

שבת קודש פרשת כי תשא



B'CHADREI CHADORIM

Your inside view in and around Clifton Cheder

בז"ה

"ז אדר א' תשע"ה"

February 26, 2016

הדלקת נרות: 5:25 pm

Rabbi Yonah G. Lazar, Dean

Mrs. Rivkah Isaacs, Early Childhood Director

Mrs. Odelia Schlisser, General Studies Principal

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Rebbe Replicas



The Cheder was abuzz on Purim morning when numerous Rabbi Presbergs, Rabbi Lanes, Rabbi Reischers, Rabbi Erlangers, Rabbi Seldowitzes, Rabbi Salzmans, Rabbi Silbermintzes and Rabbi Kovals look-alikes arrived for class! In many of the rooms, the "new" Rebbeim taught the class to the delight of the "old" Rebbe.

Rabbi Lazar presented Purim themed prizes to the two winners in each class chosen by the "old" Rebbeim based on their realistic looking costumes and creativity.

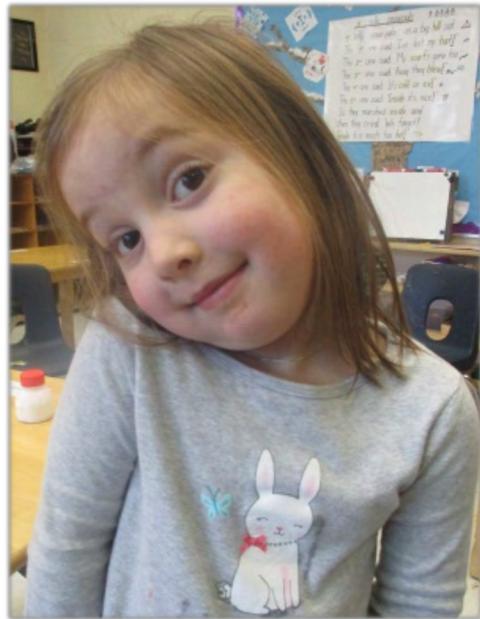
Happy Adar to all!

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CALENDAR	
Motzei Shabbos, February 27th	Grandfather-Father-Son Melaveh Malkah Elementary see attached flyer
Sunday, February 28th	Post Melaveh Malkah 10:00 a.m. start; no Minyan
Monday, February 29th	Dr. Rudolph Dentist Presentation Pre1A - 2nd grade
Monday, February 29th	Child Safety Workshop for Staff Grades 5-8 and After Care 4:00 p.m. dismissal
Wednesday, March 2nd	Child Safety Workshop for Parents see attached memo
Thursday, March 10th	Rosh Chodesh Assembly & Crazy Hat Day Early Childhood
Friday, March 11th	Rosh Chodesh - Dress Up Day Elementary
Sunday, March 13th	Daylight Saving Begins 10:00 a.m. start; no Minyan
Monday, March 14th [3.14]	Pi Day - Elementary no After Care & regular dismissal for all grades
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schedule update

Learning to Read Feelings in Early Childhood



LAST CHANCE

to receive the Early Bird rate for re-registering families.

All completed registration forms mailed and dated before March 1st will be \$400 per student.

Afterwards, the \$500 regular rate goes into effect.

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RABBI YONAH G. LAZAR, DEAN
MRS. R. ISAACS, EARLY CHILDHOOD DIRECTOR
MRS. O. SCHLISSE, GENERAL STUDIES PRINCIPAL

נ' אדר א' תשע"ז / February 11, 2016

Dear Parents שיחוי,

We would like to introduce you to a child safety program being used around the world in frum communities. The Magen Yeladim Institute is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting children. It was founded and developed by Mrs. Debbie Fox, LCSW of Los Angeles, following decades of work in the area of child abuse prevention and intervention.

For the Cheder community, Passaic/Clifton's Jewish Family Service will be providing therapists to educate and train staff (Rebbeim, Moros, teachers and assistants), the full parent body and students in Kindergarten through Grade 5.

On Wednesday evening, March 2nd, a special session will be held at the Young Israel of Passaic, 200 Brook Avenue, from 8:00 – 9:30 p.m. for Cheder parents.

Parents will learn about: *Safety at home, in public places, school, camp, etc. *Recognizing warning signs of possible abuse *How to handle a disclosure in a sensitive and productive way *Babysitting guidelines *Proper supervision in shul or other public places.

Parents will be provided with the language necessary to speak to their children about these sensitive topics. Additionally, parents will be familiarized with the program that will be presented to students in grades 5 and below.

Research demonstrates that lessons that are age-appropriate visited in multiple sessions, year after year, and provide opportunities for behavioral rehearsal and skill building work best.

Evidence shows that child sexual abuse prevention efforts should begin in the early childhood years so that they receive repeated exposure to prevention messaging. Child personal safety programs need to be designed to increase children's ability to recognize and avoid potentially dangerous situations and help better protect themselves.

To partner with us in this child protective endeavor, we ask you to do your absolute utmost to be present at the March 2nd Cheder Parents' Workshop. If at all possible, both parents should be in attendance. Should this be an impossibility, one parent should attend and share what they learn with their spouse.

Should *neither* parent be able to attend, please email crkaplan@cliftoncheder.org so that we will know not to expect your family.

Thank you for joining us in making the effort to protect our children.

Respectfully,

Rabbi Yonah G. Lazar
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A Cheder child is a happy child!

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We LOVE Learning with Rebbe!

חייב אדם לראות את עצמו
כאלו הוא יא עא ממצרים!





תשע"ז
2016-'17
CLASSES
ARE QUICKLY
FILLING UP!

Boys | Toddler - Grade 8

Girls | Toddler - Pre1A
Elementary Grades to Follow

If "A CHEDER CHILD
IS A HAPPY CHILD,"
wouldn't you want
that for your child?

**THE CHEDER,
it's the place to be!**

The Sweet Taste of Gemara (and ice cream)

A trip to Brooklyn! Being presented with their first Gemaros! A shiur from the Mirrer Rosh Yeshiva! A powerful shmuez from the Mirrer Mashgiach! A super fun and delicious stop at Sprinkles! WOW, what a day!

With great excitement our 5th grade took a trip to the Mirrer Yeshiva where they were presented with their Gemaros and experienced the sweetness of our mesora in a very tangible, inspiring and sweet way!

The trip began Sunday morning at the Cheder where the talmidim (and many fathers) arrived after davening, dressed for the occasion, excited and ready for this memorable excursion.

First stop: the Mirrer Yeshiva in Brooklyn.

In an effort to highlight the incredible mesora we have in תורה שבعل פה, the talmidim were brought to the very Yeshiva that their Rebbe, Rabbi Seldowitz, learned in, and were presented with their Gemaros as well as their first Gemara shiur by his Rebbe, Harav Reuven Schepansky שלייט"א.

With admirable derech eretz, the talmidim entered Rav Schepansky's shiur room and introduced themselves. Once everyone was seated, Rav Schepansky presented a Gemara and posed for a picture with



each of the talmidim.

After singing a song in honor of the event, Rav Schepansky taught the talmidim their first piece of Gemara as well as a shiur on how to value every word of רשות. The talmidim followed along, answered questions, commented respectfully and made us all very proud. From Rav Schepansky's comments to their Rebbe afterward, it was very apparent how impressed he was with the talmidim ("Why doesn't everyone in Passaic send to the Cheder?" ☺).

The talmidim also had the zechus of meeting the Mashgiach, Harav Ezriel Erlanger ר' שליט"א, who greeted each talmid warmly and pointed out to the talmidim that our Mesora goes back even further than Moshe Rabeinu. It actually goes back to Hashem himself! What a wonderful and powerful message to hear as the talmidim embark on their new journey discovering the beauty of תורה שבעל פה!

After a quick tour of the Yeshiva, the talmidim were driven to Sprinkles where it's very friendly and lively owner made our talmi-

dim feel right at home and invited all of them behind the counter to prepare their own ice cream treats! The ice cream was sweet and delicious but as their Rebbe pointed out, it isn't even a drop in the bucket compared to the joy of learning and growing in our **עבודת ה**!

Although the day's excitement concluded, the day's lessons are **נ"ב** still being lived and practiced every day in our 5th grade classroom. If you come and visit you will witness the joy of talmidim discovering their mesora, the mesora that connects them back to Hashem Himself!

Special thanks to Mr. Mark Shapiro for serving as the day's photographer and to Rabbi and Mrs. Yonah G. Lazar for dedicating the new **גמара**. May the learning serve as an **עליה** for the נשומות of Rabbi Lazar's esteemed parents, הרב משה אליהו ואסתר מלכה לאותך ז"ל.

Last but surely not least, thank you to Rabbi Yosef Seldowitz, 5th grade Rebbe, for imbuing the talmidim with **אהבת התורה**.



The Sweet Taste of Gemara (and ice cream)



Phenomenal Pyramids

By Mr. Joshua Rubin, 6th and 7th Grade Teacher



Ancient Egypt! Legendary pharaohs, giant horse drawn armies and great, large pyramids come to mind. Speaking of great large pyramids, the 6th Grade boys created two models of these wondrous feats of architecture in a recent contest. Group one, consisting of Yosef Bayaz, Pinny Kagan, Yaakov Feinsod, Hershy Friedman and Dovi Strimer, worked tirelessly on their project made entirely of lego pieces. Filled with harrowing hallways



and terrifying traps, it was plainly noted that an adventure into their tomb would be frightening and possibly deadly to any who were brave enough to take it on. As colorful as it was exquisite, the boys showed that even in the

face a decidedly nerve wracking turn of events when their wonderful pyramid, made with marshmallow fluff and graham crackers fell apart shortly before presentation. They did not disappoint us, however, when they put together a delightfully mechanical and exciting pyramid from cardboard, lego, plastic and other wonderful material. Utilizing their main contraption, the unfortunate soul to venture into their pyramid would have been ejected bodily by a flying wall. Truly terrifying, indeed. We must not forget



modern day, we can lay down the blueprints for these exciting buildings.

The second group, represented by Avigdor Srulovich, Binjamin Mathias, Shlomo Baer, Yaakov Katina and Yaakov Davidovici, had to

mention that their fallen pyramid made for a tasty treat after the presentation!

Ancient Egypt is a truly exciting period in history. The 6th graders not only rose to the occasion to showcase this, but demonstrated with heart how interesting the Egyptians, along with their wondrous buildings, could be. As this was a contest, I am proud to say that each side claimed victory and their prize when they arrived to class this week.

Celebrating Rosh Chodesh Adar I in Early Childhood



Dr. Gildin's Dental Demo for Nursery and Kindergarten



חובן My Very Own



Communication with Sensitivity

On President's Day afternoon, Rabbi Daniel Isaacs, a career mechanech with over 25 years of experience, currently a Rebbe for children at ASHAR as well as for adults at PTI, shared his thoughts and techniques for effective teacher-parent communication in an informative and thought-provoking "round-table seminar" with our Early Childhood staff.

Although the professional development covered many scenarios and issues, it would be fair to boil it all down to the application of "אהבת לרעך כמוך" in communication. Rabbi Isaacs stressed the importance of recognizing the parents' points of

view: their love for their children, their concerns and worries, their joys in the successes they see in the children and the importance of gaining their childrens' trust. By sharing and discussing a variety of actual e-mails correspondences with parents (all names



blanked out, of course!) he shared strategies and techniques for communicating the three major types of difficulties that

children experience to their parents: personal issues (challenges within the child), inter-personal issues (where a child has interacted improperly with another person) and external issues (where an external force has challenged a child). While it may sound pretty complex, Rabbi Isaacs, using divrei Torah, interesting examples and a lot of humor, was able to deliver his points to our staff.

Rabbi Isaacs was very impressed with how few "difficult parents" our teachers deal with and how the limited questions our staff had from personal experience in the Cheder. Yasher ko'ach to all of you!

General Studies Professional Development



General Studies teachers learn new methods for teaching Math and for Teaching Writing.

The math workshops: "Keeping Numbers Real, Maintaining Number Sense Throughout the Curriculum" & "Keeping it Concrete" were presented by Mrs. Rina Gilden

Mrs. Gilden has a Masters Degree in Special Education and is a masterful elementary school teacher. She is a college instructor and lectures on a variety of undergraduate and graduate studies in Education and Special Education. She has successfully taught a graduate level course Teaching Mathematics.

A session on using the Collins Method in teaching writing in an interdisciplinary fashion was presented by Mrs. Odelia Schlisser.

Rebbe Replicas (continued from page 1)



לך כניסה את כל היהודים

Somehow, for - ר"ח אדר א' - a month of ניסים - we miraculously got the entire Elementary School into one classroom!

While there, Rabbi Silbermintz introduced our one hour a day מחסום לפי for this month. Between 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m., all the תלמידים and Rebbeim make a special effort to only use positive words about one another and an extra halachot in זהירות לשון הרע.



This community wide program that we are proud to join was initiated as a נশמה for the זכות of Miss Devorah Stabin, ע"ה.

Following this introduction, the boys and staff enjoyed a beautiful close to one hour video telling the Purim Story, featuring the expert acting of Yeshiva Darchei Noam Elementary School talmidim under the direction of Rabbi Aron Spivak, Yeshiva Darchei Noam's 5th grade Rebbe.

Mazel Tov To..

- Mr. and Mrs. Yehuda Gordon on the birth of a baby boy.
- Mr. and Mrs. Ahron Rosenfeld on Effie's Hanachas Tefillin.
- third grade on completing פרשת וישלח.
- fifth grade on their התחלת גמרא.
- fifth grade on completing פרשת כי תשא.



פרנסוי היום

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

- Mr. and Mrs. Shai Bayaz; - כ"ח שבט בן אהרן אריה ע"ה.
- Rabbi and Mrs. Dov Kramer: - ב' דראש חדש אדר א' - February 10th as a refuah shelaimah for Yaakov Asher ben Shoshana.
- Anonymous: - ג' אדר א' - February 12th to thank 'ה' for the נס that occurred with the Lakewood Rebbes' carpool.



Rabbi Reischer's third graders enjoying their פרשת וישלח on סיום.



Yeshaya Orent, Yaakov Aryeh Kushnir, Orel Nadav and Aharon Henigson posing with gedolim pictures they earned by excelling in the 4th grade winter break learning program.

Hard at Work in Early Childhood



Tubes - Gel = Life Lesson

By Mrs. Debra Goldberg, 6th Grade Teacher

6th grade is a developmental period characterized by significant challenge and growth, as the beginning of the adolescent stage.

In our school, like in all schools, children can say things to their peers that can be hurtful, but that after some thought, they often regret. However, taking back words is easier said than done as illustrated by the following experiment that took place in our classroom.

I did an experiment with the 6th

grade boys. I put different bottles/tubes on my desk full of toothpaste, hair gel, sunscreen, aloe Vera, etc. I asked each boy to clean off their desks and then choose a tube. I then asked each boy to see who could squeeze out the contents of their tube the quickest. The boys were so excited and making comments like "his is easier than mine," "this is so gross."

After they were finished, I asked them to now put the contents back inside the bottle/tube. At first they just looked at me and then starting saying "we can't do that," "that's not possible," "it will

take a long time." After a while I asked them if they knew why I had asked them to do this. At first, they said they were not. Then I said it's similar to your words. Slowly they all began to make the connection. The same way it's easy to just say anything, but once the words are said you can't put them back, just like they couldn't put the contents from their desks back inside the bottles/tubes. I hope that they will remember this experiment all of their life and try to think about what they are going to say before they say it.

Another Special Guest



The 3rd graders recently completed a science chapter on animals. This unit was taught as part of the scientific process of observation and recording. Mrs. Yadlovker's 3rd grade has a visit from "Cece the snake," where the students got to observe and handle a pink corn snake. They also learned the word sibilance, regarding the snake's name.

CALENDAR (continued from page 1)

Mon & Thurs, March 14th & 17th
Trips to Daughters of Miriam
Monday: Kindergarten
Thursday: Pre1A

Wednesday, March 16th
Picture Day

Friday, March 18th
Long Friday Schedule Begins
2:00 dismissal

THIS WEEK!

Elementary talmidim, fathers, and grandfathers
are cordially invited to attend Clifton Cheder's

לי הַוְדִים הִיתָה אֹרֶה Evening of Light Melaveh Malkah

THIS - מוצש"ק פ' כי תsha February 27, 2016



Young Israel of Passaic
200 Brook Avenue, Passaic, NJ

8:45-10:15 pm.

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)



- We are assuming that whomever responded that they planned on attending the Melaveh Malkah on the original date (including talmidim, fathers, and/or grandfathers) will attend on the new date.
- Please RSVP to kperlmutter@cliftoncheder.org only if there are ANY CHANGES to your reservation.

Purim Katan in Early Childhood



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Clifton Cheder March 2016

****Food Provided by The Kosher Experience**
**** Menu Subject to Change**
****Food is prepared under the supervision of The Orthodox Union**
****Food is served under supervision of the school**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Penne & Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Vegetables Fruit	2 Pizza	3 Deli Roll Coleslaw Fruit	4 (Short Friday) NO LUNCH
7 Creamy Macaroni & Cheese Plain pasta Vegetables Fruit	8 Hot Dog/Bun French Fries Vegetables Fruit	9 Pizza	10 Schnitzel Potato Latke Vegetables Fruit	11 (Short Friday) NO LUNCH
14 French Toast Scrambled eggs Vegetables Fruit	15 Chicken Lo Mein Broccoli Rice Fruit	16 Pizza	17 BBQ Chicken Roasted Potato Vegetable Fruit	18 Falafel & Pita Israeli Salad Sesame Free Hummas Fruit <i>(Begin Long Friday)</i>
21 Fish Sticks Mashed Potato Vegetables Fruit	22 Poppers Rice Vegetable Fruit	23 TAANIS ESTHER NO LUNCH	24 PURIM NO LUNCH	25 SHUSHAN PURIM NO LUNCH
28 Baked Ziti Plain Pasta Vegetable Fruit	29 Burger/Bun French Fries Lettuce/Tomato Fruit	30 Pizza	31 Nuggets Rice Vegetables Fruit	

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March 2016

אדר א' - אדר ב' תשע"ו

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbos
		1 כה	2 כב	3 כג	4 כה	5 כה
			Magen Yeladim Child Safety Workshop for Parents 8-9:30 p.m. Young Israel of Passaic	Magen Yeladim Child Safety Workshops Kind-Grade 3		פרשת יקhalb פרשת שקלים שבת מברכים 
6 כו	7 כז	8 כח	9 כט	10 כל	11 כא	12 כב
	Magen Yeladim Child Safety Workshops Grades 4-5			א' דר"ח אדר ב'	ב' דר"ח אדר ב' Elementary: Rosh Chodesh Assembly & Dress Up Day 	פרשת פקדן
13 כג	14 כט	15 כה	16 כו	17 כז	18 כח	19 כט
Daylight Savings Time Begins Elementary: 10:00 Opening, No Minyan	Elementary: Pi Day After Care: No Sessions		Picture Day		Long Friday Schedule Begins: 2:00 Dismissal 	פרשת זכור פרשת יקרא 
20 כב	21 כא	22 כב	23 כג	24 כג	25 כז	26 כט
Elementary: Limudei Kodesh In-Service 10:00 Opening No Minyan			תענית אסתר  Early Childhood: Dress Up & Megillah Reading 12:30 Dismissal	פורים 	שושן פורים 	פרשת צו
27 כז	28 כח	29 כט	30 כב	31 כא		

CLIFTON CHEDER N'SHEI BEAUTIFUL PURIM GREETING CARDS



Overwhelmed with Mishloach Manos?
Let out of town family & friends know
you're thinking of them!

Send your Purim wishes to friends and family with a beautiful greeting card while supporting Clifton Cheder!

All orders due **March 10, 2016**

\$2 per card

10 cards for \$18

20 cards for \$35

50 cards for \$75

For additional information,
contact:

Elisheva Feinsod or Racheli
Sukenik:

Email: sebast1812@yahoo.com

Text: 917-613-8272

Order form

Family name: _____

Number of cards: _____

Total amount due: _____

Please make checks payable to Clifton Cheder and in the memo mark "Purim cards".

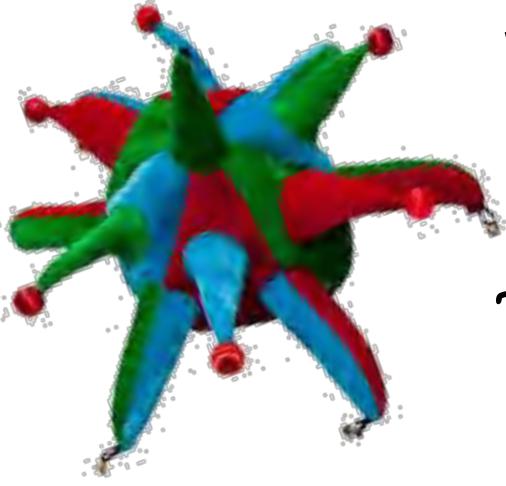
How would you like to receive your cards:

- send home with your child (class _____)
- pick up from Cheder office





Rosh Chodesh Adar Early Childhood Crazy Hat Day!



When?
Thursday, March 10th
ALL DAY



Send/or make a crazy hat with your child
in celebration of Rosh Chodesh 'אדר ב'

**Stickers/prizes will be given
to the craziest/most creative hats**



OH SAY, CAN YOU SEE...

OUR TALMIDIM & STAFF

B E D E C K E D I N :

RED, WHITE & BLUE

AT OUR "AMERICANA DRESS UP DAY"

ON FRIDAY, ROSH CHODESH ADAR II.

PLEASE WEAR AT LEAST ONE ARTICLE OF CLOTHING FROM EACH OF THE COLORS

EENY MEENY MINY MO, CATCH A TIGER BY THE TOE, IF HE HOLLERS, LET HIM GO, MY MOTHER SAID TO PICK THIS ONE AND OUT GOES Y-O-U, WITH THE COLORS OF:

R E D . W H I T E & B L U E