



TRUE MENUCHA

Dear Parents,

Yaakov Avinu bentched Yissachar: יששכר המור גרם רובץ בין המשפתים. He is a strong boned donkey, he lies between the boundaries. The Meforshim wonder why Shevet Yissachar, whose descendants are renowned for their dedication to Torah study, are specifically compared to a donkey as opposed to another animal. The fact that donkeys carry loads is an insufficient reason because horses also carry loads and can transport heavy burdens.

The Meforshim answer that all load-carrying animals must inevitably stop to rest and take a break from their work. However, there is a crucial difference when they take a break. When a horse carries a burden, the burden must be removed until the horse has recuperated and is ready to continue. The donkey can lie down and rest while still carrying the weight of its load.

Therefore, Yissachar is compared specifically to a donkey. Yissachar represents those who carry the load of Torah. They too at times need to recharge periodically. The distinguishable characteristic of a true Ben Torah is that even at those moments they conduct themselves in accord with their year-round behavior, never casting the 'burden' off their backs for a moment.

We can better understand this concept through the rest of bracha that Yaakov gave to Yissachar. וירא מנוחה כי טוב והארץ כי נעמה. ויט שכמו לסבל ויהי למס עובד. He saw that peaceful serenity is good, the land was enjoyable, and he bent his head to shoulder the heavy load.

The Mir Mashgiach, Rav Yeruchem Levovitz זצ"ל wonders at the seeming contradiction in the possuk. In the beginning it refers to a life of tranquility and comfort but ends with mentioning shouldering a burden. This, he explains, is because Yissachar understands the true definition of מנוחה. It is the opposite of what we are accustomed to think. True serenity allows us to rise above any challenge and still have מנוחה הנפש. It isn't restricted to a particular time, place or setting. All too often we encounter circumstances and challenges. If we are truly מקבל the עול תורה we are guaranteed to be bentched with that מנוחת הנפש.

גוט שבת!
Rabbi Ochs



הדלקת נרות

4:02 PM



UPCOMING

- Jan 1 - Early dismissal, Hamilton bldg - 12 pm, Williston bldg - 12:15 pm
- Jan 12 - 15 - No school
- Jan 29 - PD Day, No school
- Feb 13 - STEM Fair
- March 2 - Motzei Shabbos - Torah Academy Auction

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WEEKLY LOOK BACK

- Rabbi Kohn's 8th grade class finished the first perek of Makos! They celebrated this tremendous accomplishment with a fleishige siyum in class on Tuesday.
- In 5B, good questions/answers are rewarded with a shot on the "Bomba-Chapp" Battleship board. After sinking all 5 ships, the class enjoyed fresh popcorn as they watched a video from the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation. Keep up the good work!
- Last Monday, in celebration of completing 3,600 Pesukim of Super Chazara, 2B went to the park to play kickball!
- Chemdas is in full swing! Chemdas Kislev Raffle was today with very exciting prizes of Mishnayos, Seforim, and books. Junior Chemdas participants that completed 4 or more charts also received next level prizes. Now is the crunch time - only 1 month left (ט"ו בשבט) for boys in grades 3-8 to reach ½ their quota!
- Mazel tov to 2G on completing parshas Noach! They celebrated with a grand siyum. They had an ice cream party and they each got their own "mabul" cake which they decorated to look like a teiva. Thank you Mrs. Fontek!
- Mazel tov to 6G on completing parshas Behalosecha! Learning is going strong even with a substitute! Thank you Mrs. Dessler!
- K1 had a very special guest this week! It was Dr. Patach! All the kinderlach had to say "AH!" and got a special patach prescription.
- Our new playground structure is finally ready! Our kinderlach enjoyed it despite the rain!
- Pre-k2 designed special crowns in honor of completing sefer Beraishis! Chazak Chazak Venizchazeik!
- Welcome Back Mrs. Hersh! Thank you Mrs. Gelernter for subbing!
- 2G, 3G and 4G had a very exciting and educational chidon on the whole sefer Bereishis!

Save the Date!

STEM Fair
February 13, 2024

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Week of Learning

15 - 22 Teves - sponsored by Akiva and Deena Westreich in honor of the wonderful Rabbeim and Teachers of Torah Academy and as a Zechus for Klal Yisroel.

Day of Learning

16 Teves - sponsored by the Novik Family as a zechus for the Refuah shlema and mehira of Shelly Rachel bat Ziva Zelda betoch shear cholei Israel

Mazel Tov!

- To Chaya Greene ('18) on her engagement to Shmuel Goldman, and to parents Rabbi Michael and Mrs. Nina Greene.
- To Mr. Yitz and Mrs. Sorah Rivka Kashnow on the bar mitzvah of their son Yehoshua (7B). Please see the invitation further in the bulletin.
- To Meir ('02) and Yocheved Cohen-Skaly on the birth of their son, and to grandmother Mrs. Irit Cohen-Skaly.
- To Rabbi Shea and Mrs. Sharone Zuber on the birth of two great-grandsons.

Condolences

To Mrs. Baila Gitty Horowitz on the passing of her father Rav Ephraim Zalman Steinwurtzel, z"tl.

Mrs. Horowitz is sitting shiva through Tuesday evening Jan 2, 2024 at 1091 East 4th St. (between Avenues I and J) Brooklyn, NY 11230.

You may reach Mrs. Baila Gitty Horowitz at her cell: 617-510-8860

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Mazel Tov to learners of Parshas Vayigash!

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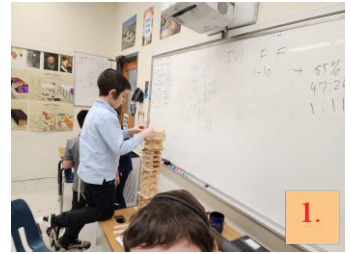
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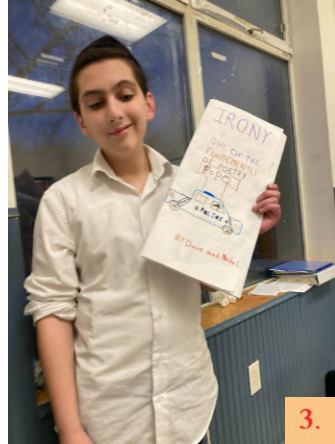
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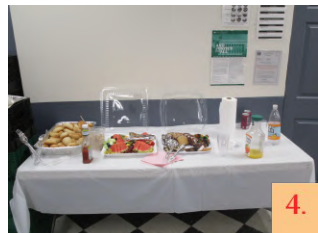
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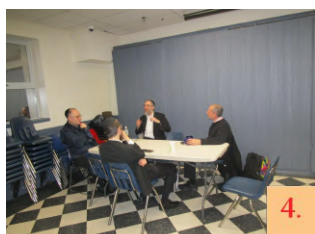
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1. 4B working with Keva planks and each other. The boys have started working on building a bridge that can span the room using no more than three desks for support.
2. Second grade acted out borrowing in subtracting during math.
3. 8B English Poetry Terms Brochures.
4. Staff collaborating at our monthly general studies meeting.
5. 1B celebrating a mini siyum for finishing their kriaah booklet.

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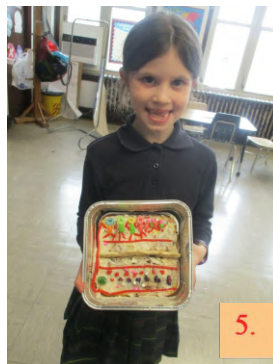
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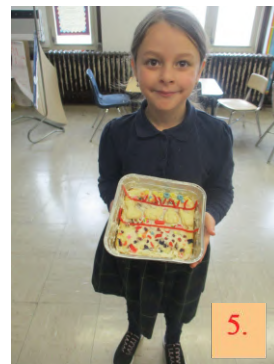
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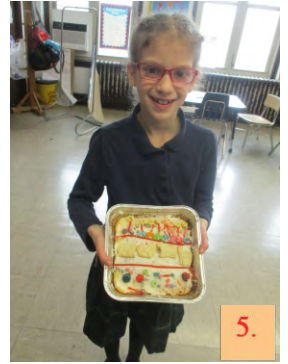
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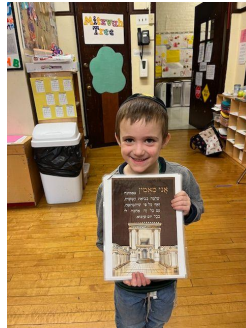
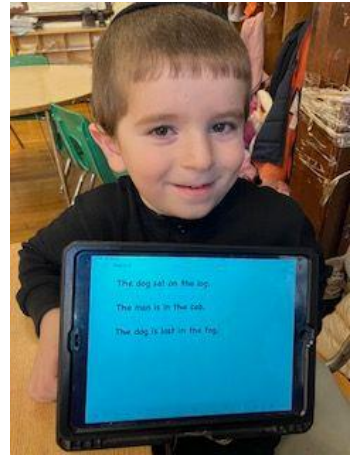
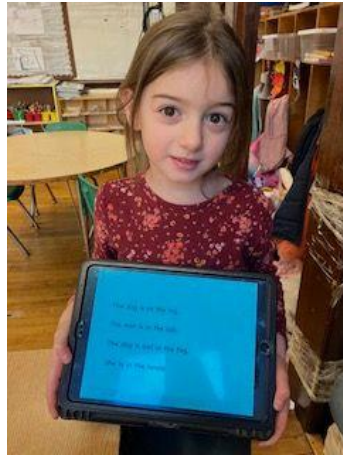
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1. 1G math game.
2. 1G had an exciting visitor one day.
3. 3G plays musical chairs in place of music this week.
4. 1G bulletin board.
5. 2G siyum on Parshas Noach.

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