



# Shulamith Newsletter

## Scratching the Surface

For years, I have told my children that, "95% of people talk nonsense 100% of the time." We all know those types of people who are quick to talk and slow to action. We start with Avraham Avinu buying Maarat Hamachpela from Ephron Hachitti. Even back in Avraham's time, they knew the old saying, "You get what you pay for." Avraham approached Ephron in the presence of the other important members of the community and asks, very specifically, for the Maarat Hamachpela which is located on the corner of Ephron's field. Cue the lights! It's showtime! Let me set the scene. Avraham approaches Ephron in front of all the other important people in his community. The conversation went like this:

Avraham: Please sell me the cave in your field.

Ephron: What? I would never! Take it for free, it's yours.

Avraham: Come on, Ephron. Just let me pay for it.

Ephron: Avraham, what's a field worth? 400 shekels (wink, wink, nudge, nudge) between friends?

Avraham: Yeah, I get it. Here's your money.

Ephron: Yeah, I'll take that in large shekels.

In the end, Avraham paid an enormous sum for the land and the Torah took great care to detail the exact specifications of the deal. Avraham, the master of chesed and emet knew exactly what Ephron was and knew that if he didn't pay for the property, in front of witnesses, there would be problems in the future. Avraham knew Ephron had no intention of giving away the land for free and given the opportunity he would demand a large sum for it.

Next scenario, Eliezer is charged to find Yitzchak a wife. He goes to the city of Nachor and davens. He asks Hashem to accept his litmus test in finding a suitable mate for Yitzchak. The test will be that Eliezer will ask a girl for some water. The girl that offers him and his animals water will be the one for Yitzchak. Just as soon as he finishes his davening, Rivka shows up. Eliezer asks her for some water and not only does she give him water, she waters all 10 of his camels! That's a lot of water!

Ephron and Rivka are two complete opposites once you scratch the surface a little bit. Ephron said a lot but did little. Rivka on the other hand, said little and did a lot. There is an old saying that most of us have heard, "Words are cheap." We so easily open our mouths and make lofty statements and promises, but many times, the follow through is not there. It all boils down to character and reputation. We spend our entire lives building and maintaining our character. We hope to become someone that people can trust. Someone that people know will do their best to help them if asked.

It may surprise you, but there is an industry today which is run almost completely on the character of its members. The diamond trade is a very tight group who will make deals and lend diamonds to one another based only on their character and reputation. It takes years to make a name in that business, and only minutes to lose it. Once someone in the diamond business gets a negative reputation, it's nearly always the end of them in the diamond trade.

Let us all take the lessons of this week's parsha and continue to say little but do a lot in our commitment to Hashem and Klal Yisrael. This will ultimately help bring the ultimate final geulah.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**November 12- Aliza Simon**

## MAZEL TOV!

**Mazel tov to Ms. Zehavah Jaeger on her engagement!**  
**Mazel Tov to Sofia Chalouh on the birth of her new baby boy!**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**November 14 - Grade 5 Field Trip to The Museum of the Native American Indian**

**November 15- Author Visit to Grade 8**

**November 17 - Grade 8 Mock HS Interviews**

**November 20-JSAT Grade 8**

**November 23-24 - THANKSGIVING VACATION**

**Change of Date!**

**Melava Malka  
Grades 4-8**

**February 10, 2023**

**What's for  
lunch?**



<b><u>13th</u></b>	<b><u>14th</u></b>	<b><u>15th</u></b>	<b><u>16th</u></b>
Baked Ziti Plain Pasta Sliced Veggies Tuna Fruit	Chicken Tenders Fries Sliced Veggies Egg Salad Fruit	Bagels Scrambled Eggs Cream Cheese Tuna Butter Veggie Slices Fruit	Pizza Wheels Kernel Corn Sliced Veggies Tuna

# Preschool News

Dear Parents,

This week's Parsha, פרשת חיי שרה, begins with the sad news that שרה אמינו died. We learned that while שרה was alive there was a special cloud (ענן) that protected her tent and her Shabbat candles always stayed lit from one Shabbat until the next. We also learned that the Challah that שרה אמנו baked always stayed fresh all week. However, these miraculous phenomena stopped when she died ..... That is, until שרה אמנו married יצחק and went into the tent of שרה אמנו.

We also learned that אברהם sent Eliezer to find a wife for Yitzchak. He told Eliezer to make sure that Yitzchak's wife would be willing to live in כנען

(ארץ ישראל) as Hashem had promised this land to Avraham, his children and their children's children.

This is just another proof that ארץ ישראל is ours and that we must never turn our backs on the land.

Eliezer took his camels laden with fine clothes, gold and silver and went off to look for a wife for Yitzchak. That led us to a discussion about what we think a true בת ישראל should be like. We all agreed that a girl should be kind, caring and considerate of others. She should have excellent middot.

When Eliezer arrived in Haran it was early evening and the girls of the town had come out to draw water from the well. Eliezer was worried that he wouldn't find the right wife for Yitzchak, so he davened to Hashem for help. Suddenly, he saw Rivka coming to the well carrying a large pitcher. He asked her for a drink and not only did she give him a drink but she also offered his camels water. She didn't rest until all the camels had enough water. We even erected a well in the classroom!

Eliezer asked Rivka who her father was and if there was room in her father's house for him to sleep the night. Rivka replied that there was plenty of room for him and also for his camels. Eliezer knew that

Hashem had guided him correctly and that Rivka would make a perfect wife for Yitzchak.

Rivka went with Eliezer to ארץ כנען to marry Yitzchak and so.....our Pre-1A class decided to arrange a mock wedding. The Morot made a lottery to pick the כלה and חתן. We selected different girls to be

Eliezer, Avraham, flower girls, the band, the photographer, and other people from the Parsha. We decorated a chuppah, had a special seudah after the chuppah and danced to our hearts content. We even ordered a wedding cake for our wedding. It truly felt like a special simcha and really brought the Parsha to life. Thank you, Nachi Messinger, our school's cook, for preparing us such a decorative and tasty wedding cake.

In Pre-1A we try to live what we learn and so we decided to make challah covers in a very special way. When we read the book "The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush" by Tomie de Paola we learned that plants could give us colors. Morah cooked up onion peels, beets and black grapes and we used their juices to create the colors used on the challah covers. Instead of using paintbrushes we used eyedroppers, which allowed the colors to blend in such a beautiful manner.

Finally, we would like to wish Ayalah Rothschild and their parents a big מזל טוב on Ayalah's birthday. We all really enjoyed her birthday held in school on

Wednesday afternoon.

Wishing you all a שבט שלום and stay tuned for more news next week!

Morah Caroline

Morah Ahuva



# Preschool Pictures

**Sarah's Well**

**Making Tie Dye Challah Covers**



**Ayalah's Birthday Party**





# Preschool Pictures

## Pre1A Mock Wedding for Parshat Chayei Sarah





# Preschool Pictures

## Wedding Festivities!





## Mixing primary colors in 1st grade!



**It's time to bake  
challah!**





# Shulamith Snapshots



**Mr. Laddin teaching 3rd grade all about parsha!**

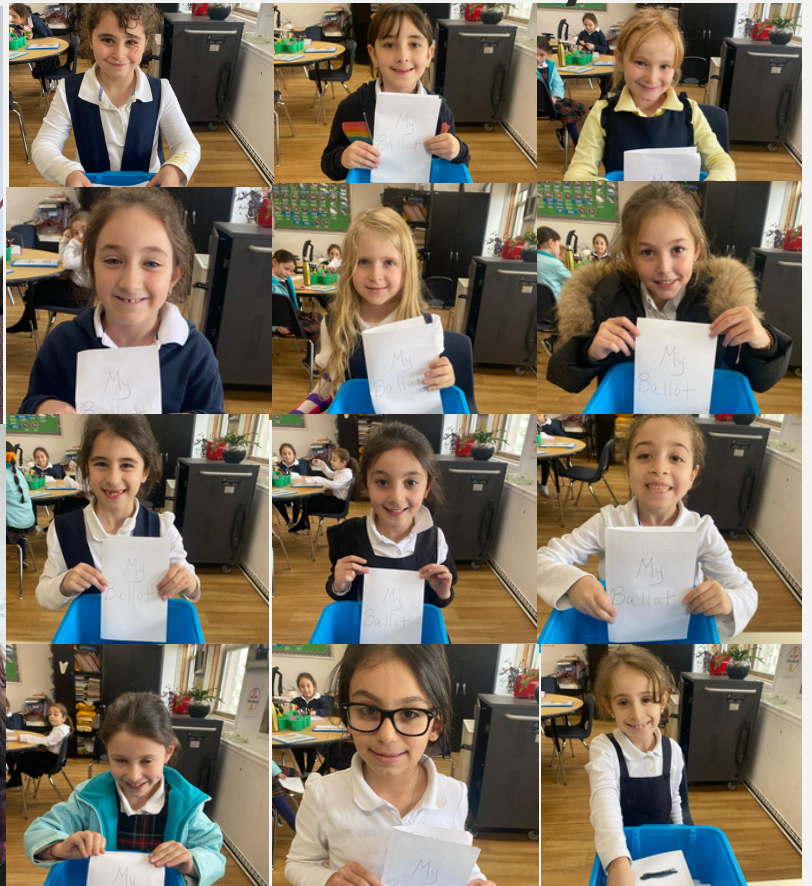
**Mrs. Pomerantz's 3rd grade writing cards to Congresswoman Clarke to express gratitude for supporting Israel!**



**Kristallnacht Commemoration**



**2nd grade votes on Election Day!**

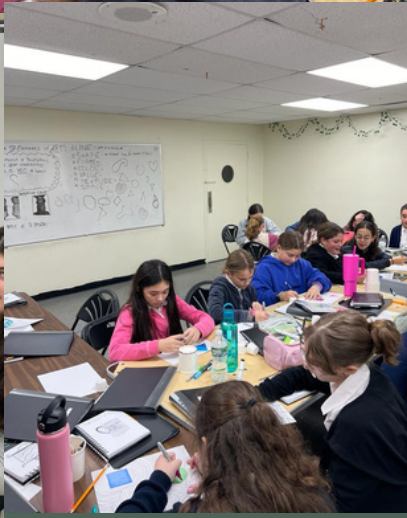




# 6th-8th Grade Recess Time!

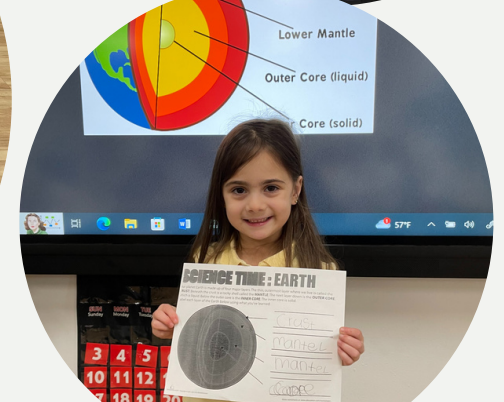
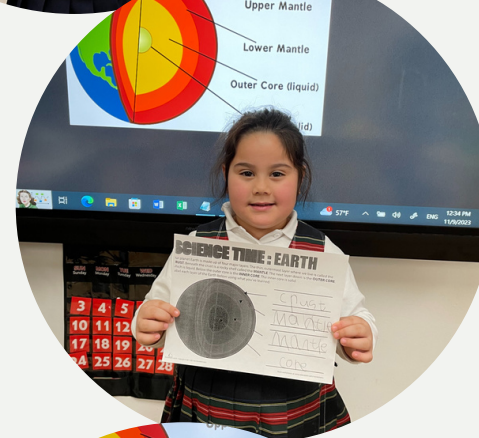
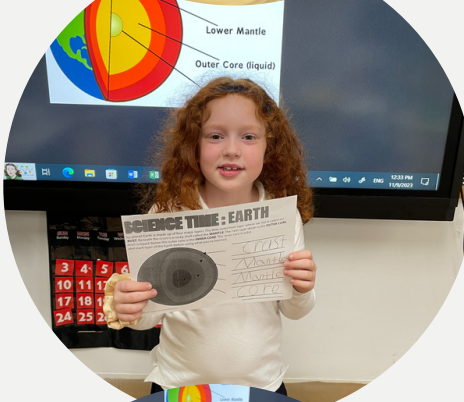
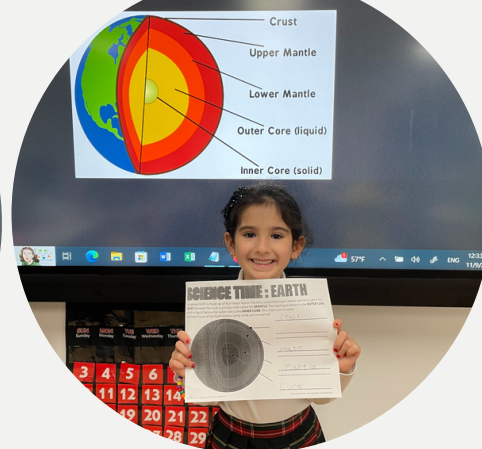
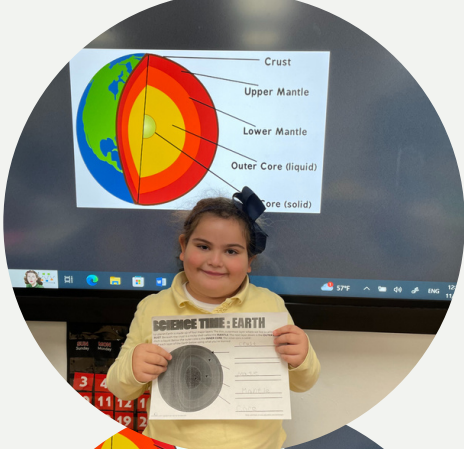


**6th-8th Grade Let's do  
some Art with Ms.  
Jaeger!**





# Art with Morah Sigal



**1st grade geologists  
(Science)  
with Morah Amy**





**AMERICANS**  
**MARCH FOR ISRAEL**  
**MARCH TO FREE HOSTAGES**  
**MARCH AGAINST ANTISEMITISM**

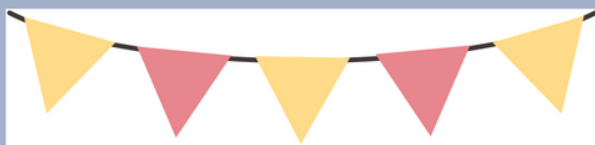
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14**  
**NATIONAL MALL, WASHINGTON, DC**  
1pm – 3pm. Gates open 10am

## **Shulamith Stands in Solidarity with Israel**

**On Tuesday, we will come together as a school community to livestream the march, say amen to each other's brachot and recite tehillim.**

# Upcoming Events

## SCHOOLWIDE MIDDOT PROGRAM...COMING SOON!



## CINNAMON BUN SALE

NOVEMBER 21ST

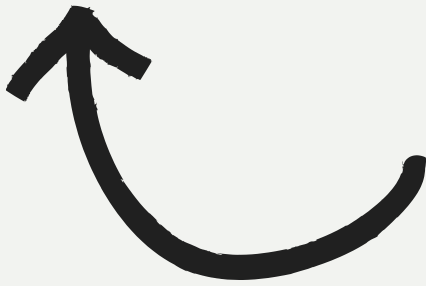
ICED TEA & CINNAMON BUNS

\$1.00 EACH

Raising funds for the 8th grade Shabbaton!



# Check this out...



One more  
month  
until we  
announce  
a winner!







## K-8 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!



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