

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- **THIS SHABBOS!** 10th Grade Oneg with Morah Shevy & 12th Grade Shalosh Seudos with Mrs. Nagla.
- **Wednesday-Thursday, March 5-6:** Annual Campaign!
- **Friday, March 7:** Last Day of Friday Winter Schedule
- **Thursday, March 13:** Taanis Esther - 3:15 Dismissal
- **Friday, March 14:** Purim - No School
- **Wednesday- Thursday, March 19-20:** Simcha Retreat

MAZAL TOVS:

- Mazal Tov to Morah Lipschutz and family on the birth of a grandson. Mazal Tov to Miriam Raizel Lipschutz, 10th grade.

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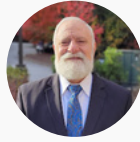
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From the Desk of Rabbi Avraham Shapiro



החמה בשמחה מ' שנכנס אדר מרבים בשמחה - With the advent of the month of Adar we are enjoined to increase our joy. So I will begin my words by wishing us all a very simchadik month of Adar! Good Chodesh!

As I am writing this message the members of our senior class are on the second floor of our school building following a long standing Temima tradition of decorating the classrooms in honor of Rosh Chodesh Adar. The theme of each year's decorations is kept a secret from the other girls until they arrive in school on Rosh Chodesh morning.

This tradition is one of the ways we, at Temima, bring more joy into our lives during this happy month.

Rashi explains that the reason for this increased simcha is because historically the month of Adar ushers in the time when Am Yisrael experienced the many miracles that occurred years ago during the original Purim and Pesach.

Recounting and reliving these miraculous events heightens our awareness of how much HaShem loves us and cares for us. He brought about these Nissim precisely because we are His chosen people and this gives us a profound sense of joy.

The Gemara asks an interesting question: If Purim is such a joyous holiday, why don't we say Hallel on Purim just like we do on Pesach? The two most famous answers to this question are: (1) We don't say Hallel on a miracle that happened outside of Eretz Yisrael and (2) Reading of Megillas Esther is in place of and equivalent to saying Hallel.

The Gemara also brings a third, lesser known reason for not saying Hallel. Rava explains that we recite Hallel on Pesach because the salvation was complete. That is to say, all the Jews who were left in Egypt after the tenth plague were given their absolute freedom from slavery and oppression. Consequently, they were able to embark on the journey as a free and independent people to receive the Torah and enter the Promised Land.

However, this was not the case in the time of Mordechai and Esther. Even though HaShem saved the Jews of Persia from the annihilation that Haman had planned for them, the Jews of Shushan remained under the foreign rule of Achashverosh. Since the salvation of the Jews of Shushan resulted in only partial autonomy, we do not say Hallel on Purim.

Rava's teaching hits a sensitive chord for us today. We live in a wonderful city and a great country. We are free to pursue our dreams and aspirations. We have equal rights and we have religious freedom. Yet, we remain dependent upon and beholden to our hosts.

So as we strive to increase our joy during the entire month of Adar, we will also be looking to the future and doing all we can to bring about a reality similar to that of Am Yisrael when they left Egypt. We will live a life of Torah and Mitzvos striving to bring complete and true freedom to our people that will come with the arrival of Mashiach ben David.

Good Shabbos To All!

Rabbi Avraham Shapiro

This Week at a Glance:

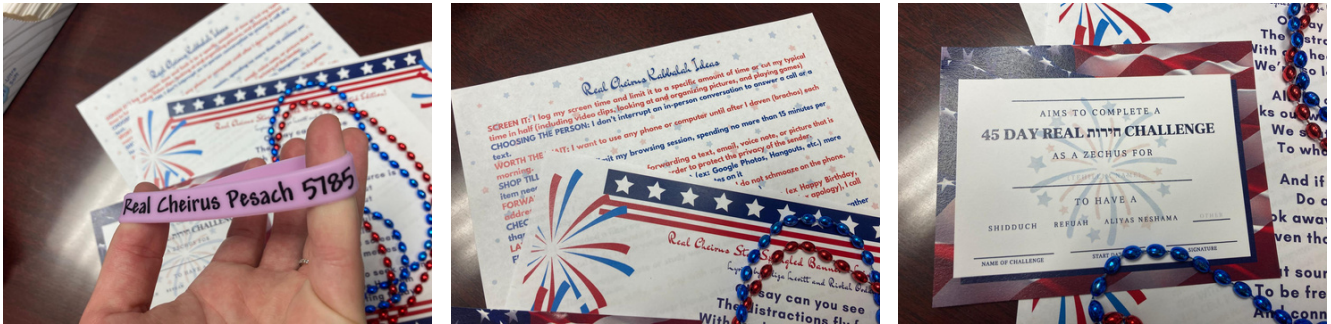
ROSH CHODESH ADAR!



Mishenichnas Temima Marbim B'Shira!! A big Yashar Koach to the entire 12th grade for transforming our school into a musical experience! Every room was decorated in the theme of a song, and we even had some live animals around to add to the fun! What a great way to start off our Adar!



11TH GRADE REAL CHEIRUS PROGRAM



Mrs. Meth's 11th grade Chumash Shemos class launched a "Real Cheirus Pesach" Technology Challenge for the weeks leading up to Pesach. The girls are understanding the real meaning of freedom in a themed incentive program to limit their digital technology use. Thank you to student heads Aliza Levitt and Rivkah Ovdad for their coordination and ideas!

Thank you to our 2 guest speakers who came to speak to 11th grade this week:

- Dr. Tessler visited from Sarah Hartman College in Chicago
- 11th grade got some clarity on the topic of Bechira from Rabbi Pransky

GOOD SHABBOS!