

שבת קודש פרשת כי תבא



# B'CHADREI CHADORIM

Your inside view in and around Clifton Cheder

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## Welcome Back!

Welcome to what promises to be another fantastic year! Gauging by the faces of our students, both old and new, we seem to be off to a great start.

At Clifton Cheder you can count on our "A, B, C Treatment" for your child. We are committed to see to it that every student, from Nursery through 7th grade will be Appreciated, Believed in & Confident.

We are proud to be your Chinuch partners and appreciate your trust.

We look forward to greeting you in person on Tuesday and Wednesday at our Back to School Evenings.

בברכת כתיבה וחתימה טובה,

Rabbi Yonah G. Lazar on behalf of the Cheder Staff

Should you have any relatives that you think would enjoy receiving a copy of our B'Chadrei Chadorim, please provide us with their email addresses and we will add them to our growing list of Nachas receivers.

Rabbi Yonah G. Lazar, Dean

Mrs. Rivkah Isaacs, Early Childhood Director

Mrs. Odelia Schlisser, General Studies Principal



### CALENDAR

**Tuesday**  
**September 16th**  
*Back to School Night*  
Elementary  
7:40 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Wednesday**  
**September 17th**  
*Back to School Night*  
Early Childhood  
7:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

**Sunday**  
**September 21st**  
*1st day of Selichos*  
10:00 start

**Wednesday - Friday**  
**September 24th - 26th**  
*Rosh Hashana Break*  
no sessions

**Sunday**  
**September 28th**  
*Tzom Gedalia*  
regular sessions

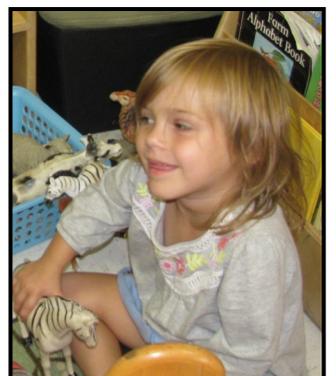
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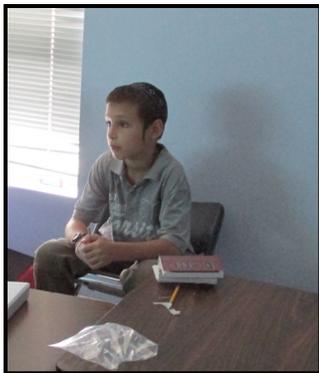
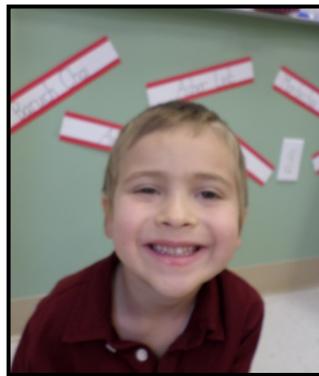
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# The Lucky New Cheder Students



## Welcome to our New Hires

Welcome aboard! We hope that you will love working with our children.



### Early Childhood

Miss Tamar Allen, Nursery assistant

Mrs. Rachel Rudolph, Kindergarten co-teacher

Miss Kayla Isaacs, Kindergarten co-teacher, After Care head teacher

Mrs. Sarah Rosenthal, Early Childhood Program Assistant

Mrs. Nechama Adler, After Care teacher

### Elementary - Limudei Kodesh

Rabbi Yossi Seldowitz, 5th grade Rebbe

Rabbi Nosson Silbermintz, 7th grade Rebbe

### Elementary - General Studies

Rabbi Daniel Presberg, 5th Grade Math & Science teacher

Mrs. Rina Davidovici, 6th Grade teacher

Mr. Jeff Kanrich, 7th Grade teacher

## Our Growing Family

ברוכים הבאים to this year's new Cheder families:

Mr. and Mrs. Avraham Baruchov

Mr. and Mrs. Misha Beletsky

Mr. and Mrs. Reuven Coleman

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Goldberg

Mr. and Mrs. Yehuda Gordon

Mr. and Mrs. Mendel Hoffer

Mr. and Mrs. Jarrod Hurwitz

Mr. and Mrs. Chaim Jacob

Mr. and Mrs. Leib Tzvi Kaiser

Mr. and Mrs. David Katz

Mr. and Mrs. Mendy Kirsh

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Kumer

Rabbi and Mrs. Yonah G. Lazar

Mrs. And Mrs. Yaakov Levine

Mr. and Mrs. Shlomo Menache

Mr. and Mrs. Elchanan Milgraum

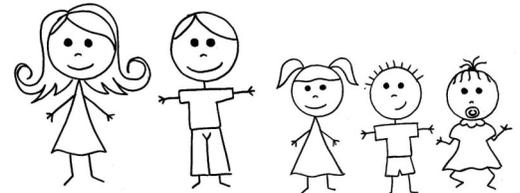
Rabbi and Mrs. Yehuda Minchenberg

Dr. and Mrs. Ephraim Rudolph

Mr. and Mrs. Yisrael Baruch Shaw

Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim White

Welcome to our extended family!



## פרנסי היום

Thank you to the פרנס היום sponsors who dedicated a day of learning on:

- September 5th, י' אלול, sponsored by Rabbi and Mrs. Yehudah Plym in honor of Rabbi Lazar.

At the same time the Cheder wishes a sincere צאתכם לשלום to Rabbi Plym שליט"א and thanks him for his four years of dedication and devotion day in and day out. He will always have a special place in our hearts. יהי רצון שתשרה שכינה במעשה ידיו.

- September 12th, י"ז אלול, sponsored by Rabbi and Mrs. Elchanan Erlanger in honor of and מזל טוב to Rabbi and Mrs. Yitzy Kagan.

## Seeing What We Can Become

What exactly is a Maggid? What special role do they play?

A Maggid is a storyteller of sorts with a spiritual bend. Their goal is to inspire their audience to see things that perhaps they have not yet seen in themselves.

Children often are challenged in knowing who they are. It is the attitude and words of the adults around them that help shape who they think they are. They rise or fall based on what others think of them. They then become what they think they are.

Who are the guides of our children? Their parents and **מחנכים**/educators - the significant adults in their lives.

Who can inspire the adults to properly inspire the children? Enter the Maggid.

On Thursday, August 31st, Clifton Cheder held their All Staff In-Service Day. Rebbeim and Moros, teachers and administrators, secretaries and support staff all gathered together for a day dedicated to professional growth. By day's end the staff had heard over and over that our school is special, they are special, and each child is special. As the **מחנכים** they are charged with the role of helping students become all that they can be.

Who better than America's noted Maggid, prolific author, experienced Mohel and dynamic public speaker, Rabbi Paysach Krohn שליט"א to provide the keynote inspiration for our staff?

This special address was sponsored by Rabbi and Mrs. Lazar שיחי as a **זכות** in memory of his parents, Rabbi and Mrs. Eli & Malki Lazar עליהם השלום, whose 10th and 2nd Yahrzeits respectively fall during the coming



weeks.

Rabbi Lazar שליט"א related how throughout their 79 years of collective Chinuch careers, his parents ז"ל personified this **מידה** of seeing in others what people perhaps hadn't yet seen in themselves.

In his unique style, Rabbi Krohn touched the hearts of our staff with his beautiful **דברי תורה** interspersed throughout the many stories he told.

Rabbi Krohn, who came to Clifton specifically to address our staff, related how a group of well known adults were asked what they remember from Elementary School. Rabbi Nosson Scherman שליט"א, General Editor of Artsroll, related how as a child his Rebbe would at times write the names of misbehaving children on the blackboard (something Rabbi Krohn said would not be done today). When the principal walked into the room to speak to

the students, they saw their Rebbe, long black coat and all, shuffling back and forth in the front of the room.

Soon they realized that the Rebbe was protecting the boys from being embarrassed by the principal seeing their names on the board.

Said Rabbi

Scherman, I do not remember one **פסוק** of **חומש** that the Rebbe taught us, but I will never forget the chalk on his **קאפאטע**. It was then that we understood that Rebbe loved us.

Rabbi Krohn told stories from his own life, mentioning his mother who believed in him and told him he could become whatever he wanted to be. Through her belief in his abilities, he began to write,

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## Thank You, Thank You, and Thank You!

Special הרת הטוב is due to Rabbi Yitzie Kagan for his herculean efforts over July and August to make sure that all of the Cheder's גשמיות needs would be ready for Opening Day. Finances are as organized as ever and the building looks great. To think that Rabbi Kagan doubles as a labor coach simultaneously is just amazing.

## Quotable Quotes

- 1) After hearing that the male sheep we get the שופר from is called a ram, a Nursery students asked, "Does the mommy sheep also have a special name?" After pondering, Morah Leah answered, "Yes, an ewe." The child then asked, "What about a sister sheep? What's her special name?"
- 2) "I wish I could learn and learn all day, Hebrew and English, and sleep in school" (2nd grader, overheard in carpool)
- 3) "Learning with Rabbi Erlanger is even better than vacation!" (a 4th grader to his parents)

## True Partners

The staff and students are indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Feinsod for assisting with the painting of our entire building. We surely couldn't have done it without your help. It looks beautiful and makes such a tremendous difference wherever you look.

וכל מי שעוסקים בצרכי ציבור באמונה הקב"ה ישלם שכרם

## A Timely Matter



Thank you to all the overwhelming number of parents who are getting their children here in a timely fashion. Reminder: All classes begin promptly at 8:50 a.m. Monday through Friday. Sunday classes begin at 9:00 a.m.

Drop off time begins 10 minutes before class time (8:40 on Monday-Thursday, Sunday at 8:50). Please do not drop off your children earlier than that as there is no supervision for the students and it is unsafe.



## Mazel Tov To..

- Morah Tova Emanuel (former Kindergarten teacher) upon her engagement to Rabbi Chaim Morgenstern from Queens.
- Rabbi and Mrs. Yitzie Kagan on the birth of a baby girl.
- Mr. and Mrs. Ilya Kister on the birth of a baby girl.

## Condolences To..

Mrs. Batsheva Katina on the loss of her father, Mr. Velvel Rubinoff ע"ה.

## Seeing What We Can Become (continued from page 5)

book after book, and speak around the world to thousands and thousands - even though his 9th grade teacher said to Mrs. Krohn Sr. at a Parent Teacher Conference, "Your son will never write a book!" Rabbi Krohn has since re-established contact with that teacher of his and sends him every one of his 12 books published to date.

On the sixth day of creation, the פסוק says "והנה טוב מאד" - and it was not just good, but "מאד," very good. Says the מדרש, the word מאד refers to man - as מאד and אדם share the same letters.

Rav Yitzchok Hutner זצ"ל, former Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshivas Rebbeinu Chaim Berlin explained how no matter how great or far away something may be, everything is measurable. We can measure the depths of the sea the distance from the earth to

the sun, even the speed of sound and light.

The only thing that cannot be measured is "אדם" - the potential of a person who is believed in. You can become anything that you wish, Such a creation is truly "טוב מאד."

Rabbi Krohn reminded our מחנכים that as educators who can inspire children, we have the greatest job ever! We can be the believers who assist children in first seeing, then becoming who they can be.

"זה הקטן גדול יהיה" - and it is the teacher that can make all of the difference.

As the day came to a close, following department meetings, a beautifully catered lunch and classroom setup, Rabbi Lazar addressed the Cheder team.

He too focused on seeing the potential in each child. Citing the

Purim story, Rabbi Lazar described אסתר who was an orphan in the truest sense of the word. Yet, "ויהי אמן את הדסה," מרדכי raised her. But her did more than raise her physically, "אמן" is related to the word אמונה - to believe. מרדכי provided אסתר with אמונה עצמית, what we refer to as self esteem, belief in herself.

Rav Tzadok of Lublin זצ"ל writes, "Just as a person is obligated to believe in 'ה', afterward he/she is obligated to believe in themselves."

As מחנכים it is our job to believe in each one of our students in the way that 'ה' believes in them - unending, without measure, limitless potential.

As parents and educators, may we all be זוכה to live up to this lofty goal.





## Cheder Gift Card Program

### ***How it works:***

Cheder families, with children grades Kindergarten and up, are required to buy a minimum of \$10,000 of gift cards over the school year. Gift cards from major supermarkets are purchased directly from the school. The Cheder earns a profit on each gift card that is purchased. You are helping the Cheder while you shop!

### ***Where do I buy my gift cards?***

Gift cards can be purchased at the Cheder office.

### ***Who are the participating stores?***

Kosher Konnections  
Acme  
Food Basics  
Shop Rite  
VIP Dry Cleaners (*Account is set up with VIP*)

If you have a favorite store you would like to add to this list, please let the office know.

### ***How can I check my required balance?***

The office will keep track of your total gift card balance. We will be emailing monthly balance statements.

If you have any other questions, feel free to contact Rabbi Kagan.

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### ***Chessed Dollars!***

*Chessed dollars are now available for purchase at our office. Chessed dollar purchases are applied at a rate of 3/5 the standard Gift Card purchase.*

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# CHEDER | חדר

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

ט"ז אלול תשע"ד  
September 11, 2014

Dear Parents שיחיו,

The Cheder's Annual Back to School Nights will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. As space is limited, it has necessitated to divide the programs into the two evenings, Tuesday for parents of Elementary School boys and Wednesday for parents of the Early Childhood Department.

On their respective evenings, parents will have the opportunity to meet their children's rebbeim, moros and teachers, and hear firsthand our exciting plans for the coming year.

Please follow the schedule below:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – Tuesday, ליל כ"ב אלול, September 16 <sup>th</sup>	
7:40 – 8:00 p.m.	Meet your son's teacher in his classroom
8:00 – 8:25 p.m.	Meet your son's rebbe in his classroom
8:30 – 9:00 p.m.	Meet Mrs. Schlisser and Rabbi Lazar in the EC Multi Purpose Room

EARLY CHILDHOOD – Wednesday, ליל כ"ג אלול, September 17 <sup>th</sup>	
7:45 – 8:15 p.m.	Meet your child's rebbe or morah and teachers in his/her classroom
8:15 – 8:45 p.m.	Meet Mrs. Isaacs and Rabbi Lazar in the EC Multi Purpose Room

Due to the limited parking spaces, please carpool with neighboring families, if at all possible.

We look forward to greeting you.

בברכת כתיבה וחתימה טובה,

*Yonah G. Lazar*  
Dean

*Rivkah Isaacs*  
Director, Early Childhood

*Odellia Schlisser*  
Principal, General Studies

**Clifton Cheder...where skills and cheshek go hand in hand**