



# B'CHADREI CHADORIM

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## Literal Literature Lessons (and Alliteration...)

At the Clifton Cheder, our teachers are encouraged to incorporate hands on sensory learning into their formal lessons. By utilizing different learning modalities the children achieve a unique more well rounded understanding of the subject matter. Creative assignments appeal to the visual learner, the tactile, the kinesthetic and the auditory learner. It also makes for an engaging, fun, and

memorable learning experience.

Literature can be taught creatively. Our teachers choose classical pieces for the students to study, analyze and discuss. Some selections are chosen to demonstrate specific literary terms, vocabulary words, concepts, or author's writing style. Recently, our fourth grade learned about the types of conflict found in the plot of a

short story, and the fifth grade learned about historical fiction and setting. These lessons were augmented with creative class projects.

### Our Talented 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Sculptors

Clay models of animals supplemented the literature lesson last week. The short story *Sato and the Elephants* by Juanita Havilo was studied in class. Sato is

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## Joint Forces

Did you know that recently our third grade talmidim joined the first grade class as "Junior Rebbeim"? This served as a wonderful opportunity for the older boys to strengthen their own skills as they assisted the younger students with **כתיבה** practice and **חומש**



review. As always, when helping others, we are the ones that actually gain the most.

Thank you to two of our expert Rebbeim, Rabbi Daniel Presberg and Rabbi Shmuel Reischer for making this possible.

### CALENDAR

**Wednesday  
November 27**

*Chanukah Schedule,  
Grades 4-6 &  
Aftercare  
4:00 dismissal*

**Thursday-Sunday  
Nov 28-Dec 1**

*Chanukah Vacation,  
Legal Holiday  
no sessions*

**Monday-Wednesday  
December 2-4**

*Chanukah Schedule,  
Grades 4-6 &  
Aftercare  
4:00 dismissal*

**Tuesday Morning  
December 3**

*Chanukah Chagiga  
(Jewish Book Fair)  
Early Childhood  
see attached flyers*

**Tuesday Evening (only)**

**December 10**

*Parent Teacher  
Conferences  
(Jewish Book Fair)*



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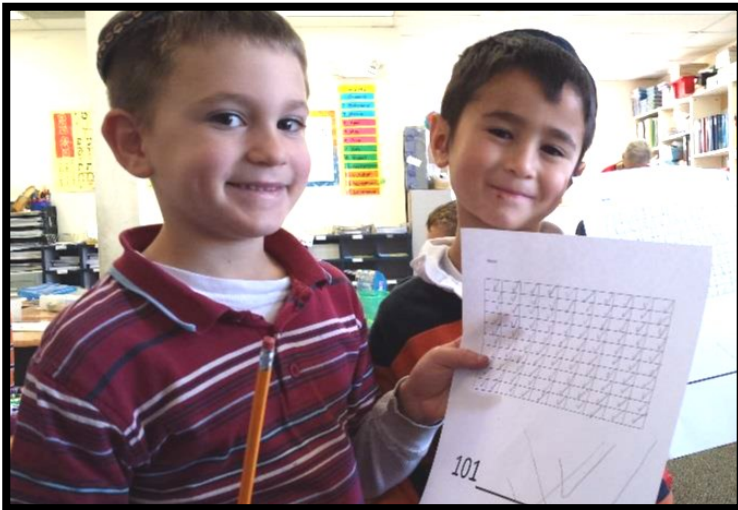


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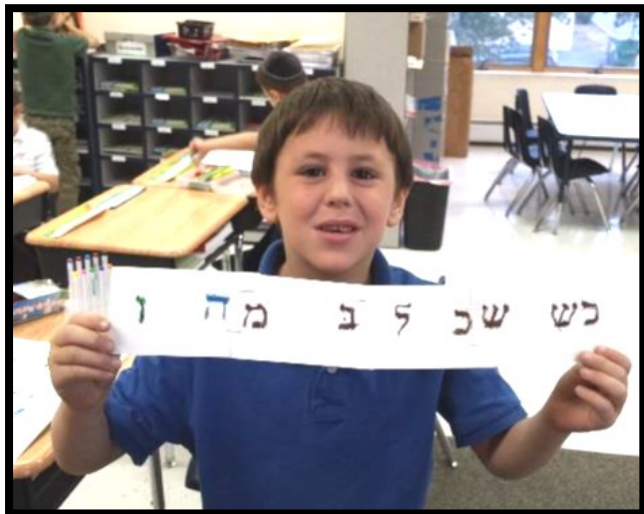


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## Chinuch Corner

By Rabbi Menachem Wieder-  
man, Pre1A Rebbe/teacher

I would like to share with you two inspirational ideas that were shared at the recent Agudah Convention which I was זוכה to attend.

The first is from R' Mattisyahu Solomon שליט"א, Mashgiach of Beth Medrash Govoha in Lakewood. People think, said the Mashgiach that בחירה is "free will," the ability to choose and do whatever you please. This is not accurate. Doing what you naturally want, what your instincts tell you, is no different than what animals do. Real בחירה given to humans is to do what we know is right even if at times we don't want to do it.

Rav Mattisyahu went on to explain that we should teach our children to be able to say no to some of the things that they want. This is true חינוך. Learn to say no and to be happy with the no.

Easier said than done, no? Most

certainly! R' Matissyahu שליט"א provided one way to instill this idea within our children.

Role model!

While you are walking to shul, tell your son how difficult it was for you to get out of bed because you were so tired and that you really "wanted" to go back to sleep. Instead you did what you "did not want to do" and I am so much happier now that I am davening with a minyan on time. I did what my body did not want to do in order to fulfill רצון ה'.

When the opportunity lends itself - grab it and try to teach children to say no and even be happy with it.

The second idea is from R' Shmuel Berkovicz שליט"א, Rav of Khal Yereim and S'gan Menahel in Yeshiva Ketana of Passaic.

He said that he was never invited to speak at an Agudah Convention before and this may be the last time as well because of what he was about to say!

Rabbi Berkovicz שליט"א said that

father/son learning on Friday night always bothered him. There should be father/son Othello; or father/son checkers! He spoke of the importance of spending time with your children, just playing games and having fun.

Perhaps we can use Rabbi Berkovicz's thought to help us, just a little, with the challenging task we are faced with from Rav Mattisyahu.

It is so important to create a close, ever-lasting relationship with each one of our children. The benefits are endless. Perhaps this is one of those benefits.

If your son/daughter is close with you and looks up to you, all the more so he/she will be receptive to the values you give over and all the more so he/she will be receptive to the values you practice. If we show them that we can be sincerely happy with the "no's" we say to our own desires, they will certainly want to emulate us.

Much Hatzlacha!



## Coupon Campaign Concludes

If you haven't yet done so, please send in payment of \$25 for your KidStuff Book as our KidStuff sale has just ended. Remember you can use just a few coupons to save more than the cost of the book. Keep the book in your car! You will enjoy savings from ACME, Annie Sez, Children's Place, BuyBuy Baby, H&M, Crayola Experience, FunTime Junction, Hershy Park, Liberty Science Center, and more.

If you are unable to participate in this fundraiser, simply return the unsold KidStuff book sent home on November 4th and have your child to give to his/her to his Morah/Rebbe (Early Childhood) or General Studies Teacher (Elementary).



## Mazel Tov To..

- Mr. Mordechai Allen (6th grade General Studies Teacher) on the birth of a granddaughter
- Rabbi Daniel Presberg (first grade Rebbe) and family on the bar mitzvah of their son, Yaakov Meir
- Morah Devori (Rosenberg) (Kindergarten Morah) on her marriage to Sholom Hirschman of Passaic

## Thank You To..

- the Lowy family for donating a book to the Toddler Class in honor of Ilana's 3rd birthday.
- the Kramer family for donating a book to the Pre1A Girls Class in honor of Chava Gittel's 5th birthday.



## Literal Literature Lessons (and Alliteration...) (continued from page 1)

a sculptor who wants nothing more than to acquire ivory with which to sculpt. After receiving a piece, he found the remains of a bullet in the ivory. He struggled with a strong *internal conflict*. Sculpting with ivory was his

als. Ultimately he resolved to sculpt from other materials, and kept an ivory elephant made out of the ivory with the bullet as a reminder of the resolution of his conflict.

In line with the resolution of the main character, the boys created their own sculptures of different animals. The boys discussed

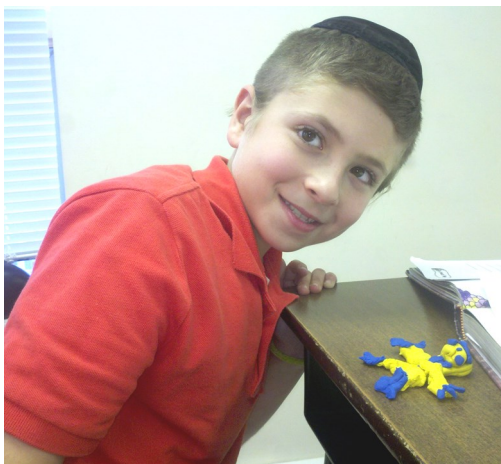
and shared different internal conflicts that they experienced. They described the choices that they had considered as well as the personal decision or resolution to the conflict.

### Our Budding 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Architects

It is not every day that fifth grade boys get to practice architecture, but as a culminating activity after reading the short story, *New Providence: A changing Cityscape* by Renata von Tscherner and Ronal Lee Fleming, the fifth grade class 'built a city'. This historical fiction selection is unique in the sense that it had no characters, or

plot, rather it focuses solely on the descriptive element, the setting. The story takes the reader from the year 1910 through the year 1992 and compares and

contrasts physical features of the city over the 82 year period with special attention placed on the years 1910, 1935, 1955, 1970, 1980, and 1992. The boys were very enthusiastic about the challenge to build a city. They were given a poster board, popsicle sticks, and glue and told to build whatever they could on the 22x28 inch surface. The city was named Base 21 and includes a prison, hospital, mansion, mall, drive-through restaurant, restroom, and most importantly Chaim's Lamborghini garage. It also included a park, welcome sign, stop sign, and speed limit sign of 125 mph. The boys definitely saw the fruits of their labor and enjoyed a fun and interactive hands on activity.



dream, but the bullet he found reminded him that the elephant was shot and hurt in order for him to have his carving materi-

## שאלת השבוע

### And The Winner Is...



טוב מזל to 6th grade Shlomo Schneider for winning the first שאלת השבוע raffle! As his prize, Shlomo received a Glass Chess Set. To enter the raffles, have your son fill in the correct answer on the slip provided, cut it out and have him bring it to school after שבת.

Reminder: your son may receive assistance from ANYONE (a parent, older friend, Rav, etc.) who does not attend or work at Clifton Cheder.



...Shlomo Schneider



## Sheilas Hashavua:

Q: Which 4 פרקים in משניות begin with the word "מאמתי"?



### Reminder:

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: There are 3 words in Chumash - one contains 4 Kamatzes in a row, one contains 4 Segols in a row and one contains 4 Patachs in a row.

What are these 3 words?

A:

הַרְחֵמָה - (דברים י"ד:ז)

הַנְּאֻכָּלֶת - (ויקרא י"א:מ"ז)

הַקִּדְחָת - (ויקרא כ"ו:ט"ז)

or

וּבְקִדְחָת - (דברים כ"ח:כ"ב)

## 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!



Early childhood Mommies, Grandmas and sisters, are cordially invited to attend our

# *Chanukah Phagiga*

Tuesday, December 3rd, 2013

ל' כסלו, תשע"ד

10:00am-11:30am

123 Industrial East, Clifton NJ 07012

We look  
forward  
to seeing  
you!

PreLA Boys  
fathers are  
welcome to  
come, too



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The Clifton Cheder  
is excited to  
invite you to our

# Jewish Book Fair!

Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:00-11:30 a.m.  
(during the EC Chanukah Chagiga)

Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30-9:30 p.m.  
(during Parent-Teacher conferences)

at the Clifton Cheder  
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~ Our school receives 20% of what is sold  
to purchase books for our classrooms. ~