

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- Monday, October 16: Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan
- Thursday, October 19, 8:30 am: PSAT for 9s, 10s, 11s
- Tuesday, October 25: 12th Grade Seminary & Post-Secondary Information Evening
- Friday, November 3: End of First Quarter
- Friday, November 10: Friday Winter Schedule Starts

Make sure to join school Google Calendar for updates

MAZAL TOVS:

- Mazal Tov to Mrs. Pransky, (Davening & Navi Teacher) and family on the birth of granddaughter. Mazal Tov to Aviva Pransky, 10th grade.
- Mazal Tov to Akiva and Elisheva (Shkarofsky, '12) Gershonowitz on the birth of twin daughters. Mazal Tov to the entire Shkarofsky family.
- Mazal Tov to Rabbi Adler (Halacha Teacher) and family on the birth of a grandson. Mazal Tov to Shira Adler, 10th grade.

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GOOD
Shabbos!

From the Desk of Rabbi Avraham Shapiro



Once again I am writing to you from our home in Yerushalayim. Despite our plans to be in Atlanta several days ago, we find ourselves "stuck" here in our home because of the war and because Delta Airlines canceled our tickets.

Yesterday, my wife commented that she feels like she has two homes - one here and one in Atlanta. We both agreed that we absolutely feel that both places do feel like home.

When you begin to build a home together with your beloved you have many hopes and aspirations regarding how that relationship will take form. A common denominator of these dreams is that they all come from a deep-seated desire to create a positive and loving connection and environment.

Unfortunately, the reality of building a home is that it is not always smooth and easygoing.

Rabbi Jeremy Kagan, in his book, "Choose to Be," shows us that the first mitzvah in the Torah is "ויצו ד' אלוקים על האדם לאמר מכל עץ-הגן אכל תאכל" - "And HaShem commanded that man should eat from all the trees of the Garden..."

Rabbi Kagan further illuminates that one crucial aspect of the first Mitzvah is that it is a positive commandment. It is well known that the first time something is mentioned in the Torah is of crucial significance.

HaShem begins His relationship with humanity (i.e. with us), by giving us something positive to do. He is telling us that if you want to have the right connection to Me it must be based on positivity.

It is true that a Torah way of life has many restrictions. However, the essential nature and attitude of a Frum Yid must be profoundly positive.

Having a positive outlook on life is easy when things are going our way-flowing smoothly with joy and happiness. But when the going gets tough, forging ahead with fortitude and positivity is not so easy.

Tragedies, hardships, and suffering, personal and national, make living with a positive perspective, at times, excruciatingly difficult-virtually impossible.

However, knowing that the Master of the Universe is ultimately guiding the world with a goal and a purpose that is for the good of the world and mankind helps us meet the challenges we face during difficult times.

We are in the midst of one of those very difficult times when it is hard to understand the course that HaShem is taking us on.

Knowing that HaShem is a Benevolent King who is committed to our well-being enables us to join together with Emunah and face down our enemies. We are united with positive strength so much so that we will immerse ourselves in actions that will turn the tide to a positive reality once again.

Good Shabbos To All,

Rabbi Avraham Shapiro

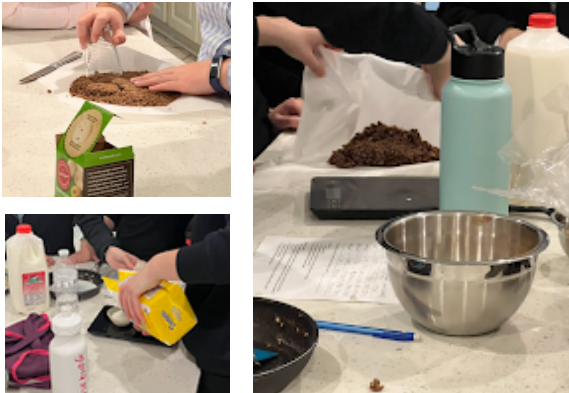
This Week at a Glance:

RABBI AND MRS. FELDMAN

On Tuesday, Rabbi and Mrs. Feldman came in to give some direction and chizuk regarding the situation our brothers and sisters are facing in Eretz Yisrael. They emphasized how important it is to feel the pain and heartache of our fellow Jews, while at the same time continuing to live our lives with enthusiasm, realizing the tremendous privilege it is to be part of Hashem's nation.

KITCHEN CHEMISTRY WITH MRS. LEVIN

10th grade Chemistry took a field trip to Mrs. Levin's kitchen to learn practical and fun ways to apply what they know about conversions from Standard to Metric. Students worked together to figure out the calculations as well as demonstrated teamwork to do the activity!



ZOOM WITH RABBI SHAPIRO

This Thursday, Rabbi Shapiro 'zoomed' in all the way from Yerushalayim to share how life is going in Yerushalayim. It was so nice to hear from him how encouraging all our efforts are for those that are in Eretz Yisrael.

PHOTOGRAPHY & LITERATURE CHALLENGE 2.0

Here are just a few of the beautiful entries to our Photography & Literature challenge!



SUKKOS POEM BY A 9TH GRADE STUDENT:

Through the schach, I can see the stars above
shining bright
As I peacefully sit in the sukkah, the first night

My mind wanders to back then
When my ancestors, all children, women,
and men
Traveled through the desert with no worry
Because they knew of His Glory
That Hashem would never abandon
His beloved nation
And that is our special connection

The loud sounds of zemiros fill my ear
And my mind comes back to the present year
My family surrounds me with gleaming faces
There are no signs of fear or dread,
yes no traces
Because we believe He is our Protector
Just like He was to our ancestor

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