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B'CHADREI CHADORIM

Your inside view in and around Clifton Cheder

בס"ד

ה' שבט תשע"ו

January 15, 2016

הדלקת נרות: 4:34 p.m.

Rabbi Yonah G. Lazar, Dean

Mrs. Rivkah Isaacs, Early Childhood Director

Mrs. Odelia Schlisser, General Studies Principal

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אשריכם תלמידי חכמים!



Our 5th grade experienced a day of tremendous chizuk, celebration and accomplishment on their recent trip to Lakewood, NJ!

After completing the entire **משניות מסכת יומא**, and an intense week of chazara, the class took a full day trip to Lakewood, **עיר התורה**.

The first stop was at Yeshivas Ohr Moshe, where the talmidim were warmly greeted by the Rosh Yeshiva, Rav Binyomin Eiseman **שליט"א**. Rav Eiseman passionately spoke to the talmidim about the (continued on page 12)

CALENDAR

Tuesday – Wednesday
January 19th-20th

General Studies Midterms
Grades 7 - 8

Motzei Shabbos
January 23rd

Grandfather - Father - Son
Melaveh Malkah
Elementary
see pages 14-15

Sunday
January 24th

Post Melaveh Malkah
10:00 a.m. opening
No Minyan

Wednesday - Monday
January 27th - February 1st

Mid - Winter Break
No Sessions

Sunday
February 7th

Hascholas Gemara Celebration
Grade 5

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Computer 'Compishments

By Mr. Mordechai Allen, 8th grade General Studies Teacher

"May I stay and write a little longer?" is certainly not an unreasonable request, right? If the request is lodged by a research fellow haunting MIT's Barker Library, it would be completely understandable. But a perfectly healthy, physically fit, eighth grade boy...at afternoon recess time?! What's up with that?

Ever since the introduction of computers in the eighth grade classroom at Clifton Cheder, this has been an everyday occurrence. O.K., so it has not been tested by a brutally long winter and the refreshing buds of May, but, given the unusually gentle winter we have enjoyed thus far this year, it's a pretty good indicator of coming events. Those events being a variety of writing assignments, algebra review and timed

exercises, science projects and other skill-building opportunities now made possible through Mr. and Mrs. Eli Schneider's generous donation of six, flat-screen, desktop computers loaded with Mi-



crosoft Office, Khan Academy and a typing program.

Being of the "much" older generation and having grown-up in the nation's stark Midwest when gasoline was \$.30/gallon and

minimum wage \$2.75/hr., I possess what I consider to be a healthy distrust of computer technology and its attendant Internet access and influence. Therefore, notwithstanding my enthusiasm for the technology, Khan Academy's window is the only port of Internet entry into our classroom, and I stand willing and able as guardian over all immigration proceedings.

Lending significantly to my enthusiasm for our new computer capability at the Cheder is my personal involvement in the emergence of the printing/typesetting/word-processing technologies of the past half century. Seeing each bochur able to turn-out in one hour, before one keyboard, sitting in one chair what used to take me and two other men two days and literally tons of machinery to produce is still an amazing thing. Johannes Gutenberg would be proud.



פרנסי היום

Thank you to the פרנסי היום sponsors who dedicated the Cheder's davening & learning:

- Dr. and Mrs. Alex Kushnir: month of ט"ז שבט - י"ז טבת - December 29th - January 26th as a refuah shelaima for Refphael Zev ben Shaindel Malka בתושח"י.
- Mr. and Mrs. Vadim Shulman: week of כ' טבת - January 1st in memory of Svetlana bas Reuven ע"ה.
- Rabbi and Mrs. Yonah G. Lazar: Friday, ה' שבט - January 15th: as a zechus for refuos and yeshuos for baby Ilana bas Gittel בתושח"י.



A Warm Welcome

Welcome to our new Nursery student, Uriel Kornitzer.



Mazel Tov To..

- Mr. and Mrs. Reuven Coleman on the Hanachas Tefillin of Yisroel Asher.
- Rabbi and Mrs. Yitzie Kagan on the Hanachas Tefillin of Elazar.
- Rabbi and Mrs. Dov Kramer on the bar mitzvah of Azarya.
- Rabbi and Mrs. Yonah G. Lazar on the marriage of their daughter Nechama to Nosson Lowenthal.
- Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rodionov of the upsherins of Aaron & Yoel.
- Mr. Yaakov and Morah Sarah Rosenthal on the birth of a grandson.
- Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Wilk on the Hanachas Tefillin of Itiel.



Thank You To..

Mr. & Mrs. Menachem and Bina Zarkhin for hosting a stunning **שבע ברכות** on behalf of the staff in honor of the marriage of Rabbi Lazar's daughter, Nechama. Special thanks to Mrs. Goldfarb and Morah Sarah Rosenthal for décor, Rabbi Wiederman for emceeing, and Rabbis Koval and Seldowitz for their inspiring words. Kudos to Rabbi Erlanger for singing the beautiful song written by Rabbi Seldowitz in honor of the Lazars. Thank you Rabbi Reischer for the musical accompaniment.



Do You Love Me?

By: Mrs. Ruthie Weiss, Nursery Teacher

A Book Review of *The Five Love Languages of Children* by Gary Chapman, Ph.D. and Ross Campbell, M.D.

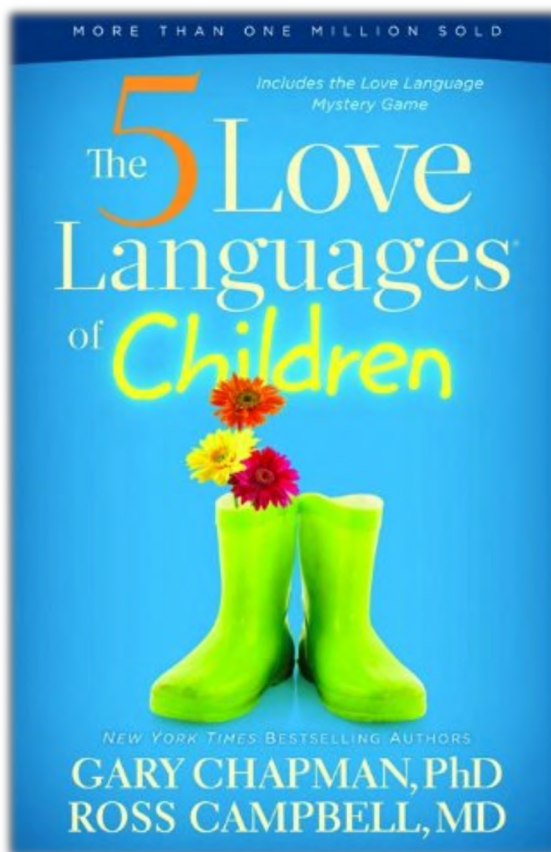
Has your child ever asked you to sit down and read a story for them after a long day at work, and you say, "I have a better idea how about I make you something special for dinner?" You may get a half hearted response as your child leaves the room. Have you ever spent a great deal of time choosing a special gift for your child when you were away on a trip and your child doesn't even notice or tosses it aside. They give you a big smile and say, "Could I show you what I just made for you?" Perhaps you respond by asking, "Don't you like your gift?" Your child shrugs and says, "It's OK, thanks," and leaves the room. Are you surprised at their response after you worked so hard to make them happy?

Are our children self centered, unappreciative, or trying to be difficult? Not likely; they just didn't feel loved when you were trying to do those things to express your love to them.

Our job as parents is to love our children unconditionally. According to author Gary Chapman, for our children to feel that love, their "love tanks" need to be filled before discipline or learning can occur. Each one of us has a love

language that will fill our tanks fastest.

We all give and receive love in different ways. The five love languages are words of affirmation, physical touch, quality time, acts of service and gifts. When we express love in a way that means the most to our child it tells them that we love them and care



about them. Each one of our children is different and may need to receive love in a different way. A brief description of each love language will help illustrate this idea.

Words of affirmation. Words of praise that are specific and said with a smile will mean so much to these children. They will seek ap-

proval and you should tell them reasons you are proud of them. They will enjoy being told "I love you" and notes of encouragement are always appreciated. Praise and compliment them out loud around others. This is especially nice to do at the Shabbos table if they have done something to prepare a D'var Torah, set the table, set the candles or cook or serve the food.

Physical touch. These children need to be kissed and hugged. They will appreciate a back rub and holding hands. They enjoy being carried, cuddled, tickled and given high fives. The games they will enjoy playing with you may be tag or wrestling.

Quality time. These children need undivided attention. When you make time for these children it tells them that they are very important to you. When you focus on them they feel loved. Make sure to listen carefully and make eye contact when they talk. Share your thoughts and feelings with them. Play, go biking, sing, laugh, read stories, run errands, cook or do a project together. Take them out on a "date" all by themselves. They will enjoy sharing activities they enjoy with you.

Acts of service. Do something for your child that is meaningful to them. Make them their favorite dinner. Fix their favorite toy. Help them with a new or difficult task. Check their homework. Pick them

Do You Love Me?

up on time. Help them with a project. Make them a hot drink when they come home on a cold day. Bake them their favorite snack. Teaching these children to serve others will make them feel loved, too. Make time to do one special thing for them daily.

Gifts. These children feel good when someone gives them something. They are the children who take extra special care of their gifts. They will often display them. Gifts are more important to these children than to most. They enjoy surprise treats, earning a treat, and having their favorite food

made for them. You can make them a card or a craft to show them that you love them. You may want to keep inexpensive gifts on hand to give them, bring them a pretty flower, sea shell or a special stone. You can even send them on a gift treasure hunt.

It is important to focus on your child's primary love language especially if you have limited time, but remember to use the other four as well. They may feel love best from one love language but will benefit from all the other expressions of love as well.

We are naturally inclined to express love to our children in a manner that is consistent with our own love language. It is important to recognize that our children's love language may be different, and we need to stretch ourselves to learn their love language. That way they will feel secure and consistently have a full "love tank."

Chazal tell us "חנוך לנער על פי דרכו," train a child according the child's way. Learning our children's love language is a very important piece of that puzzle. It will help us in our lifelong chinuch endeavor.

Lounging at the Cheder



Special thanks to Mrs. Debra Goldberg for donating the bean bag seats and to Mrs. Schlisser for arranging.

Elegant Evening for Early Childhood Mothers

By: Mrs. Chanie Probst

Bedazzled by jewels gracing the tables, food galore and scintillating entertainment... Motzei Shabbos, December 26, the Clifton Cheder early childhood moms were treated to a wonderful Melaveh Malkah at the home of Marty and Joy Goldberg.

First on the agenda was an inspiring shiur given by our warm and engaging menahel, Rabbi Lazar. He spoke about the importance of believing in our children and how in turn this will enable them to have emunah and a close relationship with Hakodosh Baruch Hu.

Eve Cantor, a Cheder mom and professional in the fashion indus-

try, entertained and educated us about the importance of presenting ourselves as Jewish Princesses, in the true sense. She had all the women in gales of laughter as she discussed how to figure (no pun intended) out our body shape and how to dress from head to toe in an attractive and tzanua fashion. One of the great techniques Eve discussed was how to sort through our clothes and "shop our closets."

Makeup, clothes, Geula or is it Geula, makeup and clothes? Matana Ramati's true passions surfaced as she instructed all of us on how to weave beads, as she spontaneously bubbled with her words of inspiration regarding

the geula. The colors and choices of beads were amazing. Women were offered the opportunity to weave a bracelet with seed beads using the herringbone stitch.

We all had plenty of time to schmooze with old friends and make new ones in a relaxing atmosphere shared with Mrs. Isaacs, Mrs. Schlisser, preschool teachers and office staff. The choices of foods presented in the magnificent kitchen were delicious including soups, baked ziti, salads, and cheesecake among many other favorites.

Special thanks are due to Mrs. Isaacs and Mrs. Goldfarb for coordinating the beautiful evening

from start to finish together with our parent volunteer Party Planner extraordinaire, Mrs. Sara Levine. The Cheder appreciates Mr. and Mrs. Shaul Feinsod and Rabbi and Mrs. Yonah G. Lazar's sponsorship of the memorable event.



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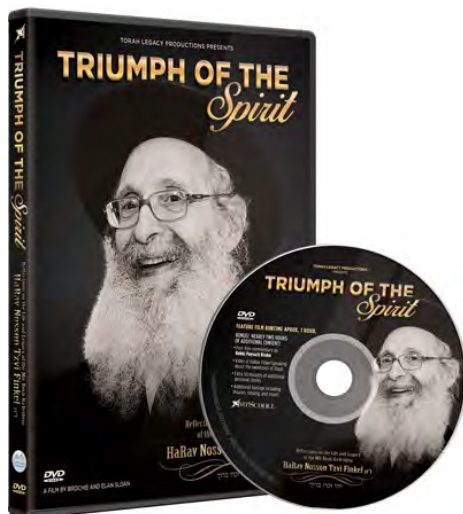


GOT SOCKS?

Morah Leah's Nursery are making sock puppets. Any extra socks you can spare will come to good use. ☺

Thanks.

Shvat - A Month of Growth



Do you believe that you can become great? That was the question posed to grades 4-8 at the recent Rosh Chodesh assembly. Chodesh Shevat is a month that symbolizes growth. The possibility of growing into greatness was the theme of the assembly as the talmidim were introduced to the amazing story of a "regular" American boy that grew to become the head of the largest yeshiva in the world!

The talmidim were guided to realize their own possibilities, while

learning about the life of Harav Nosson Tzvi Finkel זצ"ל, Rosh Yeshivas Mir – Yerushalayim. A stunning and inspirational video presentation was shown that began by highlighting Rav Nosson Tzvi's humble beginnings and followed his efforts as a teenager to grow in Torah.

The talmidim watched as Rav Nosson Tzvi spoke about his own transition to Eretz Yisroel, and how one of his early Rebbeim testified about his drive to succeed even when he was at a disadvantage. The message was highlighted again by Rav Mattisyahu Salomon שליט"א who said that "We all can do it too."

Also shown was a very moving clip of Rav Nosson Tzvi speaking at a סיום הש"ס. In it, Rav Nosson Tzvi said that the sweetest words that can ever be said are "הדרן עלך תלמיד בבלי". The greatness of Rav Nosson Tzvi and his love for Torah was evident and pow-

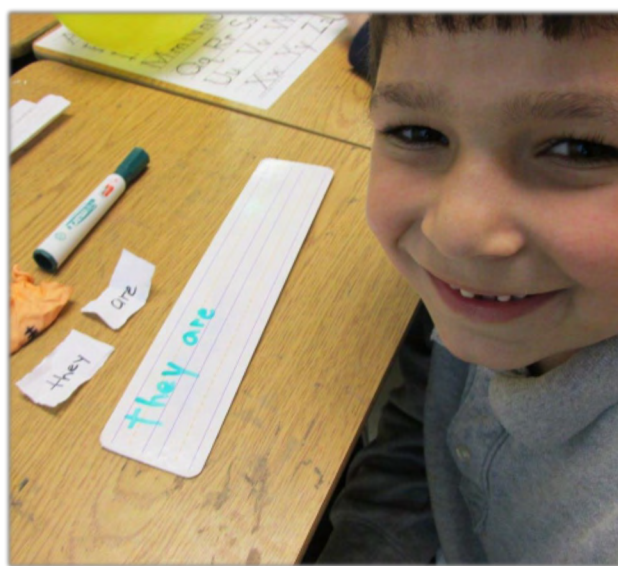
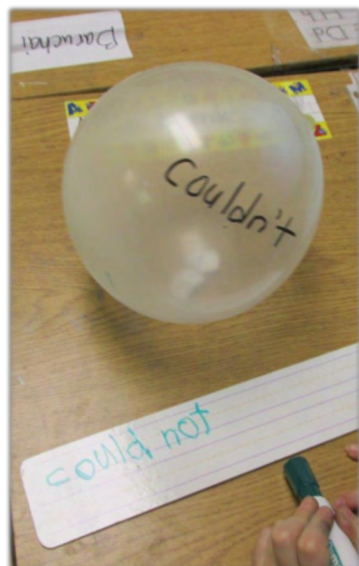
erful throughout the presentation and is sure to stay with all for a long time to come.

Before the conclusion of the assembly, our 6th grade Rebbe, Rabbi Salzman, shared some personal recollections of his Rebbe, Rav Nosson Tzvi זצ"ל.



Grades 1-3 learn about the שבועת המינים via a special Memory Game Rosh Chodesh activity—at this concurrent assembly.

Learning is Fun



By: Mrs. Dorothy Karp, 1st grade General Studies Teacher

How are contractions and balloons similar? They both expand and contract!

First grade spent a week learning about contractions. In addition to working on the Smartboard and doing worksheets, we made "Contraction Caterpillars." For this, the boys wrote contractions on a caterpillar body part and the expanded form on its two legs.

To complete our unit, we had fun with "Contraction Balloons." Each boy was given a balloon



with a contraction written on it. It didn't take long before the boys realized that something was inside the balloon. Before they could pop the balloon to see

what was inside, they had to write the expanded form on a dry-erase board. Having done this, they were now allowed to pop-the-balloon. However, no sharp objects were allowed! The boys needed to think how they could accomplish this task. Some sat on their balloon - with no luck. Some bounced, again with no luck. Some decided to sit on the carpet, others the hard floor. Ultimately everyone popped his balloon and had fun.

What was in the balloon? Two pieces of paper, each with one word of the expanded form.

National Nachas

Rabbi Shea Steinberg, the liaison for the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation, came to visit Clifton Cheder. As Rabbi Erlanger was speaking with him during a recess break, R' Steinberg shared, "Rabbi Erlanger, I must tell you something that it important for you to know. I fly around the country visiting dif-

ferent schools and connecting them with the various programs that the CCHF offers. I must tell you that when I come to the Cheder, I am truly amazed at the bein adam l'chavero that exists. I hope you will share this with your class because they need to know as well."

Brachos Puppet Show in Early Childhood



Two Kisses from Hashem

By: Rabbi Elchanan Erlanger, 4th Grade Rebbe

In December of 2013 my 2003 Toyota Camry was due for inspection. However, the engine light was on for quite a long time, and the issue that needed to be fixed for the light to turn off (so that I could pass inspection) was a very costly repair. The catch though was that this costly job was in no way needed for the longevity of the car. I was therefore unsure if I should or should not invest that money into the car. What do you do when you have such a dilemma? You daven and wait. And that is what I did. I davened and waited.

The last week of that December I was already getting a bit anxious - I needed to make the decision to either spend the money or be ready to not pass inspection.

Low and behold... after months of the engine light being on... בהשגחה עליונה, it TURNED OFF. WOW!! I ran to the state inspection garage, afraid that at any moment the light would turn back on. But ה' had other plans. He kept the light off and I passed inspection for the next two years - until December 2015!! I was back on my way home with many thanks to the

רבונו של עולם for the incredible סייעתא דשמיא kiss that He planted on my cheek.

A mere few days later the light turned back on. "Oh here we go

you'll never believe what happened.

On Sunday, December 27, 2015, six days before I would need to take my car off the road, I turned my car on and behold, the light was OFF. I was beyond ecstatic!! However, it was a Sunday, and I can't do an inspection on a Sunday. So I davened and waited. Two days later, on Tuesday afternoon - four days before the expiration date - I passed inspection until 2017.

I was thrilled that my car could stay on the road. But way more than that, I felt overwhelmed by the special kiss that Hashem has lovingly sent me once again. No way in my wildest mind could I possibly believe that Hashem does not run the world - even regarding the most mundane parts of our lives.

That Friday morning, January 1st, I Baruch Hashem had the opportunity to share this powerful story with all of our talmidim. I tried to embark the message and lesson of the sweetness of Hashem's love for us. We celebrated with some sweet laffy-taffies.

Thank you Hashem.



again..." I thought. The advantage this time was that I now had TWO years to daven and to wait; to think about whether or not I should put that kind of money into the car.

My engine light remained on for the last two years, and this past December I was back in the same quandary. But this time,

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importance of limud hatorah in general and the importance of limud Gemara in particular. He explained how Torah is the key to true happiness and that it helps us control the way we feel and behave. Rav Eiseman then gave the class a tour of the Yeshiva building before seeing off the very inspired talmidim.

The next stop was the largest Yeshiva in the country, Bais Medrash Gavoha! Rabbi Seldowitz gave the class a tour of the central campus including four Batei Mid-

rashim packed with talmidim learning, an enormous seforim library, a massive dining room and even a large coffee room! The group enjoyed taking in the sounds and sights of thousands of Bnei Torah involved in the most important activity in the world!

Although it was hard to leave the Beis Medrash, the trip continued to Glatt Bite - Lakewood's premiere kosher eatery - to enjoy a special siyum sponsored by R' Elchanon Gelb! After being greeted over the loudspeakers, the class immediately sat down to complete the final words of the masechta! The seudas hasiyum was delicious and fun but before long the trip continued to a 5th Bais Medrash of BMG in order to daven Mincha together with the Rosh Yeshiva, Rav Dovid Schustal שליט"א!

The talmidim and Rebbe were joined by our dean Rabbi Lazar, who spoke to the boys about the special family that Rav Schustal comes from - giving them a bit of context be-

fore meeting the Rosh Hayeshiva.

Davening at the shtenders of the huge Bais Medrash, with the Rosh Yeshiva davening for the amud, is something that will remain with the boys for a long time to come! After Mincha, the group followed the Rosh Yeshiva upstairs to his office where he proceeded to farther the talmidim on **מסכת יומא** for 45+ minutes! It was such a nachas to watch the talmidim interact with the Rosh Yeshiva as the questions and discussions covered all 8 perakim of the masechta!

The Rosh Yeshiva expressed how impressed he was with the talmidim's knowledge and middos and how much he enjoyed spending time with them! Without a doubt the talmidim's experiences left an even stronger impression on them, which we hope will stay for many years to come!

Super special thanks to 5th grade father, Mr. Elchanon Gelb, who not only sponsored the restaurant **סעודה**, but accompanied the boys throughout the trip. **ואחרון אחרון**, thank you to a most amazingly devoted and talented

Rebbe that our Cheder is so lucky to have - 5th grade Rebbe, Rabbi Yosef Seldowitz שליט"א, for making all of this possible.



אשריכם תלמידי חכמים!



Elementary talmidim, fathers, and grandfathers
are cordially invited to attend

Clifton Cheder's

Evening of Shira Melaveh Malkah

מוצש"ק שבת שירה - January 23, 2016

Young Israel of Passaic
200 Brook Avenue, Passaic, NJ

8:00-9:45 p.m.

Featuring Guest Story Teller

שליט"א Rabbi Yosef Pruzansky

World famous host of the WonderWords Hotline.

Special song performance led by our 7th and 8th grade talmidim.

EXCITING RAFFLES!

including a bike and other amazing prizes

\$10 per student (fathers and grandfathers are free)



****Please return the R.S.V.P. card to your son's Rebbe,
letting him know how many people from your family will attend.****

Evening of Shira



We are so excited
to join you
at the

Evening of Shira – Melaveh Malkah

Motzei Shabbos, January 23, 2016.

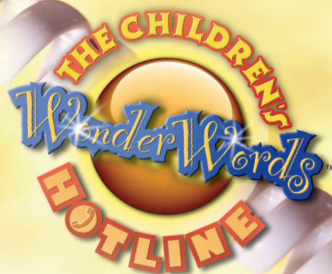
The following family members will אי"ה attend:

Please return to your son's Rebbe or email your response to

kperlmutter@cliftoncheder.org.

Cost: \$10 per student (fathers and grandfathers are free).

Checks can be issued to Clifton Cheder.



The Many Smiles of Early Childhood



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Clifton Cheder – January 2016

**Menu Subject to Change
 **Food Provided by The
 Kosher Experience
 **Food prepared under the
 supervision of the OU & PCK
 **Food is served under
 supervision of the school

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4 Baked Ziti Plain Pasta Vegetables Fruit	5 Chicken Lo Mein Rice Broccoli Fruit	6 Pizza	7 Hot Dogs French Fries Vegetables Fruit	8
11 Mac & Cheese Plain Pasta Vegetables Fruit	12 Deli Roll Coleslaw Fruit	13 Pizza	14 BBQ Chicken Couscous Vegetable Fruit	15
18 Apple & Potato Blintzes Vegetables Apple Sauce	19 Schnitzel Mashed Potato Vegetables Fruit	20 Pizza	21 Burger French Fries Lettuce/Tomato Fruit	22
25 Falafel & Pita Israeli Salad Fruit	26 Poppers Rice Vegetable Fruit	27 MID WINTER BREAK	28 MID WINTER BREAK	29

February 2016

שבת - אדר א' תשע"ו

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbos
	1 כב Mid-Winter Break	2 כג	3 כד	4 כה	5 כו 5:00 p.m.	6 כז פרשת משפטים שבת מברכים
7 כח 5th Grade: Hascholas Gemara Celebration	8 כט	9 ל א' דר"ח אדר א' Early Childhood: Rosh Chodesh Assembly	10 א ב' דר"ח אדר א' Elementary: Rosh Chodesh Assembly		12 ג 5:08 p.m.	13 ד פרשת תרומה
14 ה	15 ו Presidents Day 12:30 Dismissal EC & GS: Staff Development Day	16 ז	17 ח		19 י 5:17 p.m.	20 יא פרשת תצוה
21 יב Elementary: Limudei Kodesh In-Service 10:00 Opening No Minyan	22 יג	23 יד פורים קטן Early Childhood: Purim Katan Carnival	24 טו		26 יז 5:25 p.m.	27 יח פרשת כי תשא
28 יט	29 כ					