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Message From Our Menahel



Many of us participate in the beautiful custom of blessing our children prior to Yom Kippur as we invoke the threefold Birkat Kohanim, the Priestly Blessing. While this ancient blessing was originally given to the Kohanim to bless the Jewish people, the words of the blessing and the blessing itself come directly from Hashem. The verses in Parashat Nasso prove this, as it says: "כִּי הָיָה תְּבַרְכּוּ אֶת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אָמֹר לָהֶם" - "So should you bless the Jewish people, say to them", meaning using these precise words, and "וַיִּשְׂמוּ אֶת שְׁמִי עַל בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאֲנִי אֲבָרְכֶם", "Let them place my name upon the Jewish people and I will bless them."

According to the Midrash Tanchuma, the Jewish people turned to Hashem and asked why He ordered the Kohanim to bless the Jewish people; why doesn't Hashem bless them directly? And Hashem responded that, although he commanded the Kohanim to bless them, He stands together with the Kohanim. Rav Shimshon Rafael Hirsch elaborates and says that the Kohen is "but an instrument, a medium through which the benediction is expressed."

The Kohanim must not only be worthy emissaries in transmitting this blessing from

Hashem, but they must "place my name upon the Jewish people", meaning they must prepare the Jewish people to be fitting recipients of Hashem's blessings. Perhaps this is the reason for the Kohanim's involvement. Ultimately, they were educators charged with teaching the Jewish people and encouraging their spiritual growth.

When we bless our children, we no doubt beseech the A-mighty to provide for their physical and material needs, to grant them good health, to enlighten them through Torah and to treat them with compassion and mercy. May all of our precious children be blessed with this and much more. And let us hope that we are worthy emissaries in bestowing these blessings and that we, together, have succeeded in preparing our children to be fitting recipients.

Wishing you and yours a G'mar Chatima Tova,

Rabbi Gary Menchel

Dedicated to a refuah shelemah for Moshe ben Sara.

Columbus Day Arrival / Dismissal Reminder

Dear Parents,

In light of the fact that there will be no bus service on Monday, October 10, 2011, and to ensure a safe and efficient arrival and dismissal for all students, we ask that you follow the following procedures and thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

Drop-off

Drop-off will be between 7:45 AM and 8:05 AM. Lineup will begin promptly at 8:10 AM. Please enter the school's parking lot and continue in the designated drop-off lane. Please **DO NOT STOP** until you have reached the last car on line. Please **DO NOT** leave your car. Your child(ren) will be escorted by our teachers into the building. Please **DO NOT PARK** and enter the school building. As soon as your child(ren) has/have left your car, please leave the premises as quickly as possible.

If you have business to transact in the school office, please **DO NOT ENTER THE PARKING LOT**; rather, find street parking.

Pick-up

Pick-up will begin at 3:15 PM. Please prepare in advance a list of the names (first and last) and grades of the children in your carpool to be given to a staff member once you enter the pick-up lanes. Carpools following this procedure will be called first. Please **DO NOT** park or leave your car and please **DO NOT** plan to enter the school building during the dismissal time. Students will be escorted by a staff member to your car. Please leave the premises as soon as you have all of your children.

We thank you for your cooperation.

Tefillat Gilad Shalit

With the approach of Yom Kippur, a group of educators residing in Israel organized an Atzeret Tefilla on behalf of Gilad Shalit. Originating from the Shalit tent in Jerusalem,

and using a video conference web based platform, our YHT 7th and 8th graders joined Jewish students all over the world to show their support for Gilad Shalit and his family and to pray for his speedy return to us. The program, which was broadcast live, included the recitation of Tehillim, led by local yeshiva high schools in the United States, a musical segment, and brief Divrei Torah from Noam Shalit, Gilad's father, Rabbi Jonathan Rosenblatt of the Riverdale Jewish Center, Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, the Chief Rabbi of the United Kingdom and Dr. Eli Wiesel, noted author, Nobel Prize winner and witness to the Holocaust. The energy and kavanah in our YHT Beit Midrash was palpable as our students rose to add their voices to the voices of hundreds of Jewish children around the world in tefilah and tehillim. This Tefilla B'Tzibur was a wonderful opportunity for our students to understand the Jewish value of responsibility for Gilad Shalit, for all of Klal Yisrael and for all humanity. Below you will find a video recording of the Atzeret Tefilah which will allow you to share in the experience that our students had.



tefilla for the return of gilad shalit -
recorded conference.mp4

Yeshiva Har Torah Open House Monday, November 7, 2011 7:30PM

Please spread the word about our upcoming Open House!

We are looking for parents to help beautify the building, hang flyers in the neighborhoods and prepare our Open House packets. Most important, please share with your friends and neighbors how happy you are at YHT! Please email Yael Greenberger (Ygreenberger@hartorah.org) if you or anyone you know is available to help.

2M Explores Reading Strategies

2M has been busy reading many books and learning all about text to self connections. We learned that a text to self connection is a connection that we make while reading a book to something in our own personal experiences or life. We learned that making text

to self connections is a strategy that good readers use to help them understand what they are reading. While learning about text to self connections, we read many books to help us practice the strategy. We read the book "When the Relatives Came" by Cynthia Rylant and it reminded many us of times when our cousins had come to our houses to visit. This strategy helped us understand the book better because we had the same experience.

Using Assessments to Help Meet the Needs of Every Child

Yeshiva Har Torah is committed to meeting the varied needs of every student. Ongoing assessment is an integral part of accommodating to the different needs of different children. To ensure that each child's needs are met, teachers are continually assessing, both formally and informally, the levels of children as they grow and change. We are completing math and literacy assessments that have been taking place in class alongside instruction. The results of these assesments will guide teachers in catering to all of the students in their classrooms.

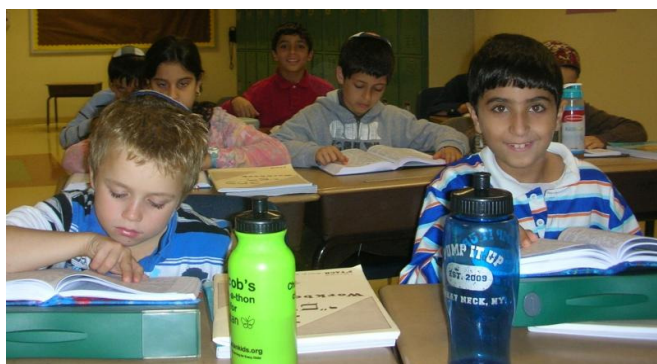
4F Hard at Work!

The students of 4F are off to a great start this school year. The learning has been wonderful, the boys and girls have displayed beautiful Middot and there is an overall enthusiasm in the classroom for Torah and Mitzvot, which has been inspiring.

After Tefillah we begin every day with Chumash. The story of Yosef and his brothers has kept us very interested and busy. This week we were reviewing the material we have covered until this point. Many of the students were able to recall that Yosef told the first dream to his brothers and that he repeated the second dream to his father too. We are also investing a lot of effort and energy into enhancing our Chumash skills.

In addition to Chumash which all of the students learned in the past, we are privileged to have begun the study of Mishna. We have already learned two Mishnayot. If you want to know the proper times to say the nightly Kriat Shma, just ask any of the amazing students in 4F. Not only do the students have a sound understanding of the material, but we also learn the Mishnayot by heart. It is moving to see the entire class reciting a Mishna by heart in unison.

In conclusion, we are so glad to be a part Yeshiva Har Torah and are eagerly anticipating a terrific year together with the rest of the Har Torah Family.





Math Olympiads

We are excited to announce that YHT is signed up to complete in the Math Olympiads. We will have two teams; one for grades 4-6 and another for grades 7 and 8. The Math Olympiad program was created to stimulate enthusiasm and a love for Mathematics, introduce important Mathematical concepts, teach major strategies for problem solving, develop Mathematical flexibility in solving problems, strengthen Mathematical intuition, foster Mathematical creativity and ingenuity, and provide for the satisfaction, joy, and thrill of meeting challenges. We will begin to put teams together following Sukkot vacation. The teams will compete beginning in November.

Birthday Party Policies

As you know, one of the core values of our Yeshiva is to teach mutual respect and sensitivity to others. It has come to my attention that there have been out of school birthday parties taking place without being sensitive to this value. Please be reminded that our longstanding policy is that if members of the class are invited to a birthday party, all children of the same gender are to be included. Additionally, birthday party invitations should not be distributed in school.

Thank you for your cooperation and for respecting this policy.

PTA Annual Chocolate Bar Fund Raiser

Next week the PTA will begin the annual chocolate bar fund raiser. This fund raiser brings in much needed funds to the PTA. Chocolate will be distributed to all children in Grades 1-8.

If you have a child in Nursey or Kindergarten and want to participate, please send an email to DSQR@hotmail.com indicating your approval.

If you do not want your child(ren) to participate in this fund raiser you must send an e-mail to DSQR@hotmail.com indicating your refusal.

Thank you,

Debbie Spilky
YHT-PTA President

Mazal Tov!

Mazal Tov to...

Cynthia Kopman on the birth of a granddaughter, born to their children Spencer and Deena Silverman!

Mitzvah cards can be sent "In Memory" or "In Honor" of any occasion. To send a mitzvah card please contact Mrs. Lisa Appel at LisaRobin@verizon.net.

Refuah Shelemah

On behalf of the entire Yeshiva, we extend a refuah shelemah to Mrs. Lorraine Schmidt and Mrs. Carolyn Jonas.

Yeshiva Har Torah Parnas HaYom

Parnas Hayom was sponsored by
Yael and Dovi Greenberger
for a refuah sheleimah for
Moshe Ben Sara

May he have a complete and speedy recovery.

To sponsor learning at Yeshiva Har Torah for a simcha, yahrtzeit or any occasion, please call Beth at extension 2416 or email BRifkin@hartorah.org

Lost & Found

Missing a maroon Abercrombie hoodie (it has the brand name across the front of the jacket in ivory letters).

A Yankee's Ring was found and brought to the office. If this is your ring, please come to the office to claim it.

Important Notices / Reminders:

- Columbus Day, October 10th, there will be no busing.
 - Nursery: Regular Dismissal
 - K-8: 3:45pm Dismissal
- October 12-23: No Session (Sukkot)
- October 28-29: 8th Grade Yachad Shabbaton
- November 2: Yeshiva High School Information Night for 8th Grade Parents at 7:00PM
- November 7: Yeshiva Har Torah Open House at 7:30PM
- November 8: No School (JEP Professional Development Day)
- Picture Days:
 - November 4 - Eighth Grade picture day (**Please note change in date**)
 - November 15 - Picture day N-2 (**Please note change in date**)
 - November 16 - Picture Day 3-7 (**Please note change in date**)

Magazine Drive Deadline Extended

Wondering what to buy someone for Chanukah? Do you know doctors who keep magazines in their waiting room? Want to keep up with the entertainment world? Now is the time to order new magazines or renew existing ones, and at the same time feel good about helping the YHT-PTA. The magazine drive deadline has now been extended to October 10th! All checks should be made out to "YHT-PTA". Contact Debby Spigel at 516-482-7997 for additional information.

Eighth Grade Yachad Shabbaton

Dear 8th Grade Parents,

We are excited to announce that once again our 8th graders will have the opportunity to participate in a special program with Yachad. The goal of Yachad, an organization under the auspices of the Orthodox Union, is to help bring together developmentally disabled Jewish children with mainstream children of the same age. On the Shabbat of October 28th-29th, the 8th graders will be having their annual Yachad Shabbaton at the Young Israel of Holliswood. If the past is any indication of how our students grow from their interactions with the Yachad children, this will be a learning opportunity not to be missed. The cost for YHT students for the Shabbaton is \$65. Please fill out the form on the reverse side and return it with your check (made out to YHT) to the school office by Thursday, October 6th.

In order for everyone to have an opportunity to enjoy the Shabbaton, the bulk of the funding is expected to come directly from the school or community hosting the event. Yeshiva Har Torah is dedicated to maintaining a strong relationship with Yachad. However, the financial responsibilities are such that we cannot do it alone. We would like to give you the opportunity to help defray some of the anticipated costs, which include food, supplies, and activities, by becoming a Yachad sponsor. You can help sponsor a Yachad member's participation for an additional \$65.00 or help support the Shabbaton for an additional \$36.00. Please send your contribution to our office at your earliest convenience. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Gary Menchel
Menahel

Rabbi Yisrael Silverman
Assistant Principal



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Sign up by Thursday, October 6th

Yes, I would like to participate in the YHT / Yachad Shabbaton.

Student's name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ date _____

_____ enclosed is my check for \$65 (Please make out all checks to YHT.)

_____ I would like to contribute an additional \$36 to help defray the costs of the Shabbaton.

_____ I would like to contribute an additional \$65 to sponsor a Yachad member's participation.

Sign Up for Mishmar!

(Grades 5-8)

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to announce the start of our Mishmar program on Thursday, November 3rd. We encourage all of our students in grades 5-8, both boys and girls, to stay after

school on Thursday afternoons from 4:30-6:00 P.M. for an exciting program of Torah learning and sports. The Torah learning will be led by our very own Rabbi Fried, Rabbi Dov Fried, Rabbi Levy, Rabbi Pomper and Rabbi Rosenthal.

At the beginning of every Mishmar session we will provide a light snack and drinks. Periodically, throughout the school year, in order to celebrate our students' accomplishments and growth in Torah learning, we will have special festive meals. To kick-off our Mishmar program we will be serving a special pizza dinner at our first session on Thursday, November 3rd. We will notify you and your children in advance of the other special meals.

We would appreciate sponsors to help us provide the snacks and the festive meals. Sponsorships can be made in honor of a Bar/Bat Mitzvah or a birthday, to commemorate a yahrzeit, or to mark any other important milestone. Please take this opportunity to help make this year's Mishmar a meaningful experience for all of our students.

Sponsorships:

Regular weekly snack \$36
 Pizza and French fries festive dinner \$180
 Carlos and Gabby's festive dinner \$360

If your son or daughter is interested in participating in this year's Mishmar, please complete the attached form and return it to Rabbi Silverman by Monday, November 3rd. We would like to remind you to please pick up your children from Mishmar on time. We look forward to a most successful program.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Gary Menchel
 Menahel

Rabbi Yisrael Silverman
 Assistant Principal

 My child _____ in grade _____ is interested in participating in this year's Mishmar program.

 Parent's Signature

 I would like to sponsor a Mishmar session on the following date: _____

In honor or in commemoration of _____

____ Regular weekly snack \$36
 ____ Pizza and French fries dinner \$180
 ____ Carlos and Gabby's meat dinner \$360

 Name (Please print)

Please return this form with a check made out to YHT to the front office.

YHT Choir for 3rd and 4th Graders

We are excited to announce that, after a most successful season last year, we will once again be offering to all students who like to sing the opportunity to participate in the Yeshiva Har Torah Choir. The choir will meet as a club every Tuesday after school from 3:45-4:30 in our Beit Midrash. The 3rd and 4th graders in the choir will join our 5th grade girls to form a singing group that will have fun learning new songs and perfecting their performance techniques. We look forward to this special choir performing for their parents and relatives, for the rest of the school at holiday celebrations and representing Yeshiva Har Torah at community events. In addition, we plan on taking the choir on special trips to perform for senior citizens and others who would appreciate their enthusiasm and talent.

There is no need to audition-all your child needs is the desire to be an active, cooperative and committed member of the choir. If your child is interested in participating, please fill out the attached permission slip and return it to the front office by Monday, October 3rd. The first choir session will be on Tuesday, October 25th. Please remember that transportation home at 4:30 is the responsibility of the parents. Please feel free to discuss with Karen Koren the possibility of transportation on the late bus.

My child, _____, in class _____, would love to be a member of the YHT Choir.

Parent's Signature

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UPCOMING PARLOR MEETING
Meet the Camp Directors and get a preview of what's in store for summer 2012!

Sunday, October 9, 8:00 PM
at the home of Stacey & Motti Edelstein
613 Euclid Avenue, West Hempstead

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