a test before Sukkos break. We are beginning multiplication, which will help build a strong foundation for the rest of their Math learning. I encourage you to spend time reviewing multiplication facts to make their learning easier! In Science, we have started studying Ecosystems and how animals and environments interact with one another. We have also been studying the geography of New York, which will help us learn about the Native Americans in New York and their lifestyle which was completely dependent on the lands' natural resources! I have started to introduce Station Rotation to the girls, and they are very excited to begin! I look forward to another wonderful month together!

**Ms. Esty Saklad | 5th Grade Social Studies**

The 5th graders just finished their unit on Geography! They learned to identify the continents and oceans on a map, locate the countries in North America, and use all kinds of maps to learn information about places. They learned how the world is similar to an orange—it is round and can be divided into different parts. We cut into an orange and saw how the equator and prime meridian divide the earth in half. Students worked in stations to explore different kinds of maps around the classroom. They learned about landforms using maps of different regions in North America and used playdough to create one of the landforms. It's been a busy few weeks! We have already learned so much and we are excited to continue on our exploration of North America in our Native American unit starting next week!

**Mrs. Perel Rauch | 6th Grade Limudei Kodesh**

The 6th graders have begun their preparation to becoming Bnos Mitzvah. They will be exploring the inherent nature and Ta'kid of a Jewish woman, as well as learning about women's special Mitzvos and what they practically mean for them. The girls are excited to learn about their vital role in Klal Yisroel. Each girl received a scrapbook in which they put all their notes. I am in awe of how hard the girls have been working to make their scrapbook so meaningful and beautiful. The girls also learned a song about the tremendous milestone of becoming a Bas

Mitzvah. Iy"YH these lessons will implant the girls with a strong background to strengthen their Hashkafos so they can lead the future generation of Klal Yisroel!

**Mrs. Leah Atlas | 7th Grade Science**

Did you ever feel miserable after missing sleep for a few days? Maybe you were in a bad mood, couldn't concentrate well, or just felt that everything was going wrong that day. But after a good night's sleep, the next day you feel AMAZING! The sky is blue again, the flowers are blooming and the day goes perfectly. What changed so drastically in one day? Well, you simply gave your body the time it needs to restore and repair itself by sleeping! Getting enough sleep is just one vital part of healthy living. As part of this unit on health, the 7th graders have also learned how good nutrition and exercise are essential for good health and preventing illness.

**Mrs. Leah Atlas | 8th Grade Science**

Did you know that everything in the world is composed of atoms? Even Adam is made up of atoms! The 8th graders are on their way to become atom experts and can identify all its components. They learned that atoms are mostly composed of empty space and depending on how many protons an atom has, determine what type of element it is. They can also tell you how many atoms are in a penny! (Let's just say, a LOT). We worked on a fun activity to demonstrate that we can zoom in and out on all the living and non-living things in the world, dramatically changing our perspective. We were able to zoom in to the level of the atom! Next we will be learning all about the periodic table. Have a great Shabbos!

**Mrs. Julie Faska | 8th Grade ELA & Social Studies**

The 8th grade has been getting off to a wonderful start and it is wonderful to see the level of engagement in the classroom. We have been practicing our Station Rotation model in ELA and the girls have gotten practice in each station. We have read short stories related to themes of the Civil War and Reconstruction Era, and the class discussions have been lively and thought-provoking. It has been truly a pleasure getting to know the girls over the past month and seeing how excited they are about their learning. In Social Studies we have finished learning about the Civil War, setting the stage for the Reconstruction Era. We have been discussing the roles of government, and how far the governments' responsibility extends to its citizens and in historically, in the case of former slaves. We have also been discussing the institution of slavery in the South and how challenging it is to change innate beliefs. We will continue this conversation as we move into the time period of rebuilding, when the North and the South tried to unify themselves into one country while dealing with these challenging issues. I look forward to another month of great conversation and fabulous learning!

**G.O. UPDATES**

We are now entering the second month of our G.O. theme of "Unlimited Positive Spirit!" This month, we are focusing on respect for parents. Thank you to the G.O. for putting up such a beautiful bulletin board with the new month's theme! We can't wait for the teacher skit about the importance of **כבוד אב ואם**.

For this month's contest, our Bnos Malka "families" will be competing against each other. All classes are participating in the contest, we can't wait to see which "family" will get the prize at the end of the week. Thank you to our 7th and 8th graders for leading their families! Have a great Shabbos, filled with lots of **אב ואם**!