CHEDER MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NISSAN 5782

Upcoming Dates

• י"א ניסן - The Rebbe's 120th birthday!

- ♦ Special Cheder Program
- ♦ Early Dismissal 12:00 pick-up
- ♦ No lunch!
- ♦ Tuesday, 11 Nissan/ April 12

Pesach Break -NO SCHOOL

- ♦ 12–21 Nissan/April 13–> 22
- ♦ School resumes Mon.,24 Nissan/April 25

Cheder Picture Days!

- Wednesday and Thursday, 26-27 Nissan/April 27-28
- ♦ Stay tuned for more info!

• Chidon Grand Trip!

- ♦ Monday, 1 Iyar/May 2
- ♦ Laser tag, bowling, arcades, and more!

Dear Parents,

This week we celebrated our students that participated in the Chidon!

Mazal tov to all our finalists! It's incredible to see so many students that worked so hard and studied extra Torah in their free time!

The Rebbe spoke (in 1983) about the connection between Yetziyas Mitzrayim (the Exodus) and education.

When we were in Mitzrayim (Egypt) the Jewish women did everything possible to ensure that their children receive a proper education.

As a result, our sages tell us, at the Red Sea these children "recognized Hashem first", and when it came to the giving of the Torah at Har (Mt.) Sinai, it was these children again who acted as "guarantors" for the entire nation when the Torah was given.

So, too, in these times, every possible effort must be made to improve the education of our children. When the parents do their part, Hashem will certainly do His, by taking care of the needs of the entire family.

The Rebbe added; "Along this line, one must do everything possible to enact implementation of a 'Moment of Silence' in all schools including public schools."

It's amazing that finally 39 years later a Moment of Silence is being passed in Arizona! (We are just waiting for the Governor to sign it!) With the increase in education the Rebbe's blessing should be fulfilled "When the parents do their part, Hashem will certainly do His, by taking care of the needs of the entire family."

Thank you to our teachers at Cheder for preparing our students for Pesach, and making special Hagadahs and crafts!

Wishing you a Kosher and Happy Pesach!

Mrs. Rivky Friedman

Head of School - Kodesh Department

Dear CLA families,

It was so nice to see many of you recently at the Chidon awards ceremony. Watching the proud smiling faces of our parents and students reminds me of the good that is going on every day here on campus. I'm continuously impressed by how quickly the students are improving their rank. I'd like to thank Rabbi Tzvi and Masha Rimler for not only putting together a wonderful celebration, but for managing all of the Chidon tests and study sessions throughout the school year. Thank you both!

This past month has been filled with multiple athletic successes that we all need to be proud of. Our 5th/7th grade boys began the very first soccer season, and at the same time, our 6th/7th girls class began their very first basketball season. It's exciting to see how motivated our student athletes are and we are excited for them.

I'm also pleased to report that we have successfully survived the major construction project on Lincoln/Glendale with no accidents or injuries. The curb at the corner of the new driveway didn't fare so well though! I know this was a really challenging situation. Everyone did a wonderful job adjusting their drop off and pick up plans. Personally, I enjoyed watching a particular vehicle (that will remain unnamed) making daring left hand turns into the parking lot during just about every dismissal! You are so brave!

I'd like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for all of our families who continue to support our efforts on campus everyday.

Happy Pesach,
Jon Hutman

Principal - General Studies



CHEDER HAPPENINGS

TZIVOS HASHEM

What an incredible month it's been at Tzivos Hashem! WOW!

Let's start with the 60 Days of Simcha. *Oh!* What a joy! Each day brought a new, happy surprise so we could keep that Adar spirit up all 60 days long! This past month brought zepolis, dancing in the morning, awesome dress-up days, the cookie craze, and more!

With Yud Aleph Nissan coming our chayolim have been hard at work preparing a beautiful present for the Rebbe - **over 10,000 lines** of Tanya and Mishnayos Baal Pe! We've just about completed our goal with a few classes (go 6th & 7th-grade girls!) even surpassing their goal!

We're looking forward to a **super fun** Yud Aleph Nissan, with a rally and special program!

Oh, and of course, that amazing Chidon award ceremony! It was truly something special, watching our fabulous chayolim earn their medals, plaques, sweatshirts, and prizes for all the hard work they put in over the last few months. We are so proud of every one of you for all the priceless learning you have attained in Sefer Hamitzvos!

We cap it off with the Chidon grand trip: on Monday, 1 Iyar / May 2, the Chidon finalists will be going on a thrilling full-day trip featuring laser tag, bowling, arcades, a deluxe restaurant, and one crazy Party Bus ride! More details to come shortly.

Mazal Tov and a Kosher un Freilichen Pesach!

Warmly, Your Base Commanders, Rabbi Tzvi and Masha Rimler



Students enjoyed bounce houses on Rosh Chodesh Adar!



Rivkah Diskin dresses up as a Cheder Morah!



Awesome Talent Show!

CHEDER HAPPENINGS CONTINUED...



Are you smarter than a Chidon student??



Our awesome
Girls and Boys
Chidon Finalists!



KITAH ALEF / 1ST GRADE

Mrs. Chaya Majesky:

I'm so happy to be back.

In davening we're making sure to say every word correctly with the right nekudos and letters.

The students got much better in their reading one group just started learning tute Chiirik while the other ones are practicing everything that they already know.

Mazal tov to all those that finished part one of the aleph champs booklets.

As a birthday gift to our Rebbe, we learned by heart 33 lines of Tanya.

In preparation for Pesach we had fun cleaning our classrooms, we played a chometz game. We took some pictures of us practicing the steps of the Seder. We also got to learn a big part of the ma nishtana in Yiddish. Please encourage your children to say it at the Seder.



Reading Buddies

Mrs. Campbell:

Things continue to look bright in first grade. Students are strengthening their skills daily, and showing new interests in learning as well! We are starting a social-emotional learning curriculum that I am excited to share with the students. I hope this will help the students with navigating their feelings as well as handling the sorts of conflict that may come up.

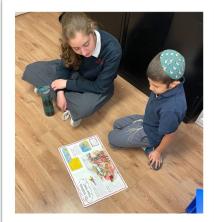
The last week of March we were able to have some of the high school girls come and buddy read with the class. It was fun to see the students choosing and reading books to the older girls and vice versa.

The students seem to be very excited about the upcoming break and have lots of energy! I hope they put it to good use and keep the momentum going in our learning! I am so proud of what the first graders have done so far.









Special Guest Visitor Reads to the Second **Grade Girls**



"We love the silly rhymes and even make up our own!"

Mini field trip to watch construction on 21st St.



The Talent show was a highlight as Chana

KITAH BEIS / 2ND GRADE GIRLS

Rabbi Matusof:

Pesach is in the air. We dove right into Pesach prep after Purim. Learning ma nishtana in Yiddish, making our fun pop-out Hagada steps booklet, and learning about what makes things chometz or matza. It was really fun creating our very own real-looking Seder plate! In Chumash, we are moving along nicely! We are reviewing and learning new Chumash skills in both fun



and exciting ways. The girls love singing our very own homemade shorashim song.

KITAH BEIS / 2ND GRADE BOYS AND GIRLS

Mrs. Breining:

Second Graders have been working hard and having fun this month! We have enjoyed the Dress Up days of our 60 Days of Joy! From cowboys to princesses,

we have embraced this fun season and journal our experiences. The students are very creative with their journal entries!

The current roadwork has sparked curiosity with the boys, so we had a mini field trip to watch the excavator in progress! They were

fascinated with the whole process.

We have completed our study of the Westward Expansion. We created 9 paper quilt pieces, symbolizing different parts of the journey, and will attach them to make one beautiful piece of art!

In math, we have completed our multiplication tables to times 10! Learning formulas for perimeter and area, and learning expanded forms for three-digit numbers, has been exciting, as well as measuring with inches and centimeters! We celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday in grand style with math and reading activities. We love the silly rhymes and even make up our own!

> Allouche demonstrated her skill with the violin. She even played for the class!

KITAH BEIS / 2ND GRADE BOYS



Testing out what a Mincha would taste like.

plate! In Chumash, we are almost finished with Parshas Lech Lecha! We are reviewing and learning new Chumash skills at a really quick pace. In Parsha, we tested out what a Mincha would taste like and other fun things.

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KITAH GIMMEL / 3RD GRADE BOYS

of Mishnayos

Rabbi Shaw:

3rd Grade has been busy preparing for Pesach. We began by first doing our Halacha booklets, we went through the calendar for this month, learned about checking and burning the Chometz, we discussed how the Matzah is made and watched a video of the process. Preparing for Sefriah Homer each student is making their own Sefirah flip book. Each day the class reviewed the Ma Nishtna and then had time for testing before Pesach. We had a special raffle for all the students for being tested on the Ma nishtna.



We learned through different parts of the Hagoddah learning a number of Divrei Torah, the class practiced the Nussach of Kiddush a number of times.

Preparing for 11 Nissan the class has been working to reach our goal of 770 lines of

Mishnayos baal peh and 614 lines of baal peh and Tanya Baal peh!! For Chumash we 614 lines of have been we have finished פרק ב.

For skills we have focused on שמות Tanya baal חבות and have been working a lot of peh!!"

our Dikduk workbooks. During our Mishnayos class we completed learning ו פרק. The class learned lots about making Brochos on food, what food brochos exempts you from other brochos, when you have a main food and secondary one... we also learned who made each of the Brochos of bentching and why the fourth brocha was added.

Have a Good Yomtov and Kosher and Freilichen Pesach!



Working hard on our Pesach booklets and Haggados

KITAH GIMMEL / 3RD GRADE BOYS continued Mrs. Cooper:



Afternoons have been great in 3B, here is why:

This past month was all about understanding multiplication. We learned that multiplication is actually the repeated addition of equal groups. We drew groups and made chalk number lines on the sidewalk to reinforce this concept. All along the boys have been able to refer to their multiplication tables, which are stuck to their desks. In Unit 4, we are going to really emphasize fluency and memorization of the facts!



In <u>Journeys</u>, we read <u>The Young Thomas Edison</u>. This was the inspiration for our Inventors and Inventions project. So far, the projects that have come in have been amazing, and I am impressed by the research the boys have done and their displays. The due date for all projects is April 6, but please send yours in sooner if it is done. If they need more time, please let me know.

We have changed the economic system in our class. For completing work and making good choices, the boys are now earning paper dollars. At the end of the day, they count their money, and can "buy" a

raffle ticket, or save up for a prize. If you have some small items that would make good prizes, please feel free to send them in, as it is challenging to keep the prize box filled.



Just a few reminders: candy and gum are not allowed in class. Toys and trading cards must be kept in backpacks until recess or after school. Please send a water bottle with a LID, as they tend to spill.

I hope all of you have a wonderful Pesach. I will be spending mine with my family in Chandler.





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For Chumash we have been we have finished פרק בג. For skills we have focused on שמות הגוף have been working a lot of our Dikduk workbooks.

We also did some Rashi letter practice with a game of spot it. In honor Beis Nissan the class heard a couple of stories about the Rebbe

Rashab. We have Flip Book done a couple of class games practicing our Chumash skills using chrome books.

> Have a Good Yomtov and Kosher and Freilichen Pesach!



Mrs. Klype

Our months seem to be flying by and the end of third grade is fast approaching. The girls have been very busy and very productive, yet still found time to have fun too. We worked on writing sentences using homophones, analogies, synonyms, and antonyms. We reviewed a variety of daisies in our skills such as possessives, plural nouns, subject-verb agreement, pronouns with antecedents and past tense of verbs, conjunctions and commas, linking words, possessive pronouns, synonyms, and antonyms to name a few. We practiced using dictionaries and thesauruses which painted rocks, helped the girls with their opinion and descriptive paragraphs on Spring. We completed anoth- and made er unit, The Age of Exploration, and learned about the early explorers who came to America. Our purpose was to study the historical discoveries, the difficulties which the explorers spring faced, the need for exploration, and its outcome. We have read about Christopher Columbus, flowers..." John Cabot and Henry Hudson, Ponce de Leon, Magellan, Marco Pollo, Jacques Cartier, and Samuel de Champlain to name a few. As for some fun, we planted daisies in our classroom, painted rocks, and made spring flowers and banners to decorate our classroom.

Sefiras

Haomer

In Geography, we studied how to read a map. We read about Yellowstone Park and its wildlife, the Super Volcano, and the Ring of Fire. We learned about longitude and the three lines of latitude; equator, Tropic of Cancer, and Capricorn.

In Math, we worked on fractions as we compared proper and improper fractions; equivalent frac-



tions on a number line: addition of fractions with the same denominators; and worked on word problems with addition and subtraction of fractions. The girls are preparing to take their unit assessment on fractions before Pesach.

KITAH DALED / 4TH GRADE BOYS

Rabbi Miller:

לכבוד חודש ניסן חודש הגאולה הבעל"ט

Dear Parents,

Boruch Hashem, this month has been packed with learning and activities. It is wonderful to see the tremendous progress that the talmidim are making. As a joint effort with ביתה , we have nearly completed, בעז"ה, the 3,700+ lines of Tanya as a gift for the Rebbe's 120th birthday. The boys have mastered פרקים א-ד of Tanya by heart! What a tremendous accomplishment!

We are nearing the end of Maseches Sukka on mishnayos shiur, with only 3 more mishnayos remaining. We learned the teitchen, many new millim, and the explanation of the mishnayos, as well as new musogim.

In Chumash, we completed פרקים ל"ד-ל"ו, which is also the completion of פרשת וישלח! We have continued our focus on identifying poalim (verbs) and determining shorashim, and have added goals in learning extra shorashim.

One of our big projects this month has been our Hagadda shel Pesach, which we have worked very diligently to practice reading, understanding and remembering the order and different minhogim. We even learned the various hanhogos of the Rebbe in preparation for and during the seder. We learned hilchos bedikas chometz, biur chometz, hagolas keilim and libun, as well as some of the dinim for davening during Pesach and Sefiras haOmer.

The weekly Shabbos dvar torah and parsha activity based on Likutei sichos alef have continued, and I hope that the boys are gracing their respective Shabbos tishen with divrei Torah of our Rebbe. Wishing all the parents and families much yiddishe and chassidishe nachas from each and all of the talmidim, as well as a חג בשר ושמח

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KITAH DALED / 4TH GRADE **GIRLS**

Morah Chaya Marasow:

Dear parents,

The past few weeks in Kita Daled have been full of learning, singing, cleaning and so much creativity. We are so proud that we all know the Ma Nishtana in Yiddish!

We can't wait for you to see our Haggadah and beautiful hand sewn Matza bags.

Enjoy this time with your delicious girls:)

A Kosher Un Freilechen Pesach! Morah Marasow



KITAH DALED / 4TH GRADE BOYS & GIRLS

Mrs Stanton:

4th graders have been hard at work this past month on a variety of things!

One big challenge has been mastering addition and subtraction of fractions. They have moved along to tricky problems that require renaming and reducing. Phew! What a lot of work!

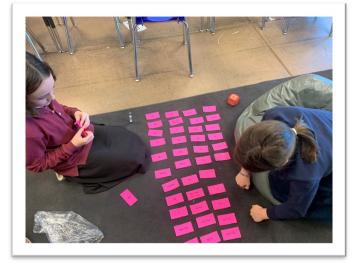
They have also spent quite a bit of time studying wind-related themes, such as hurricanes and tornados, as well as some of the positive uses for wind such as wind power. Everyone built pinwheels and wind-powered sail cars which we blew along with a blow dryer! We even did a wind-themed art project which was a collage depicting hot air balloons floating along in some really incredible locations around the world! This focus on wind has left us all with a little bit different perspective when we feel the wind blowing past us in our lovely spring weather!

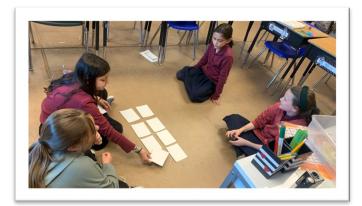












KITAH HEY / 5TH GRADE BOYS

Rabbi Majesky:

This month was one of the most accomplished months.

In Gemara we did over a daf which means we did 5 אדף גמרא far this year!!!

The תלמידים are also getting tested on גמרא בפנים and as a class we were tested over 100 עמודים גמרא בפנים. Our class was also very busy writing the שקלא וטריא of the Gemara in their own words.

We finished חומש in חומש we started ראש השנה משניות and learned 2 erקים. Our class has also been very busy preparing for Yud Alef Nissan.

Everybody has been getting tested on Gemara and on different facts about our רביים Also keeping a ח"וד for the Rebbe.

This month we also finished talking about different things that went on by the Rebbe from תשי"א-תשנ"ד

Rabbi Gruys:

Dear Parents,

I'm thrilled to be a part of your child's educational experience here at Cheder Lubavitch of Arizona. Within the first couple of weeks, we have conquered new vocabulary lists, acquired new skills on how to properly write friendly letters and will be learning about business letters as well. We're getting ready to mail our letters and are excited to see if we have any responses come in. The boys have been going more in-depth into grammar law and are seeing a shift in their day-to-day writing quality. Fifth grade has also been exploring creative writing through a Chassidshe lens. Each story we write has strong roots in Yiddishkeit and navigates the realms of creative thinking and paragraph formation.

In the future, we will be exploring the subjects of grammar law and writing structure more in-depth after Pesach. The boys will have me for two hours on Friday after the break. We are excited to jumpstart a frum and rabbinically approved science curriculum in our class after the Pesach break. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. With only nachas and simcha, have a kosher and freilechen Pesach.

All the best,

Reb Shmiel

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much."

Mr. Ortez AKA Coach Phil:

5th Grade Boys have been cruising along and are getting into Multiplication with Decilimals! In our last test, the boys as a group did so very well. Very proud of them.

Soccer has been on the forefront lately. The new goals that we got have really helped with this. The boys are getting to improve their skills with this much soccer getting played and are running around so much.

KITAH HEY / 5TH GRADE GIRLS



Morah Matusof:

The 5th graders are making fantastic progress in Chumash! We know the entire Birchos Yaakov in song and made beautiful projects that are proudly hanging in our

classroom. We finished up learning Parshas Vayechi and celebrated with a grand Siyum at As You Wish Pottery Studio. We jumped right into Sefer Shemos, just in time for Pesach.

In Halacha class, we finished all four lists of Brachos on foods and the Halachos of Bracha Rishona. We took a break from Brachos to learn Halachos of Purim and the Megilla. We then continued with learning the Halachos of Pesach and are making fabulous Hagados. The girls have each chosen a part of the Seder to teach their friends, and we've been enjoying their presentations. The girls painted and decorated a double-layer cover for their Hagados. They came out gorgeous!

In Navi class we just finished the Shofet Yiftach.

In Biur Tefilla, we learned the first two of the Birchos Hatorah. The girls did very well on their quizzes!

We are practicing for our end-of-theyear musical that will be on Thursday, 3 Sivan, June 2nd.

We can't wait to get our parts after Pesach!



Mrs. Berry:

In science class, the Grade 5 girls have been learning about the different types of energy and how energy is not lost but transformed into other kinds of energy. Over the next few weeks, we will explore sound, light, magnetism, and electricity. As part of our hands-on investigation of sound, the girls "As part of our learned about pitch and made pitch pipes or pan flutes from straws.

Math in March was all about fractions. I was a bit worried that the girls might be overwhelmed with the material as fractions can be challenging. They have proved me wrong - these girls are great mathematicians and met the challenge with ease. We will continue with fractions concepts through April.



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Ms. Hoffman

The fifth-grade girls have been hard at work! They come to class, whether Language Arts or Social Studies and are ready to go within moments. They are such a pleasure to work with. In Language Arts, the girls are working on improving their writing skills. They are trying to use more specific and descriptive words. They are doing a great job! We will put these skills to the test after our break when we will be writing some narratives and informative papers. We also have kept up with our spelling and vocabulary skills. The girls are doing great on their spelling tests, and we also have started doing grammar paragraphs and sentences.

In Social Studies we started learning about the Civil War. Each girl was assigned two important people to do a report on. When they were assigned these two people, they were also given two larger figures of the people that they needed to color, after they looked up pictures of how they usually looked and dressed. These will go on each side of a tri-fold board, and their reports on the two people will go in the middle. I can't wait to hear their presentations, as these people, and this time period will be very interesting to the class. We also are studying a Civil War packet together to help us learn why the Civil War happened, the advantages of the North and South, the battles of the war, how it eventually ended, and what kind of agreement was hammered out. The girls have produced great work!

KITAH VAV/ZAYIN / 6TH/7TH GRADE GIRLS

Morah Chayale Levin:

Another incredible month has flown by and the girls are flourishing! Thank you Toby and Reizi for heading Rosh Chodesh Adar Beis with a smashing prank, dance party, treats, and fun! Thank you Ashee and Chava P. for their hard work in bringing toichen to the special days of the month! Round of applause to Reeka, Chava L., and Chaya Wernick for their creativity and execution of our Night in Persia event! B"H we finished learning Perek Hey in honor of Yud Alef Nissan! Our class memorized 1,055

lines of Tanya so far, surpassing our goal of 770!

Hope everyone has a kosher and freilichen Pesach and looking forward to resuming!







Morah Elisheva Dinerman:

Hey, 6th/7th graders!

I'm so proud of all of you and how much effort you all put into learning the halachos of Pesach! Great job grasping all the insights on the Haggadah as well! Keep asking questions and getting your minds rolling!!! Shout out to all those that memorized the manishtana in Yiddish!

Wishing you all a kosher and freilichen Pesach and looking forward to seeing you all after the break!

Love, Morah Dinerman

Rabbi Gelman:

This month, we learned the first two Perakim of Sefer Bamidbar. As we are constantly looking to work on our Chumash skills, we introduced a new series of skills in our booklet. In addition to understanding the content, we added Milim, Shoroshim, and Klalei Dikduk. To strengthen these new skills, the girls are now occasionally given homework assignments. It is impressive to see how the girls are successfully applying these skills to the Chumash we learn.

Wishing you a Kosher un Freilichin Pesach! ~ Rabbi Gelman

KITAH VAV/ZAYIN / 6TH/7TH GRADE GIRLS CONTINUED

Mr. Mercer:

After completing a study of a function called a parabola and learning how the graph of a parabola will change based on the coefficient and the constant, sixth/seventh-grade girls studied the Pythagorean theorem, including many application problems. They then learned how to compute the distance between any two points on a coordinate graph using a form of the Pythagorean formula called the distance formula. Students were impressed with the relationship between the two formulas given that they look so very, very different. In April, we will learn how to find the perimeter, area, and volume of different 2D and 3D shapes, and understand why the area is always expressed as square units or units², and volume as cubic units or units³.

Ms. Hoffman:

The seventh-grade girls have been hard at work. They are all very talented writers and thinking up writing assignments for them is so fun because they always seem to rise to the occasion! Most of them love to share their writing with the class, so the girls get to hear many different styles of writing and poetry.

The stories that we read in our literature book, such as our latest one, "Barrio Boy", not only present us with new vocabulary words but challenge us to think about how hard it is for a non-English speaking little first grader to come to school for

the first time and try to learn our language. One of their assignments was to think of all the words in our language that make no sense when you pronounce them-knee, night, thought, philosophy, gnat, knowledge...the list is endless!

They have also created beautiful character traits posters and very creative playbills for a play we read about how penicillin was created called "Penicillin & Co." They were all very unique, and we have both the character posters and playbills on display in our room.

The girls have also been having weekly spelling tests and have been doing an excellent job!

Each year the girls do a project, and this year the focus of the project is World War II. They were given many choices to choose from and could also come up with their own idea. (If approved!) I am excited to hear the girl's presentations, as they always do an amazing job on their projects!

Mrs. Berry:

We ended our studies in physical science with a catapult challenge. The girls use common household items to construct tabletop catapults that would launch an aluminum foil ball. We had a lot of fun testing them out! In March we also began our next unit on earth science. We have spent the past week learning about the composition and layers of earth. We will spend the next several weeks learning about how the surface of the earth changes with earthquakes, volcanoes, and natural weather patterns.







KITAH VAV/ZAYIN / 6TH/7TH GRADE BOYS

Rabbi Gelman:

This past month, we put major emphasis on Chazarah. Attempting to review and get tested on all the material we have learned so far is no easy task, but the Talmidim are determined to get it done.

In honor of Yud Alef Nissan, the Talmidim are participating in a special Hachana. Included in the Hachana was a weekly zoom class to learn a Rebbe Letter, working on being extra focused during learning time and some Talmidim have even submitted a Haarah (essay on a Torah thought) for a Kovetz we will iy"h be printing.

As Pesach is approaching, we have been busy learning the Halachos of Pesach. Starting with Hilchos Bdikas and Biur Chametz, kashering and Hilchos and Minhagei Haseder.

Wishing you a Kosher un Freilichen Pesach! Rabbi Gelman

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Mr. Hutman:

The 7th grade boys science class is currently investigating climate trends and climate change. Earth's climate is changing, with average temperatures increasing by about 0.8°C since 1880. While the increase may sound small, the result is not. One of the many observable changes is that ice on Earth is vanishing. The 7th grade boys have adopted the role of climatologists who will help the fictional World Climate Institute research causes of ice loss and climate change with the goal of educating the public about their findings.

In order to delve into the mechanism of climate change, the boys will do investigations with computer simulations, data, physical models, and science texts. They will refute claims based on common misconceptions and ultimately make a conclusion as to what is causing global warming. What do you think is causing this change?

Mr. Mercer:

Sixth/Seventh grade boys have been learning about perimeter, circumference, area and volume. We have learned that area is always expressed as square units or units², and volume as cubic units or units³. Students have identified the radius vs the diameter of a circle and have use pi for many measurements and understand that 3.14 is the decimal approximation for pi, and that pi is actually the circumference divided by the diameter of a circle. We completed a measurement challenge, and predicted how many spheres (basketballs) will fit in a cylinder (garbage can). In April, we will spend some time on more complicated 2- and 3-dimensional figures. All students should have a calculator with them in the classroom.

Mrs. Shaffer:

The seventh-grade boys are currently studying Westward Expansion in the early 1800s. We finished the unit with an Escape Room Activity about Lewis and Clark.

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