



# Daf Keshet

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## Important Reminders!

- There will be no sessions on December 26 in honor of Chanukah.
- December 27, 28, and 29 there will be 3:45PM dismissal for grades K-8.
- There will be no clubs or choir on December 27,28,29, January 2 and 5.
- Soccer is canceled on Friday, December 30 and will be rescheduled.
- There will be NO busing on January 2.

## Important Notice

As we approach the end of the calendar/tax year, we encourage you to fulfill outstanding pledges now so as to derive the tax benefit for the 2011 year. This includes payment of Capital Campaign pledges, Scholarship Fund payments and outstanding Dinner or Golf pledges.

**Dr. David Delmonico, Expert on Internet Safety,  
Coming to YHT  
Wednesday, January 11th, 8:00 PM  
Sponsored by PTA**

Your child is a part of the “@” generation - one of the estimated 15 million kids who are significantly influenced by the Internet. There are many positive aspects of the Internet, but the darker side cannot be dismissed. Pornography, gambling, sexual exploitation, and cyber-bullying are challenges your child faces online. Would you recognize if your child struggled with a serious online problem?

Through lecture, demonstration and discussion, this seminar will raise awareness regarding online “danger zones,” and present the psychological and developmental issues that adults need to understand about kids online. The presentation will help you to identify concerns and develop practical prevention and intervention strategies for your family. Focus will be on using your existing parenting skills to assist your kids online - no technical knowledge or experience is required.

This workshop contains mature information and is intended for parents and teachers only. Dr. Delmonico will also be addressing our students in grades 4-8 during the school day.

Dr. Delmonico is Professor at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and an expert in the area of psychology and the Internet. He is the co-author of *In the Shadows of the Net*, *Cybersex Unhooked*, *Cybersex Unplugged*, and is director of the Online Behavior Research and Education Center (OBREC) at Duquesne. He conducts Keeping Kids Safe seminars across the nation.

### Chanukah Continues at YHT:

- Kumsizizes and Chanuka Ruach!!!!
- A day at the movies (with popcorn)!!!!!!
- Sufganiyot and Levivot!!!!!!
- ... stay tuned..

### Kinder Korner

Over the past two weeks, the three kindergarten classes: Gan Lavan, Gan Kachol, and Gan Tzahov helped to bring simcha to the senior citizens at The Atria and The Boulevard. Our yeladim sang and danced their way into the hearts of their audience. The seniors commented how thrilled they were "to see the future of Am Yisrael". The children gave out Chanukah cards and began to form friendships. We hope to return throughout the year to entertain our new friends.





This week we were visited by two very special guests. Mr. & Mrs. Abe Hercman came to the preschool classes. Rabbi Menchel explained that Mr. Hercman, along with support from his wife, is responsible for us being in the new building. He was the building committee chairman. Mr. Hercman explained that many years ago Rabbis would come to Yeshivot around Chanukah and give out treats and Chanukah gelt for learning so nicely. Since all the yeladim in Yeshiva Har Torah have such good midot we deserve these treats. Each child was given a large dreidel filled with sweets and \$1 to spend as they see fit. Thank you to these two special individuals for sharing Chanukah with us.



## Chagigat HaChumash

The second grade classes received their Chumashim over the past week. Each class put on beautiful performances for their parents and special guests. They sang about the Torah, Sefer Bereishit, Shabbat and their excitement to begin this new chapter in their learning. Starting to learn Chumash is a very meaningful milestone. Yashar Koach to Morah Zahava Micholovich and Morah Bracha Mann for preparing the students so nicely. Thank you to Mrs. Karen Daitchman, our music teacher, and Morah Bracha Ben Basat,

our Hebrew Language Coordinator, for all of the time and hard work that they put into the performances as well.

### Mr. Stern's 6th Grade Update!

The 6<sup>th</sup> graders are having a wonderful year! They are studying geography and ancient history. This is the first time that they have been introduced to the ancient cultures of Egypt, Nubia, Africa and India. It's like going on a trip to a foreign land for the first time. They have been introduced to many polytheistic religions and are presently studying Buddhism and Hinduism that were established in ancient India. We have discussed the caste systems of these areas and compared them to the socioeconomic class systems in today's societies. Our next unit will be China, where they will learn about Confucius and his teachings plus the achievements of ancient China.

The grade is gaining a better understanding of the importance of note taking; they have been introduced to the proper manner of studying for all types of tests (multiple choice, matching, word box, fill-in). We have introduced the thematic essay and their writing skills are improving with each essay written. We use the hamburger technique and it has helped them to use a good opening and closing sentence and to include the (meat) details (facts) needed to answer the questions. In a couple of weeks they will be receiving their first D.B.Q. type essay with a detailed explanation of how to write it and a rubric of how such an essay is graded. This is a wonderful grade and they are a pleasure to work with and to see how well they are progressing.

### Morah Perets's 3P Update!

This week in Kitah Gimmel it was exciting and eventful. Chanukah permeated the air with serious learning and serious playing in our own class Chanukah play where some of us were Maccabees and some Yevanim. It was a great experience and the play was completely in Hebrew, of course.

In addition, the class was split into groups and each group wrote the Chanukah story in their own words which they then told over to the entire class. The students really enjoyed the experience of preparing the activity among themselves and sharing it with everyone.

We also had fun gave of Chanukah Bingo with five lucky winners!

A little while ago, Kitah Gimmel learned about all types of fruit in Hebrew from a story the students received. Afterwards, the students were asked to study the names of the fruit and to be tested on them. The results were excellent! In order to strengthen their new vocabulary we prepared fruit salad in class and it was great. Each student brought one fruit and Kitah Gimmel enjoyed a juicy fruit salad.



Sarah Rosenfeld, Efrat Romano and Shira Kornblau want to share with you what's going on in our classroom:

בכיתה של מורה פרץ אנחנו לומדים על הסיפור ומנהגים של חנוכה.  
אנחנו עשינו הצגה. כל הילדים למדו את השיר 'כד קטן'.

In Morah Perets' class we are learning the story and customs of Chanukah. We had a play and all of the kids learned the song Kad Katan (little jug of oil).

And we're learning Chumash. We are writing and reading in Rashi. A few weeks ago we made a delicious fruit salad. We have a book called Chayenu, our life. We have lots of activities in Chayenu.

Rachel Rose, Mina Nabavian, Skyler Kass and Gabriella Steinberg would like to share

some Halachot of Chanukah which they found interesting:

In Morah Perets' class we learned halachot of Chanukah. They are very interesting. Some of them were Halachot that we never heard of before. There are many interesting ones. One of them is that women can't work during the time that the candles are lit! Another one is that we eat dairy because a lady named Yehudit killed the helper of the king by bringing him dairy food and wine and that made him tired and he fell asleep and Yehudit killed him. We love learning so many things in Morah Perets' class!

### Rabbi Gantz Visits 7B!



Last week R' Rosenthal and the 7th Grade boys had the zechut of hosting a very special guest. Rabbi Moshe Gantz, a respected and well known Queens sofer, took time out of his very busy schedule to come and share with the boys some of the halachot of Tefillin. Rabbi Gantz helped inspire and prepare the boys as they approach their Bar Mitzvahs and begin putting on their Tefillin. Rabbi Gantz showed us how to write in safrut and the differences between minhagim when writing sefrei kodesh. Rabbi Gantz has been to YHT a number of times in the last 3 years, arranging Torat Michal, and visiting our 7th Graders every year. We thank him for taking the time to share with us.



### PTA Corner

#### PTA Membership Meeting

Wednesday, January 4, 2012

7:30pm - 9:00pm

Learn what the PTA does for our School  
Discuss your ideas and how you can get involved  
Meet other Har Torah Parents

Please join us for "**Sushi and Sweets with the PTA**"

hosted by Yvette Edidin  
365 Bryant Avenue  
Roslyn, NY 11576

Rsvp ~ Bonnie Hazan @ [Bhazan@earthlink.net](mailto:Bhazan@earthlink.net)  
by December 30, 2011

**PTA SUPPERETTE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

No, the PTA Annual Supperette is not right around the corner! Thankfully, we have

several months until our end of year PTA event, which is scheduled to take place this year on Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. This is exactly why we're planning ahead and looking for volunteers now. If you have any particular skills or contacts that would benefit our efforts we welcome your help. If you would like to join the PTA Supperette committee in any capacity please let us know. Everyone's help is welcome. Please contact Roberta Stern at 646-734-2846 or at [blondiesrus@optonline.net](mailto:blondiesrus@optonline.net).

#### **GRADUATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!**

Although 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation seems like a long way off, we would like to let you know that it will take place this year on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> - the Graduation Committee is already at work! We are seeking 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents to help with planning this milestone event. If you are interested in helping in any way, please let us know. Please contact either Roberta Stern at [646-734-2846](tel:646-734-2846)/[blondiesrus@optonline.net](mailto:blondiesrus@optonline.net) or Allison Gross at [917-862-5036](tel:917-862-5036)/[yht2012@gmail.com](mailto:yht2012@gmail.com)

We look forward to hearing from you! Thank you.

## **The Harry Friedman Memorial Parent-Child Day of Learning January 2, 2012**

We would like to invite the parents of our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls to join their children and their rebbeim and morot for tefilah, breakfast, learning in chavruta and a shiur given by our Menahel, Rabbi Menchel.

Monday, January 2, 2012

*8:00 a.m.*

Tefilat Shacharit in the Beit Midrash  
Followed by a bagel breakfast in the lunchroom

*9:30 a.m.*

Learning of the source material in Chavruta with your child in preparation for the shiur (Students who are unable to have an adult attend that morning will be paired with another student)

*10:00-10:30 a.m.*

Shiur delivered by Rabbi Menchel

This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to daven and learn with their children and we encourage both mothers and fathers to attend.

Please R.S.V.P by Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> by signing the attached slip and returning it to your child's rebbe or mechanechet

Any parents who would like to sponsor the breakfast are asked to attach a check for \$18(made out to YHT).

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Yes, we would love to participate in the Morning of Tefilah and Torah on  
Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Parent(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, we would like to sponsor the breakfast.  
Attached is a check for \$18 (made out to YHT).

## **Yeshiva Har Torah Parnas HaYom**

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please call Beth at extension 2416 or email [BRifkin@hartorah.org](mailto:BRifkin@hartorah.org)

**Mazal Tov!**

Mazal Tov to...

Elliot & Julie Kalker on the birth of a baby girl. Special mazal tov to big brother Zachary (2L)!

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](mailto:LisaRobin@verizon.net).

### Important Notices / Reminders:

- December 26 - Chaunkah Vacation, No Sessions
- December 27,28,29
  - Nursery: Regular Dismissal
  - Grades K-8: 3:45PM Dismissal
  - No Queens Busing
  - No Clubs or Choir
- December 30
  - Regular Friday dismissal
  - No busing for Roslyn and Oceanside
- January 2
  - The Harry Friedman Memorial Parent / Child Day of Learning
    - Grades 7 & 8 - 8:00AM - 10:30AM
    - Grade 6 - 2:15PM - 3:45P
  - Nursery: Regular dismissal
  - Grades K-8: 3:45PM dismissal
  - **No busing (please note change)**
- January 5, Asara B'Tevet
  - Grades K-5, 3:45 PM dismissal with busing
  - Grade 6-8, 2:50 PM dismissal without busing
  - No Clubs or Mishmar
- January 10 - Math Olympiad: Grades 4-6
- January 11 - Math Olympiad: Grades 7 & 8
- January 16 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
  - No Busing
  - Nursery, 1:15 PM dismissal
  - Grades K-8, 2:00 PM dismissal
- January 19-29 - Mid Winter Vacation - No Sessions
- January 30 - Classes Resume

### YHT Eighth Grade Yearbook

Dear 8th Grade Parents,

I am pleased to write to you as the 8th grade yearbook adviser, and I am very much looking forward to working with the students on their yearbook. As the yearbook adviser, it is my job to guide the students as they put together a yearbook which represents their unique personalities, both as individuals and as a class, as well as to serve as the liaison between the students, parents and yearbook company.

Covering the cost of printing has been one of our greatest challenges in the past, and, with your help, we hope to solicit ads from both the YHT community and the broader community in order to cover costs. This year, each family is asked to contribute the equivalent of 1 full page ad at \$225, and we are hoping to obtain 100% participation. Through the ads and the students' fundraising efforts at the Chanukah Boutique, food sales and other initiatives, we will be able to produce a beautiful yearbook as well as partially offset the cost of the 8th grade trip to Washington D.C.

It is my hope that, this year, we can have even greater parent involvement than in years past. We need your help in order to make this year's yearbook a success. We would like to form a Parent Yearbook Committee, to foster greater communication between the yearbook staff and the parents, and to assist with fundraising. If you are interested in being part of this committee, please let me know. I look forward to working with you on this project for the benefit of our students.

[Click here](#) to find the yearbook ad form. Please fill it out and return it with payment by Friday, December 30th. The ad form can also be submitted digitally to [astern@hartorah.org](mailto:astern@hartorah.org). If you would like additional ad forms to distribute to family, friends, coworkers or local businesses, please let me know.

Thank you so much, and please feel free to email me with any other questions, suggestions, or concerns.

Best,  
Aviva Stern

## YHT Graduate Runs for YACHAD

When I was in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade at YHT I attended my first Junior YACHAD shabbaton, little did I know eight years later I would still be involved in this outstanding organization. Since then I have attended countless shabbatonim and programs as well as spending the past 6 summers on various YACHAD summer programs. Over the years I have been given the opportunity to see this organization turn their mission statement of inclusion and enhancing the lives of individuals with disabilities, ensuring their participation in the full spectrum of Jewish life, into a reality.

They constantly add new programs while at the same time striving to improve the ones already in place. After being a part of various YACHAD programs, I have seen the positive impact it has on everyone involved, myself included, I believe it is time to give back in a different way.

This coming January I have decided to run in the ING half marathon as part of Team Yachad. Aside from my commitment to complete the race I am required to raise \$3,000 which will go directly to help the individuals who benefit from this great organization.

In order to sponsor me and help me reach my goal you can simply visit my page at <http://www.teamyachad.com/AllisonHorowitz> or you can send a check Team Yachad, 11 Broadway, 13th Floor, New York, NY 10004. Indicate the donation is in my name. Every dollar matters. Thank you in advance for your help in reaching my goal.

Tizku l'mitzvot

Allison Horowitz

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