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Work or Play? Which One Is It?

Do you ever wonder what kids do in Early Childhood? Is there any rhyme and reason to their playing with toys? Are they actually learning something, too? At the Clifton Cheder the answer is a resounding yes! Our children are busy learning so many different subjects, via curricular integration throughout the classrooms. Many

subject areas overlap; for example if the children are learning about "fall" you will find our Morohs have presented this topic in many different areas of the classroom. They will have works (our children see them as games, but we know better) that reflect this topic throughout the room. If you were exploring one of the

classrooms you might find the following:

In **Math** there might be an area where children can practice visual discrimination to classify fall leaves according to color, shape or size. Other children might be counting leaves and finding the numbers to go along with the amount of leaves they have.

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CALENDAR

Friday November 1

Short Friday Schedule Begins
12:30 dismissal

Sunday November 3

1st grade
Chumash Celebration
11:00am - 12:00pm
at the Adas

Weeks of Nov 4 and Nov 11

Kids Stuff Coupon Book
Fundraiser
see pages 6 and 8

Thursday-Sunday Nov 28-Dec 1

Chanukah Vacation,
Legal Holiday
no sessions

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A Rainy Dream

ו"ז מרכישון המבול began, our 4th-6th grade talmidim gathered to hear a rain related story and message.

The story, first made famous by Rabbi Paysach Krohn, then later by Rabbi Lazar at Prima Pizza ☺, was shared with our older students.

A young Moshe Schwab, who grew up in Frankfurt, Germany, was sent to learn in Kaminetz Yeshiva for a few years of study before he would enter the family business.

As the prevalent custom was, young Moshe traveled to one of the large Yeshivos, Mir in Poland to spend אולל, סוכות and ימים נוראים in

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In **Science** there will be activities to help the children learn about the seasons and their events. This might include sorting clothes or pictures of activities based on their season.

In the **Prereading/Reading** area the children might do a leaf tracing work, where they might trace the outline of the leaf, and then search for what type of leaf it is and then copy over the names of the leaves and put it together in a fall leaf book.

Prewriting/Writing requires the need for greater small motor strength and coordination. With that in mind, you might find the children working on cutting out the different leaf shapes, or transferring baby acorns with a spoon or with tongs.

Fall **Art** areas are easily noticed. There might be collages using real leaves, or art materials out to make a fall tree. Even the easel will be set up so that the children can use fall colors to paint and create their own montage to represent fall.

The **Sensorial** area emphasizes becoming aware of our five senses. Visual sensorial exercise could be matching or picking out what is different. Working in a sand tray connects to the sense of touch, as does a mini leaf pile for the children to run their hands through. Various sounds of fall (rustling leaves in a bag, sounds of wind and rain), help the students get in touch with their sense of hearing.

Our children's fun is always de-



signed with an eye to the greater goals of giving them the experiences, skills and knowledge they will need to advance and develop properly. Our motto? **Learning is fun and fun is learning!**



We Couldn't have said it better!

Pre1A Student: Morah, Why are you coming back (after hours)?

Morah: Because Morah Rivkah and I are doing something fun on the playground (painting).

Pre1A Student: Huh? You mean you have a play date?

At a recent 5th grade vocabulary drill, in addition to picking the proper definition from a list of options, students were required to write a sentence using the word correctly. One of the words was 'thriving.'

One boy articulated our Cheder mission so beautifully when he wrote, "After I switched my son to the Cheder, he was thriving."

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the shadow of the older בחרים there. While there he began to question his goal and thought about devoting his life to full תורה full time.

However, one night, he held the ספר תורה as the בחרים danced around him and decided then and there - "שבתי בבית ליל שמחת תורה - ה' כל ימי חי" "I will make my תורה my life pursuit - - but how to tell his father, he wondered.

A couple of days later, a בחר from his previous Yeshiva arrived telling of a dream that he had on ליל שמחת תורה. A Yid with a long white beard appeared to him and asked him if he knew Moshe Schwab. When he said yes, the man asked him to send Moshe a message: משיב הרוח ומוריד הגשם.

After the dream repeated itself, he felt he had to come to tell the nocturnal message to Moshe.

From the way the described בחר the man's body language, Moshe understood that the הון didn't just mean wind—it referred to גשם—spirituality. Moshe didn't only

mean rain—it meant physical pursuits. So in turn the message was: Elevate the spiritual side and play down the physical.



Moshe rejoiced, as it was a sign from heaven that his decision to devote his energy full time to תורה was correct. [He went on to become the famous משגיח in Gateshead, England.]

After searching through pictures of צדיקים to see if the boy could point out who had appeared in the dream, they chanced upon some of Moshe's personal family

pictures. Lo and behold, the man in the dream was none other than Moshe's maternal grandfather, Rav Avrohom Erlanger זצ"ל.

What a surprise for our talmidim to hear that the man from the dream was the great-great grandfather of our own 4th grade Rebbe, Rabbi Elchanan Erlanger שליט"א!

Rabbi Lazar told the boys how impressed he is with the Cheder culture and who play up their pursuit of רוחניות, staying focused on what is important in life.

He shared with the boys the idea behind the famous quote, "The Main Thing is to Keep The Main Thing, The Main Thing." (Steven Covey)

Before ending the Mabul Day Gathering, Rabbi Lazar gave each תלמיד and רבינו an umbrella hat to a) keep them dry in the rainy season and b) remind them to stay focused on the more than the גשם.



Multi Sensory Mishnayos

"Tell me and I'll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I'll understand."

To enhance the talmidim's comprehension of some of the difficult concepts taught, our sixth graders utilized role-playing to better understand what they were learning. In Mishnayos Me-sches Shabbos, the class discussed practical applications of the halachos of **שְׁהִיא** - leaving pots on a fire on Shabbos and

נָתַן - returning a pot to the fire on Shabbos. The boys were quite busy moving pots around, on and off the blech on our preschool stove. They also made sure that the blech covered not only the flames but also the knobs.

We are sure that they will be more than happy to demonstrate over Shabbos and can resolve any halachic issues that may arise!



Keep 'Em Coming

375 boxtops have already been brought into the Cheder office! That equals \$37.50 towards your child's education.



Don't forget, for every sheet of box tops collected your child can pick a prize.

If your child needs an additional sheet, ask him to stop by the office.

A Warm Welcome

Welcome to our newest students who have recently joined our Cheder:

Akiva Kessin (Toddler)

Moshe Aryeh Seewald (Toddler)

Kayla Settenbrino (Toddler)

Niam Settenbrino (Kindergarten)



Coupon Books

You will receive your coupon books next week. We encourage everyone to sell to family, friends, and neighbors. For every 5 books sold, you get a free coupon book! Full instructions will be included.

Please return all coupon books that are not being purchased and send in payment for books that were purchased. This is a great opportunity to save money while helping our school!

Thank You To..

- the Schneider family for donating a book to the Kindergarten Class in honor of Avigail's 4th birthday.

Junior Fundraisers

A special thank you to all our devoted group of talmidim in grades 2–6 who chose to take part of our Yom Tov Collection Campaign for the Cheder.

All in all, they brought in over \$1300. All boys who collected \$10 received an ices and a raffle ticket for each \$20. Mazel Tov to Yaakov Katina of Grade 4 upon winning his \$50 Gift Card to either Z. Berman or Sports Authority (or split between both) and to the entire 4th grade for raising the most money—over \$500 for their yeshiva.



It's HIS story...so, Get it Right!

By a Special Correspondent

"We didn't flee to Egypt. We went down to Mitzrayim to join Yosef!" says a talmid in the back row.

"And look!" another enjoins from across the room, "They left-out all of Shemos!"

"Guys, it's only a summary," offers the dayan in the far right corner, "a non-Jewish summary."

Nothing escapes these talmidim, especially when they are armed with Mr. Allen's Amazing Kosher Timeline.

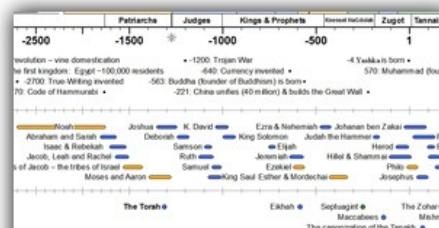
In 6th grade World History class we have been studying the Fer-

tile Crescent, and, most recently, the land to the south called Ca-naan (pronounced KAY nun... according to the Prentice Hall editors. Nice try, guys, but the talmidim all know it is Ka-na-AN.)

And when we are told that Abraham lived around 2000 B.C., a sofer in the front row dutifully consults his Amazing Kosher Timeline and edits the information to include the more proper designation of B.C.E.

Such is a typical World History note-taking session in the 6th grade classroom at the Cheder, and as any of these students can tell you, taking good notes isn't easy. It certainly isn't for the weak or faint-hearted. Regardless of the difficulty of doing so, one thing has been proven about the value of taking such

notes: on an open-note test they are indispensable.



Sheilas Hashavua

Q: I dreamt that I met משה רבינו and he wished me a ש"ר כחך. Who am I and what was he thanking me for?

Reminder:

On Sunday, bring in your completed form and place it in the special **Sheilas Hashavua** box located in Rabbi Lazar's office.

All correct entries will be entered into a **monthly raffle**. Additionally, all correct entries will be entered into a **twice yearly grand raffle**.

Last issue's question and answer:

Q: Which 7 names are hinted to in the title "ישראל"?"
How?

A:

ו' = יצחק + יעקב

ש = שרה

ר = רבקה + רחל

א = אברהם

ל = אלה

Sheilas Hashavua

Name: _____

Rebbe: _____ Grade: _____

Answer: _____

Assistance given by: _____

Reminder! You may receive assistance from anyone who is not a student or a staff member at the Cheder!



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