

BNOS MALKA WEEKLY

SEPTEMBER 28, 2017 | יום כיפור | 8 TISHREI 5778

From the Desk of Mrs. Shuly Zuckerman Assistant Principal, Grades 5-8

With the arrival of Yom Kippur, we may take some moments to consider what our personal avodah is and how to propel ourselves forward. A story about Rav Aharon Solevetchik, Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshivas Brisk in Chicago, may shed some light in strategizing for our personal growth. A few years before Rav Aharon's passing, he suffered a debilitating stroke which left most of his body paralyzed. What he had previously taken for granted, became little more than a far dream; doing basic tasks became near impossible. Yet, he insisted that he begin rehabilitation, as soon as it was medically possible. The therapy sessions began, and talmidim came regularly to assist him. One day, R' Dovid Green came to help Rav Aharon through a difficult task. Rav Aharon was placed between two parallel bars to try to take one step forward while being supported from behind. As Rav Aharon began, one could see the tremendous strain on his face. Each grueling moment, required enormous effort of his frail body. A talmid saw how hard it was for Rav Aharon to take his first step, and asked Rav Aharon if he wanted to stop. Rav Aharon declined and moved forward again. R' Dovid noticed, this time, that his Rebbe was mumbling something. He moved a bit closer to listen and heard... "Achas v'achas." Rav Aharon was marking each step with tremendous concentration and effort; this was his personal avodah.

Each one of us has our unique challenges; call them growing edges. Recognizing our own personal struggles and making an effort to move forward, requires enormous courage and resilience. We must affirm ourselves when we take these small, but important, steps, regardless of what others are struggling with. Our avodah is individual to our lives today and our personal growth that is relevant to us, personally.

This value is certainly true about Yom Kippur, and it is also a value that we, at Bnos Malka, live by every single day. We educate by seeing each student as an individual, with unique growing edges and strengths to go along. Through encouragement and celebrating gradual, individual growth, each child grows and develops. May we all be zoche to inspire others as well as ourselves in our personal avodah in the coming year.

G'mar Chasima Tova.

Classroom Milestones

Morah Rina Devorah Kritzman | PKA K

The children in Pre-K K have jumped right into school. The first few weeks in our classroom were about getting to know the routines and procedures, as well as learning how to be part of a class. The children have already learned important skills like saying "thank you" to the door holder when they pass by. Each day brings something new and exciting in our class. We have opened almost all of our centers. The children have had a chance to explore the art center, dramatic play area, block center, li-

brary, cozy corner, math and science centers, and most recently, the sand table! Our class is really taking to heart what they learn about sharing and taking turns. We can't wait to see what else is in store! We have also been learning all about Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. We tasted apples and honey for Rosh Hashana and made special slippers for Yom Kippur. We learned the story of Yonah and touched on the topic of Hashem being everywhere (just like we sing in the song). The children are so excited to learn more about Sukkos and Simchas Torah next week! I can't wait to share more as we learn and grow throughout the year. Have a wonderful Shabbos and a Gmar Chasima Tova!

Morah Adina Rosen | Pre1a-K General Studies

We had an exciting week in Pre1a-K. As part of our Fall unit, the girls enjoyed learning about apples. We read the book "How Does an Apple Grow" by Betsy Maestro and discussed how apples start out as buds on trees and then turn into flowers. The fruits then ripen in the Fall. We also brainstormed the different types of apples we recognized including Golden Delicious, Macintosh and Granny Smith. On Tuesday, we cut open an apple and examined its parts. The girls were able to identify the peel, flesh, seeds and stem and the role each one played in helping the apple grow. During our center time, the class made apple crowns. We also played with apple pie sensory bins (with oatmeal, cinnamon sticks, cloves and pom-pom "apples"). Then, we got to taste our apples. They were so yummy! The class voted on their favorite variety of apples. We had a great week and are excited to continue to learn about Fall next week.

Morah Sharon Herzberg | 1st Grade Kodesh

As Kitah Aleph is a big transition from pre-school, we are taking time to learn and practice the rules and routines of class. We have already learned how to read letters Aleph through Hey with the Kamatz. Our girls are learning these fundamental reading skills beautifully. Please keep practicing every night--listen to your daughters while they read and let them do their writing homework alone. We have also been busy learning about Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot. We are learning the laws, Hebrew words, songs and meanings behind the special holidays that we celebrate during this time of year. Please help your daughters get used to putting their homework folders (and their readers, when necessary) back in their knapsacks at night, ready for school the next day and please help your daughters prepare healthy snacks. May you and your families have a Gmar Chatima Tova, a Shana Tova (good year) - in school and out.

IN THE BNOS MALKA FAMILY

Mazel tov to **Mr. & Mrs. Yaakov Peretz**, parents of **Avigail** (1st Grade) and **Yael** (2nd Grade) on the birth of a baby boy!

Our condolences to **Rabbi & Mrs. Avi Matmon**, parents of **Debby** (Pre-1a) and **Shoshana** (3rd Grade) upon the loss of Rabbi Matmon's mother, Shoshana Roza bat Ester.

Our condolences to **Mr. and Mrs. Gavin Bolsom**, parents of **Shira** (Pre-1a) on the loss of Mrs. Bolsom's father, Mr. Charles Fridman.

UPCOMING DATES

Friday, Sept. 29

Erev Yom Kippur-No School

Wednesday October 4- Friday, October 13

Sukkos Break-No School

CANDLELIGHTING EREV YOM KIPPUR 6:21 | HAVDALAH 7:27 PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOM IYUN

This week the middle school was treated to a Yom Iyun to help prepare students for Yom Kippur. The girls were split into groups based on their school “families.” They then rotated between four different stations to engage in various activities. At one station students explored the meaning of Vidui and took time to highlight ideas to have in mind when they recite it on Yom Kippur. At another spot, students created word clouds of their requests from Hashem to keep in their machzorim. Then, students placed sentence strips with the story of Yonah in the proper sequence and learned some applicable lessons. At the final stop, students heard an inspirational story highlighting that our ability to do teshuva is a chesed from Hashem. Thank you to Mrs. Rauch for organizing this beautiful event and to the middle school teachers who made it a success.

SIXTH GRADE SUCCOS MODELS

The 6th graders were divided into groups that each received a topic about Succos. The groups did a phenomenal job going through the meforshim provided on their topic. Each group then received instructions to put together a model based on their topic. The girls put together their models in such beautiful and creative ways! Each group displayed how well they understood the topic when they taught their information to the class! We can't wait to display the models and explain them to the 5th graders!

Mrs. Devorah Heisler | 3A Kodesh

The girls of Kittah Gimmel have been working so hard and have achieved so much already! We've been learning so much about Elul, Rosh Hashana and the Aseres Yimei Teshuva. The girls learned about doing Teshuva and that Hashem is extra close to us during this time of the year. In Chumash, we are nearing the end of our first Perek and have been reviewing our first sixteen Shorashim flashcards. The girls have also been practicing their Ivrit by reading stories and discussing the Beit HaKnesset they daven in. Kittah Gimmel had an incredibly fun filled month of learning! Looking forward to a wonderful year of growth!

Ms. Miriam Arshadnia | 5th Grade ELA

The fifth grade is off to a great start in ELA! The girls were very excited to start reading and borrow books from our classroom library. We've set up our Reader's Notebook, and learned about reading goals to strive for this year. We also began learning the structure and components of a five-paragraph essay. This week, we went on a field trip to the Forest Hills Public Library in preparation for our State Fair project, and the girls can't wait to start working on their state after Sukkos!

Mrs. Batsheva Dalezman | 5th Grade Math, Computers

5th Grade Math: We're on our way, paving the path for learning about all division. Before we get to that, of course we have to start with the basics, which is multiplication! We have been reviewing and learning all about multiplication patterns, different number families, and of course reviewing our tables.

5th Grade Computers: The girls are super excited to be starting Microsoft Word! We all learned that our teachers and parents use Word almost daily. We learned to how to properly save our work, where it goes, and how to open it.

Mrs. Shaps | 5th Grade Kodesh

If you had to come up with a name for the month in which we prepare ourselves for the scary, impending Judgement Day, when our lives are all in the balance, what would it be? We discussed some ideas in class. We came up with creative names like “Bum-bum-bum-bum...You are About to Get Judged” and “The Judgement Day is Approaching-Watch Out!” But what is the month actually called? Elul. Elul stands for “Ani l'dodi vdodi li” (I am to my beloved and my beloved is to me.) The name of the month speaks of Hashem's love for us! Elul, Rosh Hashana, and Yom Kippur are given to us as a gift from Hashem because He loves us and wants to wake us up to daven and do teshuva so that we can have the best year possible. This has been our premise as we have been exploring and delving into the Yamim Noraim these past few weeks. Gmar Chasima Tova!

Mrs. Shaps | 6th Grade ELA

ELA is in full swing! We've begun units in Writing, Reading, Spelling, Grammar and Vocabulary. This Writing Unit is refreshing us on essay structure and all the various components and elements of an essay. We've been having fun generating ideas of what to write about by going around the classroom with post-its and answering questions hung up around the room. We have all chosen a topic by now and have begun to formulate ideas for the body of our essays.

Mrs. Batsheva Dalezman | 6th Grade Computers

I think everyone agrees that Power Point is so much fun. The girls were so excited to start their very first assignment, a slide show all about themselves!

Ms. Sara Nasirov | 6th Grade Social Studies

It's hard to believe that we are already in the fourth week of school! Our 6th grade Social Studies class has been busy honing their skills to prepare for their work as history detectives over the course of the year. Shout out to the girls for helping each other in class so willingly and with such enthusiasm when we were learning more challenging concepts. After Succot, we will be starting our weekly current events/geography discussions. Looking forward! Gmar Chatima Tova.

Mrs. Devorah Heisler | 7th Grade Kodesh

The 7th grade girls have been working hard and learning so much! Each week, we learn many subjects, covering the entire Tanach! First, we learn Parsha in which the girls are given the sources in order to develop a Dvar Torah on their own. Next, we learn Navi. This year, we are learning Shmuel Beis together. We are up to Dovid Hamelech being anointed as Melech of Yehuda! Finally, we are learning the history of Bnei Yisroel starting from the time when the first Beis Hamikdosh was destroyed. The girls of Kittah Zayin are motivated and determined to succeed and they are off to a great start!

KAPPAROS CAMPAIGN

My fellow chickens and I are behind a new campaign,

“Save A Chicken, Give Tzedaka”

צדקה תציל ממות

This Yom Kippur strengthen education and, at the same time, save a few of my buddies by sending your kapparos money to Bnos Malka!

Wishing you and your family a G'mar Chasima Tova, and a meaningful and easy fast.

