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From the Desk of Mrs. Rivky Babad
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Welcome to the first full week of the school year! It was a pleasure to see so many of you by Parent Teacher Orientation. This week we read both פ' וילך and פ' נצבים in shul. It would seem that one of the themes of this week's פרשיות is אחדות-unity. פ' נצבים begins with the nation standing together, unified as one before ה', to enter into a ברית with ה' אלקים...: בְּרִית אֶתְּכֶם וְאֶתְּכֶם. In פ' וילך, the concept of unity continues with the description of the מצוה of הקהל and how all of ישראל must gather every seven years to hear the king read the תורה: “הַקֹּהֵל אֶת־הָעָם הָאֲנָשִׁים וְהַנְּשִׁים וְהַטָּף וְגֵר אֲשֶׁר בְּשַׁעְרֶיךָ...” Surely, it is not a coincidence that the תורה portion we read in shul on the right שבת before השנה ראש has a strong emphasis on אחדות and the ענין of עריבות. The שמ משמואל suggests that indeed the theme of unity is of central importance, especially in our nations' ability to inherit ישראל ארץ.

The “ושב” asks why is the word “ושב” written twice in the פסוק: וְשָׁבְתָה אֶת־שְׁבוּתְךָ וְרַחֲמֶךָ: פָּסוּק (נצבים ל:ג). Writing the phrase “and He will bring back” once would have sufficed. The answers that there are two types of people in the world: those who truly yearn for משיח and their return to ארץ ישראל, and those who pay homage to their loyalty to ארץ ישראל and the coming of משיח, but their words do not match their actions and true feelings about leaving behind the comforts of גלות. The first category of people, says the שמ, will be returned to ארץ הקדושה first, upon משיח's arrival, while the second group of people will only be returned after ה' takes mercy upon them. The שמ משמואל adds that it is the very nature of the land of ארץ ישראל that fosters unity amongst בני ישראל. There is a reciprocal relationship between בני ישראל and ארץ ישראל. The הלכות of עריבות did not take effect until ב"י crossed the ירדן into ארץ ישראל. Through the act of conquering the land and working together in אחדות and עריבות, the nation was unified, and the land, which was captured, was also united from amongst its many inhabitant nations. The land of ארץ ישראל imbues עם ישראל with the concept of unity; we weren't accountable as בני ישראל ערבים זה לזה until we had acquired ארץ ישראל.

At Bnos Malka, the school year is off to a successful start, with the promise of a great year of learning ahead. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated teachers, both former and new, for making the beginning of school so productive and enriching. There is no sweeter sound than hearing students learning how to read א-ב, learning חומש inside for the first time, or starting to learn נביא. Within Bnos Malka, it is our unity as a professional community of learners that is one of our greatest assets. In the larger picture, it is our unity as educators, parents, and students work-

ing together, that is one of our greatest strengths. This year, in light of the current events transpiring around the globe, from hurricanes to earthquakes, and events in ארץ ישראל, it is our unity as a nation that will speak well for us in שמים. When we stand before the כסא הכבוד next week and daven for our childrens' health and their הצלחה in school this year, let us also take the message of this week's פרשיות to heart. Remember the rest of ישראל in כלל ארץ הקדושה and all over the world, and daven earnestly for their safety and well-being, and for our speedy return to ארץ ישראל במהרה בימינו. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a כתיבה וחתימה טובה, and a year filled with knowledge, growth, and good מזל!

Classroom Milestones

Morah Zisi Koss | Pre-1a A Limudei Kodesh

What a busy week we had! We have been learning together in מעגל about the three special actions we do in ראש השנה. We discussed that ראש השנה is the beginning of a new year, when ה' decides what type of year we will have. The ילדות know that doing תשובה, צדקה, and תפילה will help our year turn out well! The Very Best Place For a Penny, Ten Tzedakah Pennies, and When I Daven were some of the books we read that reflected this theme. We also discussed some of the special foods that we eat on ראש השנה... דבש and תפוח, a round raisin חלה, carrots cooked in דבש, a דג של ראש השנה, and a רימון. The ילדות “licked their plates clean” when we had challah, apples and honey at our Shabbos Party! YUM!

MAZEL TOV!

Mazel tov to Mr. & Mrs. Eran Gohari, parents of Leah (Pre-1 A) and Yisca (3rd Grade), on the birth of twins, a boy and a girl!

Mazel tov to Mrs. Dina Kessler (PKA Administrator) on her son's engagement!

Mazel tov to Rabbi & Mrs. Mendy Barth, parents of Kayla (2nd Grade), Chayala (4th Grade), Ahuva (6th Grade) and Temmy (8th Grade) on the birth of a baby boy!

Mazel tov to Mrs. Zahava Rauch (P3) on the birth of a baby girl!

Mazel tov to Morah Sharon Herzberg on the birth of a granddaughter!

Mazel tov to Mr. & Mrs. Avi Posnick, parents of Aliza (3rd Grade) on the birth of a baby!

Mazel tov to Mr. & Mrs. Yitzchak Schwartz, parents of Racheli (PKA) & Rikki (6th Grade), on the birth of a baby boy!

UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday, Sept. 20-Friday, Sept. 22
Rosh Hashana-No School

Mrs. Golda Yadlovker | 1st Grade General Studies

We are off to a great start in first grade. The girls have learned the routines and demands of first grade. They have already written two things; one about what they enjoy and one about their hero. You will be happy to know that *you* are your daughter's hero! We have begun reading using the short 'a' and the girls have been able to work independently in their phonics book. In science, we learned what scientists do and we will soon begin learning about living things. We started working in our math books and the girls did well reviewing addition. I look forward to a wonderful year with your girls. Please remember that snacks must be healthy and **nut and seed free**. If you send in a fruit cup please send in a spoon or fork as well. I wish you a Shana Tova!

Ms. Yehudit Yehoshua | 4th Grade Limudei Kodesh

What a beautiful beginning of the school year for ד' כחה! We already learned so many new things in so many different subjects! In יהדות we're learning all about the ימי רצון and how to properly prepare for the ימים נוראים. In חומש we just started learning the פסוקים inside! We love singing all the beautiful חומש songs and taking lessons for life from the תורה. נביא is the subject we've been waiting to be introduced to all summer! We've almost finished the הקדמה and can't wait to start after השנה ראש. We also had a great time reviewing our דקדוק skills in writing our מי אני worksheets in עברית, and of course, singing and reviewing in class for our weekly ידעונו quiz! We're looking forward to an awesome year!

Mrs. Ayelet Lehmann | 4th Grade General Studies

What an amazing first week in school we've had in Class 4! We have begun many of our subjects. In Math we started learning about place values and the girls were given the chance to come up and be the teacher, deciding which digit should have which value. In Social Studies we designed our own compass roses! And in science, we ran our own experiments with apples, right in time for Rosh Hashanah. Looking forward to an amazing year!

Ms. Yocheved Weiner | 5th & 6th Grade Math

5th Grade: This year, the students are off to a great start. In 5th grade, the students saw that a billion is a very large number by reading the book, How Much Is a Million? by David M. Schwartz. They then looked at place value and learned how to write numbers in standard, word and expanded form in two ways, including using the powers of ten. The students will next look at multiplication. They will learn how to multiply larger numbers using a variety of strategies including the standard algorithm and with an array/area model.

6th grade: The 6th graders have been busy learning about ratios. They are learning how to write ratios in two forms and how to use tape diagrams and the value of the ratio to solve several different types of problems involving ratios. The students will next go on to learn how to use ratio tables, double number lines and graphs to solve ratio problems. Have a good Shabbos!

Mrs. Shoshana Sabel | 5th Grade Science,
7th & 8th Grade Science Fair

5th Grade Science: And we're off! It's been a great first week and a half, and we have already learned so much! When you



CHARIDY GOAL REACHED!

There are so many people to thank for our successful Charidy Campaign. We greatly appreciate all of the parents who helped share our message online to family and friends and who came to the school to make calls. We appreciate the generosity and the delicious food and refreshments from the PA, the Berkowitz family, Eden Wok and Seasons. Of course we thank all our fabulous parents, faculty and staff who participated in the matching campaign, to Mr. Abba Cohen for all of his hard work in designing professional images and finally we thank the generosity of our matching donors.

Thank you to Mrs. Faska's 4th grade class for making such beautiful signs for our Operations Room.



look outside, what do you notice? Maybe you see the sky or the grass, you see your neighbors playing outside, or you notice that it's cloudy, dark and raining. But what does that have to do with science?! The fifth grade students learned that science is all about observing the world around you and experimenting. It's fun and easy to find science in all of our every day activities! We started off the year learning about what exactly science is with a funny story about aliens and soccer (ask a fifth grader to tell you the story!), and continued with the specifics of what Earth Science is all about. We are super excited to learn all about meteorology, astronomy, oceanography and geology this year, starting with our first unit on clouds this coming week. Looking forward to a great year!

7th & 8th Science Fair: Coming up with a Science Fair question can sometimes be the hardest part of Science Fair. Even though we've only had one class so far, everyone has jumped right in to their projects. Each seventh and eighth grader started off her Science Fair project brainstorming different topics and activities that they enjoy. After coming up with these ideas, the next task was to come up with an actual question you'd like to answer, something that you probably never knew before. These questions will be answered by exciting experiments in the coming months. I can't wait to see the amazing, creative, unique, and thoughtful ideas that the students have come up with for their Science Fair questions. I am sure all of the experiments will be great! Looking forward to a great year!

Mrs. Zisi Koss | 7th & 8th Grade Math

7th grade Math: Welcome to Foundations of Algebra 1! We started at the very beginning (a very good place to start) and learned about natural numbers, whole numbers, integers, and rational numbers. We are currently focusing on operations with rational numbers. The girls have been adjusting to the routine and pace of the class and I am so proud of them! Looking forward to a wonderful year together!

8th Grade Math: Welcome (again) to Algebra 1! It was so nice to greet the girls and hear about their summer....and then we got right down to work! We began by reviewing some of the fundamentals of Algebra. The girls are getting used to the new curriculum and overall are doing great! It's so wonderful to have the girls back in my class and I look forward to another successful year together!

Ms. Brocha Leah Epstein | 8th Grade Limudei Kodesh

8th grade is off to a great start! We've been super busy the whole week utilizing every minute we have to learn and explore new ideas! In חומש we started at the beginning, discussing why we are taking the time to learn חומש in the first place. We then moved on to the introduction of both ספר ויקרא and ספר קדושים, פרשת קדושים, learning why ספר ויקרא is placed where it is, and how פרשת קדושים fits in with the scheme of things. In פרשה, we completed our first worksheet, each girl on her own learning פשט and רמב"ן, a section from שיחות מוסר. תורה כללית had us super busy mastering the basics of פה שבעל. Ask any 8th grader to give you a tour of the inside of a גמרא and she can explain to you where everything is located, when that commentary was written, and by whom! We began דקדוק this week by reviewing our prefixes and suffixes, refreshing our memories and getting us ready to break down פסוקים in חומש next week! Looking forward!

UNIFORM GMACH

The Bnos Malka Uniform Gemach is in need of donations. Please contact **Mrs. Nelly Ibragimov** for more information: **347-617-5370**



SHOFAR WORKSHOP

The preschool, first, and second graders enjoyed a wonderful shofar workshop given by Rabbi Zalmanov. The children were taught how a shofar is made and shown a variety of interesting shofars. Rabbi Zalmanov taught the children about the different sounds that are blown on Rosh Hashana, and of course we all practiced! What an exciting and hands-on way to prepare ourselves for the upcoming Yom Tov.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

We hope you have received our new and improved school calendar. If you have not, please contact the office (office@bnosmalka.org) and we will send one home with your child.

Bnos Malka Academy – September Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	5	6	7 Fish Sticks Garlic Bread Split Pea Soup Cole Slaw Fruit	8 Grilled Cheese Carrots Fruit
11 Meat Balls Bread Rolls Corn Fruit	12 Baked Ziti Salad Fruit	13 Chicken Nuggets Rice Vegetables Fruit	14 Falafal & Pita Hummus Israeli Salad Fruit	15 Tuna & Rolls Vegetables Fruit
18 Deli Turkey Potato Knishes Cole Slaw Fruit	19 Pasta & Cheese Salad Fruit	20 NO SCHOOL	21 NO SCHOOL	22 NO SCHOOL
25 Hot Dogs French Fries Beans Fruit Vegetable	26 Pasta & Cheese Salad Fruit	27 Chicken Rice Vegetables Fruit	28 Grilled Cheese Vegetable Soup Fruit	29 NO SCHOOL

Milk, bread, soynut butter, and jelly served with all meals. (No milk or butter served on meat days, 100% fruit juice served instead.) Low fat milk available.