



Shulamith
school for girls
Brooklyn



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Happy Judgement Day!

Rosh Hoshana has always been a bit of a quandary to me. On one hand, we dress in our finest clothes, eat special foods and are generally required to be b'simcha (V'samachta b'chagecha). On the complete other hand, it is our day of judgement. In the Rosh Hashana Mussaf we read Unetaneh Tokef. This is a chilling description of the judgement process as well as the various, highly unpleasant, mechanisms in which Hashem may execute his perfect Judgement. And mere moment's later, we are eating a meal and singing.

When we speak about judgement we can honestly say, there is judgment and then there's Judgement. Thinking about a regular courtroom in America, we conjure pictures of a judge in his black robes, a defendant at one table with his lawyer and a prosecutor at another table. The prosecutor presents evidence before the judge and the defense will defend the accused. However, Hashem's courtroom is a little different in that Hashem doesn't need to see evidence. He is well aware of all of our thoughts and actions throughout the year, very much like a video camera following us around with us narrating our own lives! You can get the best lawyers in the world, they wouldn't do you much good. We are basically skipping right to the sentencing portion of the trial!

So how are we supposed to be b'simcha in the face of indefensible judgement? The answer is in the very end of the paragraph of Unetaneh Tokef. – וְתִשׁוּבָה וְתִפְלָה וְצְדָקָה מְעַבְרִין אֶת רֹעַ הַגְזָרָה – Teshuva, prayer and Tzedaka removes the evil decree! That's our out! We have options! We can't go back and undo our mistakes, however, we do have a formula for correcting our mistakes and increasing heavenly mercy. Not only do we have these three mechanism's for removing our sentences, we also have another gift from Hashem that he taught Moshe after the Chait Haegel, the. שְׁלוֹשׁ-עֶשְׂרֵה מִידוֹת הַרַחֲמִים. These 13 attributes of mercy are a powerful formula to invoke Hashem's mercy which we hope will bring us forgiveness. Not only do we have these tools on Rosh Hashona, we are given the opportunity to do teshuva for another 10 days!

Hashem knows we aren't perfect, he created us, he's pretty familiar with our limitations. He is also familiar with our potential. We have the potential to correct our ways. Potential to make meaningful changes in our lives. Potential to refine ourselves. Potential to grow closer to Hashem. This is why, in the end, it's a Happy Judgement Day!

Wishing everyone a K'siva v'chasima tova and a Shana Tova.

Natan Mandelbaum

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Rebecca Kenigsberg- September 1

Hannah Madnick– September 11

Tehila Fleischer– September 17

Lilah Adina Husarsky– September 25

Dates to Remember!!

Tzom Gedalia– 1/2 day	September 18
Parent– Teacher Orientation Pre1a– 8th grade	September 19
Yom Kippur– NO SCHOOL	September 25



<u>18th</u>	<u>19th</u>	<u>20th</u>	<u>21st</u>
Mac n Cheese Plain Pasta Sliced Veggies Tuna Fruit	Chicken Tenders Fries Sliced Veggies Egg Salad Fruit	Mini Potato Knishes Cheese Bourekas Tuna American Cheese Sliced Veggies	Pizza Wheels Kernel Corn Sliced Veggies Tuna

Pre1a Newsletter.....

Dear Parents,

With Rosh Hashana on our doorsteps we stressed the importance of the חג and we talked about ways to perfect our מידות by sharing, taking turns and speaking nicely. After all, we want Hashem to grant us an especially sweet and happy year.

We concentrated on the importance of תפילה, תשובה, and צדקה and we are making sure that at Shulamith we actually practice what we are learning. We learned that the *Shofar* is a wakeup call to remind us to do תשובה – to say we are sorry for things we did wrong. We also know that we mustn't talk, or even whisper when the shofar is being blown!!

The girls also decorated their own personalized צדקה purse, which should be used for the penny צדקה she brings to school each day. Just another way we put into practice what we have been learning!

When we daven each morning to Hashem we thank Him for the things He gives us, and we ask Him for the things we want. Morah stressed that we don't always get what we want, but that doesn't mean that Hashem is not listening to us. Hashem hears all our תפילות but He knows what is best for us,

We authored a book entitled "When we Daven We Say Thank you Hashem....". Writing this allowed each girl to think about the things that she is personally grateful to Hashem for.

We reviewed the reasons we eat certain foods on Rosh Hashana and the brachot we say on these foods. The girls know why we eat apples dipped in honey, a new fruit, the pomegranate (רימון), carrots, the head of a fish and round חלות. The girls know that it is a minhag to eat a round חלה because it has no end. So, too, we hope that the nachat we get from our girls will be endless.

During snack time Morah gave us sour candy, salty pretzels, and spicy chips. We discussed how each tasted. We also ate apples dipped in honey and we really enjoyed their sweet taste. We now understand better why we eat apple and honey on Rosh Hashana. We learned the ברכה and the יהי רצון that we say on it and hope that we will all have a really sweet coming year.

The word שלום begins with the Hebrew letter "ש". We therefore decided to start our Hebrew literacy program with the "ש" "ש" sound, as in: שנה, שנה טובה, שחור, שעון, שבת, שלוש. We hope that the coming year will bring much שלום to all Jews in America, Eretz Israel and throughout the world.

Wishing you a חתיה וחתמה טובה ושבת שלום, and have much נחת from "our girls".

With all our best wishes,

Morah Caroline
Morah Ahuva



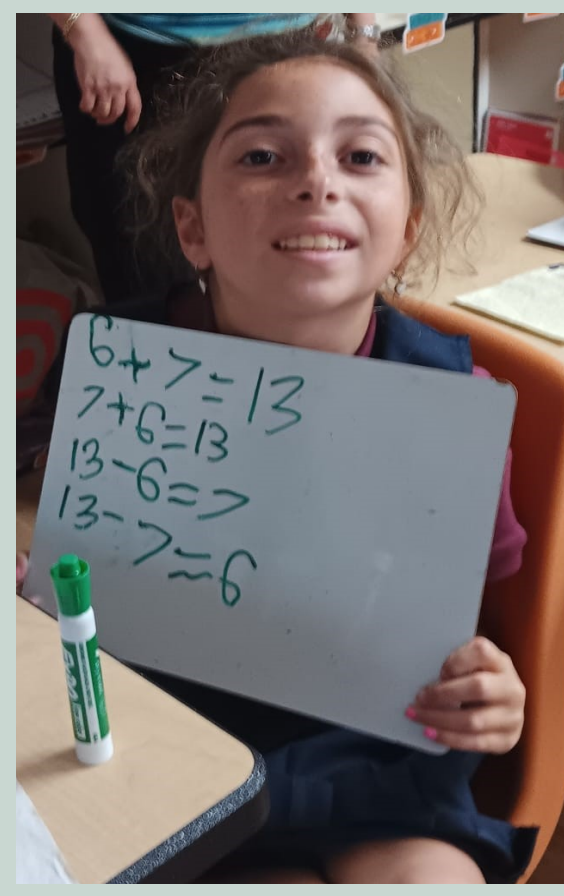
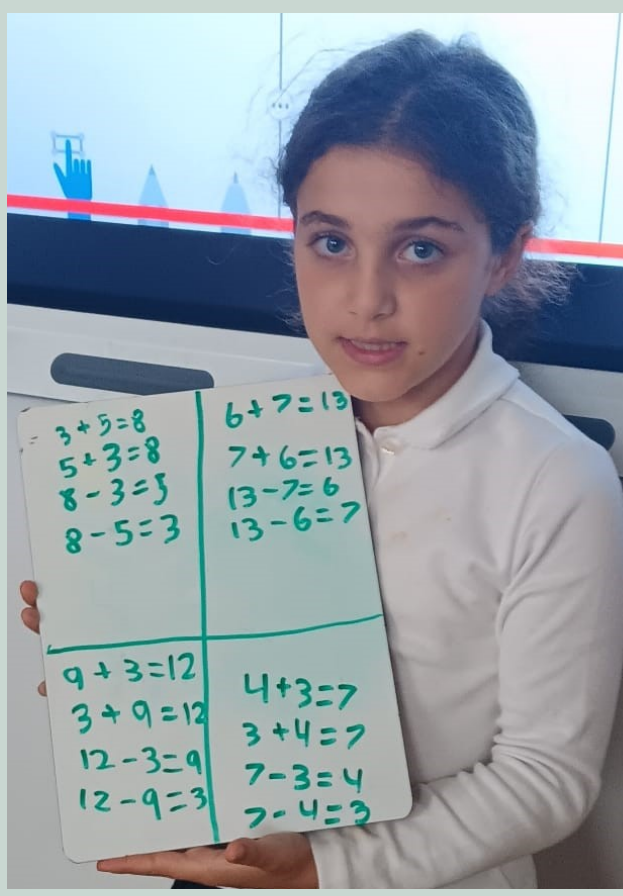
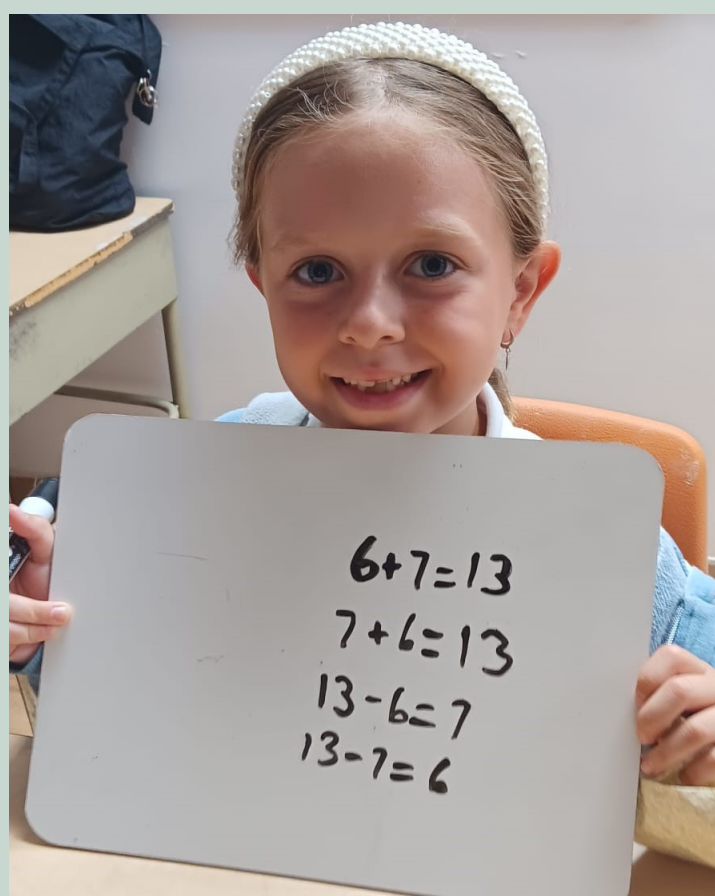
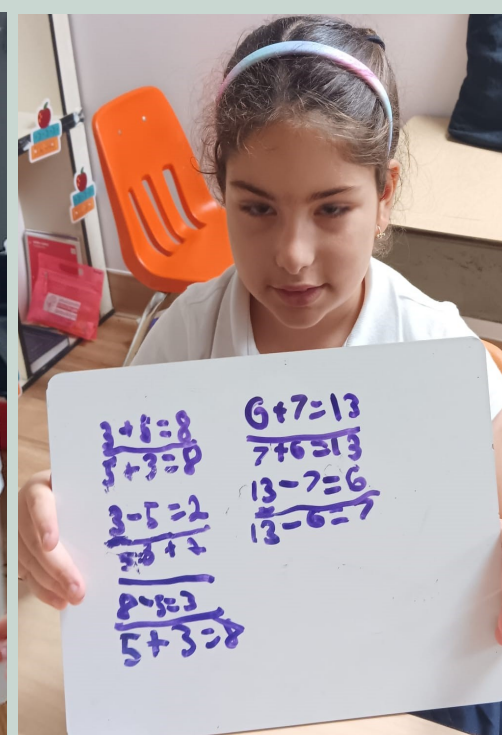
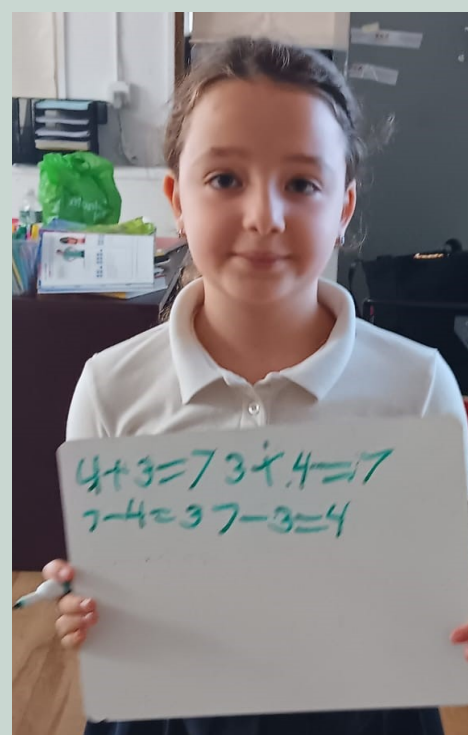
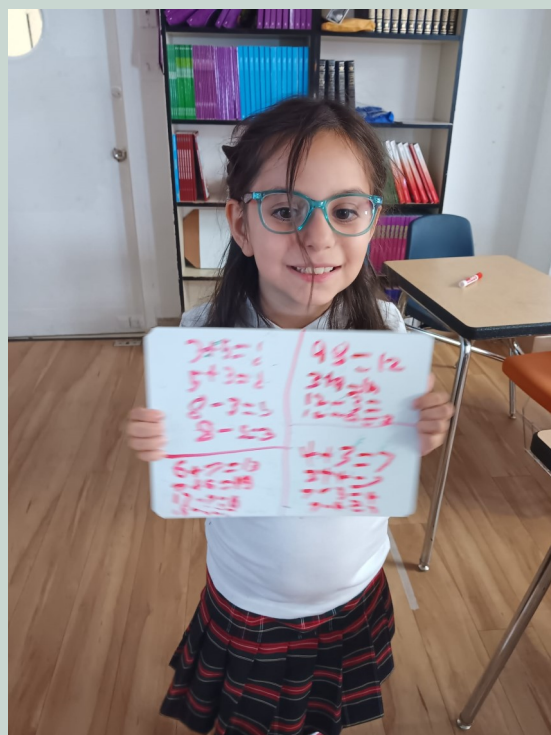
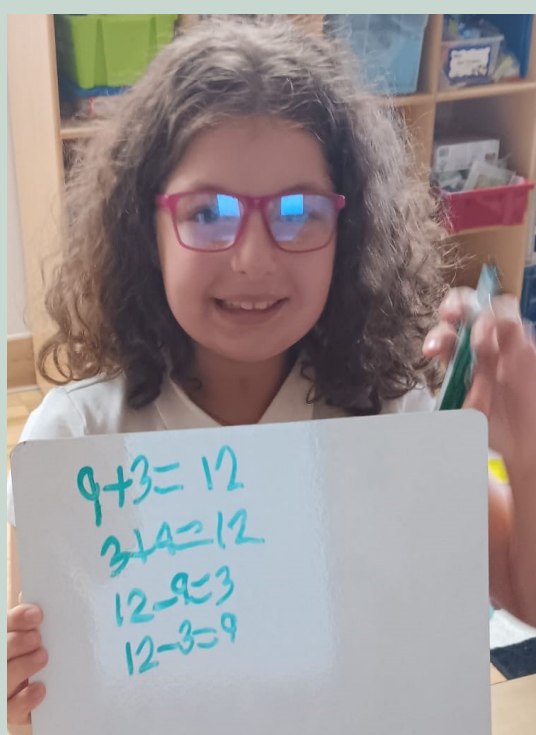
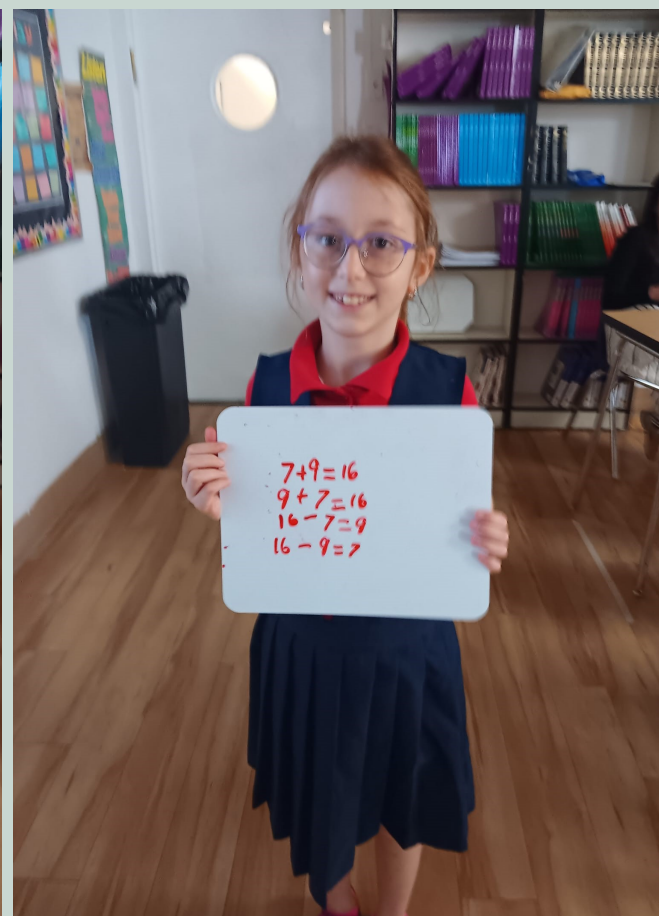
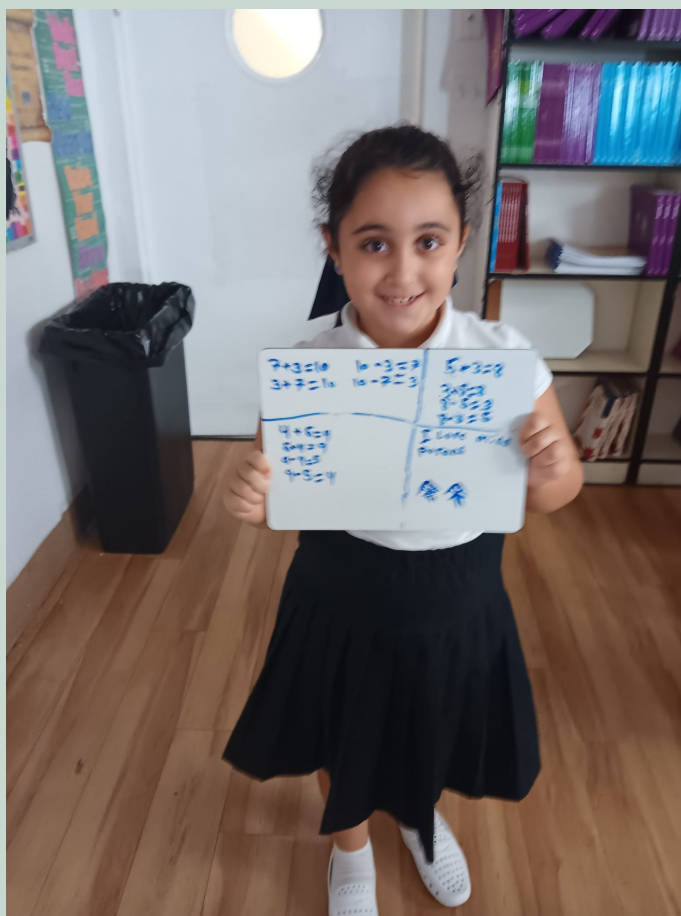
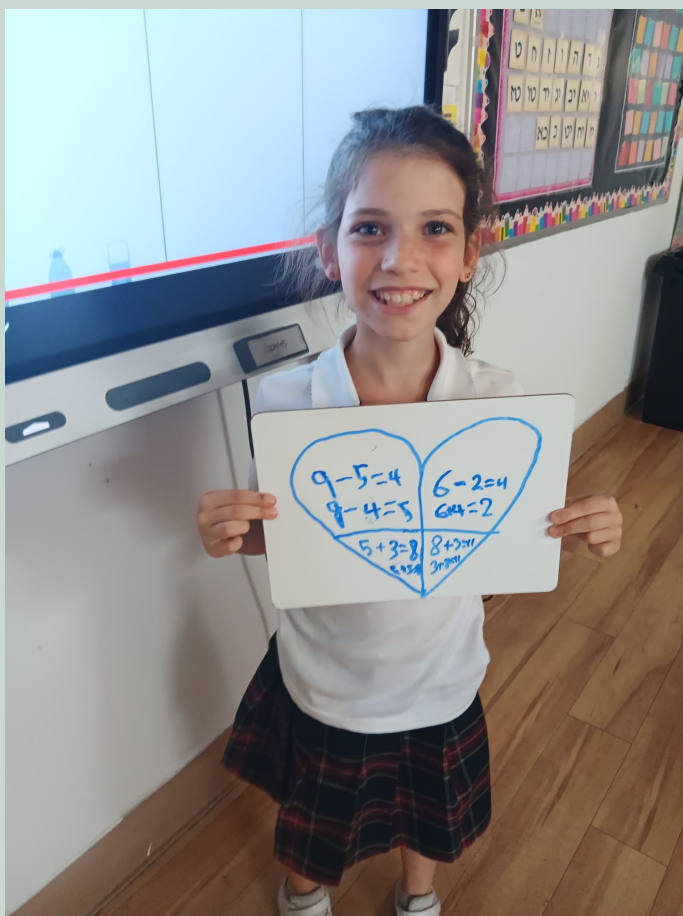
Shulamith Snapshots



Baking honey cake for Rosh Hashana!



3rd grade is reviewing fact families!



2nd grade learning odd and even numbers with Morah Amy!



1st Grade Mailing Shana Tova Cards and Painting A Rosh Hashana Project





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BACK TO SCHOOL ORIENTATION

**MEET YOUR CHILD'S TEACHERS!
MEET THE PRINCIPAL!
VISIT OUR BEAUTIFUL
CLASSROOMS!
JOIN US TO DEDICATE OUR
LIBRARY!**

SEPTEMBER 19TH 6:15-8:30 PM

Grades 1-2 6:15-6:45

Grades 3-4 6:45-7:15

LIBRARY DEDICATION 7:15

Pre1A 7:30-8:15

Grade 5 7:30-8:00

Grades 6-8 (in the lunchroom) 8:00-8:30