



Shulamith Newsletter

Parshat Toldos What's It Worth To You?

וַיָּבֹא יַעֲקֹב מִיִּבְעָא עָשָׂו מִן־הַשָּׂדֶה וְהוּא עֵיִף:

Once when Yakov was cooking a stew, Esav came in from the open, famished.

וַיֹּאמֶר עָשָׂו אֶל־יַעֲקֹב הֲלֵעִיטָנִי נָא מִן־הָאָדָם הַזֶּה כִּי עֵיִף אָנֹכִי עַל־כֵּן קָרָא שְׁמוֹ אֶדוֹם:

And Esav said to Yakov, "Give me some of that red stuff to gulp down, for I am famished"—which is why he was named Edom.

וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב מַכְרָה כִּיּוֹם אֶת־בְּכֹרְתְךָ לִי:

Yakov said, "First sell me your birthright."

וַיֹּאמֶר עָשָׂו הִנֵּה אָנֹכִי הוֹלֵךְ לָמוֹת וְלִמְהֵרָה לִי בְכֹרָה:

And Esav said, "I am at the point of death, so of what use is my birthright to me?"

וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב הַשְׁבְּעָה לִי כִּיּוֹם וַיִּשָּׁבַע לוֹ וַיִּמָּכֶר אֶת־בְּכֹרְתוֹ לִיעֲקֹב:

But Yakov said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Yakov.

וַיַּעֲקֹב נָתַן לָעָשָׂו לֶחֶם וְיֵזֶד עֲדָשִׁים וַיֹּאכַל וַיִּשְׂתַּי וַיָּקָם וַיֵּלֶךְ וַיֵּבֶז עֲשָׂו אֶת־הַבְּכֹרָה:

Yakov then gave Esav bread and lentil stew; he ate and drank, and he rose and went away. Thus did Esav spurn the birthright.

This story takes place directly after the story of how Yakov and Esav were "fighting" in Rivka's womb, their birth, and the short description of their personalities. Esav was a man of the field (a hunter) and Yakov, a man who sat in tents (yeshiva). Esav's selling of the birthright to Yakov is not only a pivotal moment in the destiny of Am Yisroel, but also as Donald Trump might say, the worst deal ever. It is probably worse than the sale of Manhattan for \$24!

In it's simplest form, the conversation is odd at best. Imagine you have some fresh hot pizza and your older brother comes in to the house after playing sports. He's super hungry and asks you for the pizza. You say, "Ok, but give me your brand new \$1000 bike." Nobody in their right mind would take that deal!

Rashi tells us that when Esav said, "I am going to die, so what is it worth to me," it was after Yakov explained that the birthright comes with the responsibility of bringing korbanot, which if done wrong, one is liable to punishment of death. It was then and there that Esav made the decision that it simply wasn't worth it... it held no value to him. When it comes to making deals, information is everything. One must know the value of what is being negotiated for. Getting the best deal means that you can get what you want at the best possible price. Yakov had a very important piece of information, and that was that only one of Yitzchak's sons would carry on the mission of fathering Am Yisrael. With that knowledge, Yakov knew he had to get the birthright and ultimately the bracha from Yitzchak. I am certain though, that he never thought he would get it for a bowl of beans. There is no doubt in my mind that had Esav turned down his offer, Yakov was ready to pay any price.

Value is subjective. Sometimes something may be worth little money but has tremendous sentimental value. Other times, we may overlook something that seems to hold no value but worth an incredible amount. You have probably never heard of N.C. Wyeth. He was a prolific American illustrator in the first half of the twentieth century. You know who also probably never heard of N.C. Wyeth? The person who unknowingly bought one of his prints at a yard sale for \$4 and sold it years later for \$200,000.

In this week's parsha, Yakov showed us the importance of knowing what real value is. Every day we have opportunities to find great deals. Do we trade an hour of screen time for a chesed opportunity? Or perhaps, spend a few extra dollars on buying special food for shabbat. The choice is ours to make.

Shabbat shalom,
Natan Mandelbaum

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November 13- Lior Levy

November 17- Sima Rackovsky

November 17- Tamar Haut

November 17- Rachel Esther Brodt

November 18- Miriam Cohen

DATES TO REMEMBER

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?**



| <u>20th</u> | <u>21st</u> | <u>22nd</u> | <u>23rd</u> |
|--|--|---|---------------------------|
| Mac n Cheese Plain Pasta Sliced Veggies Tuna Fruit | Taco Tuesday Yellow Rice Diced Veggies Egg Salad Fresh Fruit | Pancakes Home Fries Sliced Veggies Tuna Fruit | Thanksgiving No School |

Preschool News

Dear Parents,

In this week's Parsha, פרשת תלדו, we learn that Yitzchak and Rivka davened for children. They had been married for twenty years before their תפילות were answered. We learned that Rivka noticed something strange happening while she was pregnant.....whenever Rivka passed a Yeshiva or בית כנסת and when she passed a place of idol worship. We learned the song:

יעקב and עשו were two brothers
different as day and night.
יעקב loved to learn Torah
but עשו loved to fight, fight, fight.

We sent home a family interview sheet with your daughter. The purpose of this was to help your daughter understand that even though children may be part of the same family, each child may like to do different things, just like יעקב and עשו had different interests. We also discussed that there was one mitzvah that עשו took very seriously and that was the mitzvah of כבוד אב. For example, עשו wanted יצחק to have only the best food. We also learned that עשו was willing to sell his birthright for a pot of lentil soup. We just couldn't understand how עשו could have given up this special ברכה for something as silly as a bowl of soup!

Later on in the Parsha we saw that עשו became very angry when he didn't receive the ברכות that he wanted. This led us into a discussion about dealing with our emotions when we are angry. We realize that if we do get angry we should talk about our feelings, try to take time out to calm ourselves down, and try to make sure that we are not overreacting to a situation. After all, we are not always right! We also learned that רבקה אמו often worried about the relationship between יעקב and עשו and that led us into a discussion about our mothers. We enjoyed authoring a book called "How to be a Good Mother" which is dedicated to the memory of אמו.

When we learned about the Parsha we also thought about the middot with which our אמהות and אבות acted. We Jews always give thanks to Hashem from the minute we say מודה אני in the morning until we go to sleep at night. November is the month when the American festival of Thanksgiving takes place. It is a time when the people who live in the country think about the country's past, especially with regard to the Pilgrims and the Indians, and say thank you to America.

We discussed life in America at the time of the Pilgrims and the Indians. Last week we used all of our patience and our eye-and-hand coordination to design patterns on paper, and we practiced weaving. This week we completed Indian hats and necklaces using similar techniques.

With the festival of Chanukah approaching we decided to open our woodworking center so that the girls could have their own hand crafted Chanukiot. Each girl is able to individually plan and construct her own artistic creation. We discussed the difference between the menorah in the Beit Hamikdash and a Chanukiah, and the only restriction we gave the girls was that the Chanukiot must have eight candles in a row and there should be one candle that is higher than the rest. This candle is called the Shamash. The girls also know that it is not safe for the candles to burn on wood and so we will be covering the Chanukiot with attractive tiles. Finally, we continued with our Tomie de Paolo author study and read his book entitled "The Bubble Factory". Afterwards Morah took us outside so that we could blow our own bubbles..... It was so much fun!

Wishing you all a שבת שלום!

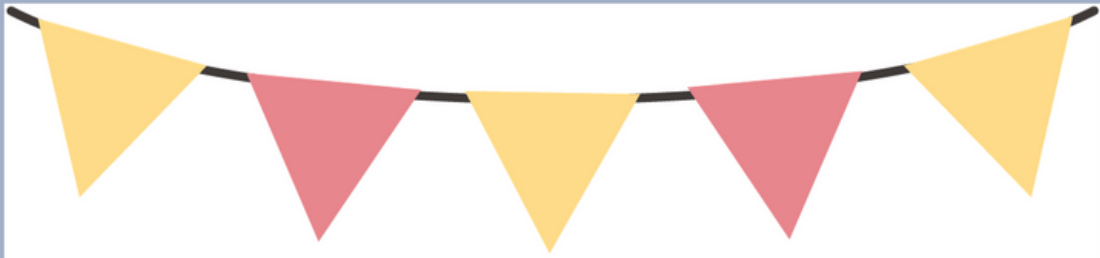
Morah Caroline
Morah Ahuva

Preschool Pictures

Pre1a in ACTION!!!!



Check this out...



CINNAMON BUN SALE

NOVEMBER 21ST

ICED TEA & CINNAMON BUNS

\$1.00 EACH

Raising funds for the 8th grade Shabbaton!



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Shulamith Snapshots

Kita alef/gimmel rosh chodesh treat!



Art & Jewelry Making with Morah Sigal



**Mrs. Pomerantz's
3rd grade
completing Math
Exit Tickets**

Shulamith Snapshots

**Multiplication Bowling
with Ms. Jaeger**



**The 8th grade is engaged in
a battle of pirates as they
classify pure substances
with Mrs. Coleman**



**Grade 5-Learned a
Native American Dance!**



**CONGRATS TO MRS.POMERANTZ'S
CLASS ON COMPLETING
200 IXL SOCIAL STUDIES
QUESTIONS!!!!**

Shulamith Snapshots



Congratulations to our jumping champions!

**1st Grade-Sima Rackovsky (20 jumps!)
2nd Grade-Sofia Krasnoshteyn (28 jumps!)
3rd Grade-Emily Mikhli (71 jumps!)
4th Grade- Sarah Aronson (56 jumps!)**



**Shulamith
representing
at
the March for
Israel!**

**8th Grade
"Meet the Author"**
Thank you to Ms. Kipnees for
arranging this virtual Q and A!



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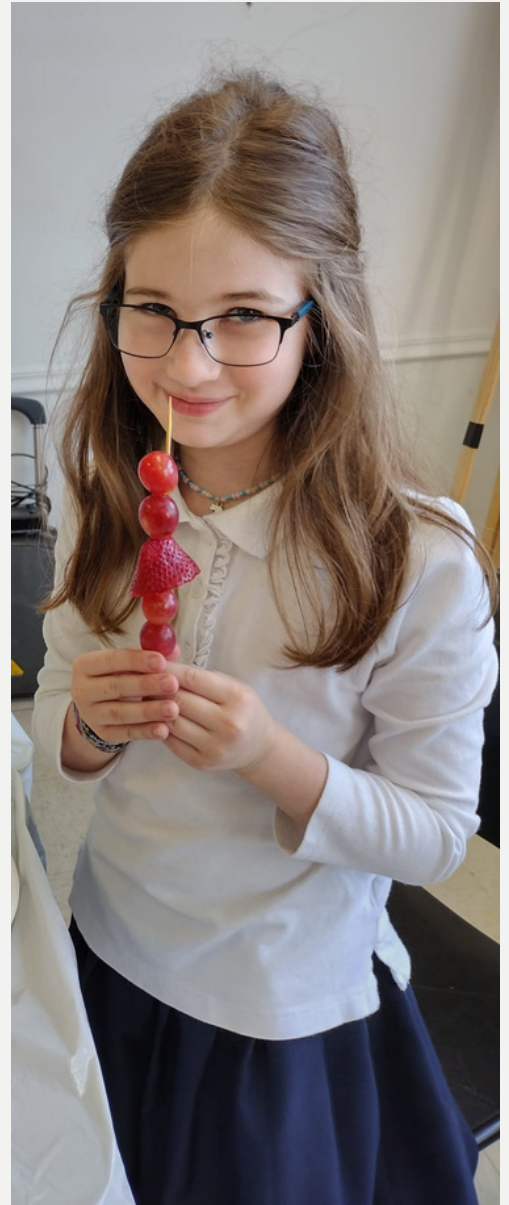
Watching the March for Israel on Live Stream



We were thrilled to officially begin our NUTRITION class in Grades 1-5!

Let's make fruit skewers!!!!







IXL Progress!

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

 School achievement summary >

THIS YEAR, WE'VE ANSWERED **18,068** QUESTIONS!

 Aim for 10,000 questions each month!
NOVEMBER 

SKILL PROGRESS SUMMARY

509
SKILLS MASTERED

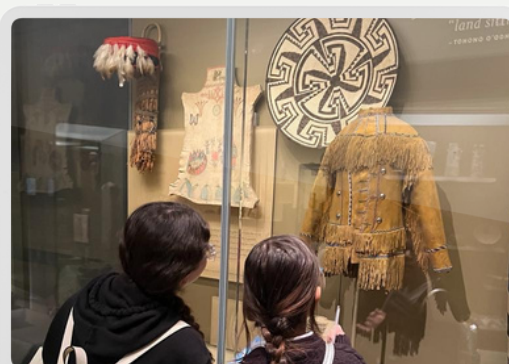
573
SKILLS PROFICIENT

912
SKILLS PRACTICED

TIME SPENT



5th grade went to the Museum of the Native American Indian



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BAKING REGULACH WITH MORAH SHIREL!

The girls worked from "A Recipe for Tefilla!"



Upcoming Events

SCHOOLWIDE MIDDOT PROGRAM...COMING SOON!



***BNOS OF MARINE PARK**

CANCELLED

JOIN US FOR A FUN SHABBOS AFTERNOON!

| ABOUT | LOCATION | TIME |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| Girls grades K-5 are invited to join Bnos of Marine Park for parsha games and nosh. | Rabbi Eichenstein's shul (10 Leaven) | 2:30-3:30 pm starting 10/21 until Pesach |

Until after Thanksgiving.

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Save the date!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

December 20, 2023



Please join the Pre-1a girls in their "Chanukah Mitzvah Toy Drive" to benefit the Honey Engel Toy Fund of Chai Lifeline. All toys should be new and be brought to the Pre-1A classroom or handed into the Elementary School office between now and December 4th, 2023.

In Pre-1a we want to follow in the footsteps of our forefathers who exemplified the qualities of **TDN** and bring smiles to the faces of sick children at Chanukah. If we include the whole school in this project the results can be so much greater..... remember, it's all about teamwork!! Thank you!

Morah Caroline
Morah Ahuva





K-8 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!



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The Only Religious Zionist Girls School in Brooklyn
The oldest girls yeshiva in North America.

Our program provides an opportunity for students to grow physically, mentally, socially, and emotionally while in a safe and stimulating, frum environment.

STEM-E2K-Hands On Science-State of the Art Science Lab-Student Lounge-Field Trips-Library-Bat Mitzvah Program-In House Chef-Jewelry Design-Puppetry



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