



# Shulamith Newsletter

## Parshat Yitro When the In-Laws Visit

Parshat Yitro is one of the most famous Parshiot in the Torah. In it can be found miracles of water in the desert, food from the sky, and of course, matan Torah. In this week's dvar torah, we will address none of those things. This is one of my favorite parshiot because it addresses something that I do in my work every day... delegation.

Yitro had heard all the amazing things that had happened to B'nai Yisrael and decided to come for a visit. During that visit Yitro sees Moshe spending the entire day judging the people and told him, "לֹא טוֹב הַדְּבָר אֲשֶׁר אַתָּה עֹשֶׂה" - This thing that you are doing is not good. Seeing that Moshe was shouldering what appeared to be an impossible burden, Yitro made a suggestion to seek out qualified people to act as judges. Some would be for the lower courts to deal with the day-to-day judgements and others would be for the higher courts to handle the more complex cases. Moshe agrees with this advise and implements it.

In the field of emergency management, which I have spent most of my career, our job is to manage large scale disasters. Think hurricanes, earthquakes, wildfires, explosions and other various forms of man made and natural destruction. Disasters like these have many moving parts and problems that need solving. The only way to manage these huge problems is through delegation... the lesson being taught by Yitro in this parsha. While it sounds easy, many people have issues delegating because they may feel it makes them less important or that it makes them seem weak. What they don't realize is the greatness that can be achieved when we look past ourselves and focus on the mission. One person can only achieve so much, but when others can be brought in to help, so much more can be accomplished. Imagine running an organization like Hatzolah with only one person! That would be one busy guy! To do great things, we need others.

In this week's parsha we also get a bonus lesson about showing hakarat hatov and respecting our parents. One thing that has always bothered me about this parsha was how it was possible that Moshe didn't figure this out on his own. Did it really take his father-in-law to show him the obvious? The Abarbanel answers the question by telling us that this episode took place before matan Torah. Moshe was the only one with the knowledge to give judgment. Moshe knew that the Torah was to be given and that a judicial system was to be established soon thereafter, however, Moshe listened to his father-in-law's advice and showed him honor in his presence.

Shabbat Shalom!  
Natan Mandelbaum

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Elizabeth Fuzaylov- February 9**

**Sofia Krasnoshteyn- February 12**

**Fortune Kabareti- February 18**

*Mazel  
Tov!*

We wish a huge Mazel Tov to Chava Leah Rotberg and the Rotberg family on the engagement of Chava Leah's sister Chaya to Yehuda Mandelbaum!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Crazy Sock Day for Rosh Chodesh Adar!-February 9**

**Grades 1 and 3 Mommy and Me with Morah Tamar-February 14**

**Grade 4-8 Melava Malka- February 10**

**100th Day of School!-February 22**

**Mother-Daughter Challah Bake- February 22**

**What's for  
lunch?**



### 5th

Mac n Cheese  
Plain Pasta  
Sliced Veggies  
Tuna  
Fruit

### 6th

Beef Sliders & Buns  
Corn on the Cob  
Pickles  
Sliced Veggies  
Fruit

### 7th

Potato Knishes  
Hard boiled Egg  
American Cheese  
Israeli Salad  
Fruit

### 8th

Cheese Pretzels  
Green Beans  
Israeli Salad  
Tuna  
Fruit



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4th-8th Grade Girls  
are invited to our annual

## MELAVAH MALKAH

Motzai Shabbat February 10

7:30-9:30pm

LET'S CELEBRATE  
CHODESH ADAR  
TOGETHER!

Marine Park Jewish Center  
3311 Avenue S



## 8th Grade Shabbaton

Melour Resort  
Tannersville, NY  
March 1-3, 2024



# Preschool News

Dear Parents,

It was good to be back in school after vacation and it is especially hard to believe that the first half of the year has flown by. Your daughters have flourished academically, as is evident from their abilities in English and Hebrew reading readiness, their more mature thinking skills as well as their improved fine motor skills. In this week's Parsha, פרשת יתרו, we see that Yitro, the father-in-law of משה רבינו, was so impressed by all the miracles that Hashem had performed for the בני ישראל that he wanted to join משה and the בני ישראל.

Yitro left his comfortable home and traveled through the desert to find Moshe and his people. We learned that this was not an easy journey for him, but he was determined to reach Moshe. The girls know what happened when Yitro tried to get through the clouds that protected and surrounded the בני ישראל on their journey. We learned how Yitro saw that Moshe was constantly kept busy. Either people were waiting to learn Torah from Moshe or to get advice for their problems. Yitro saw that Moshe was too overloaded with work and he suggested that a system of judges be appointed to help him deal with the problems of the בני ישראל. Moshe asked Hashem what he should do and Hashem told him to accept Yitro's system of judges. Yitro was rewarded for this excellent idea by having this week's Parsha named after him.

We also learned that Hashem wanted to give the Torah to a nation. However, as we learn in a Midrash, Hashem knew that if He would give the Torah to the בני ישראל without first offering it to the other nations of the world, the other nations would complain. Therefore, Hashem went to each nation and asked each of them if they wanted the Torah. Each nation when asked didn't like one of the Torah commandments. בני ישראל was the only nation to immediately say that they wanted the Torah. We learned that Hashem gave us rules - עשרת הדברות - to help us live productively together in the world. We read the book "The Ten Good Rules" by Susan Remick Topek. Everything we need to know is written in the Torah: what to do and what not to do; how to act and how not to act. The things we are supposed to do are positive commandments - mitzvot aseh. The things we are not supposed to do are called negative commandments - mitzvot lo taaseh. We learned that together there are 613 mitzvot!

We learned that we must always be grateful to our parents who work so hard to raise us and take care of us: .... כבד את אביך ואת אמך. Your daughters also enjoyed learning the story of the great Tzaddik whose name was Rabbi Avimi who had five sons of his own yet never stopped doing the mitzvah of honoring his own father.

We also learned that דרך ארץ קדמה לתורה, having respect for our elders, comes first before learning Torah. We discussed ways in which we show דרך ארץ and sent home דרך ארץ certificate for when the girls do this mitzvah.

Over the last few weeks we reviewed the brachot we recite on the various foods we eat. This week we discussed the brachot we make on things other than food. We enjoyed sewing בשמים rose that we sent home for הבדלה and hope that each week it will bring you the bracha of ויקר וששון ושמחה.

Wishing you a very enjoyable שבת שלום,

Morah Caroline  
Morah Ahuva

# Preschool Pictures





# Shulamith Snapshots

Excellence in their winter vacation packet!



Winter vacation davening checklist!



IXL WINNERS!!!



Davening winners!!

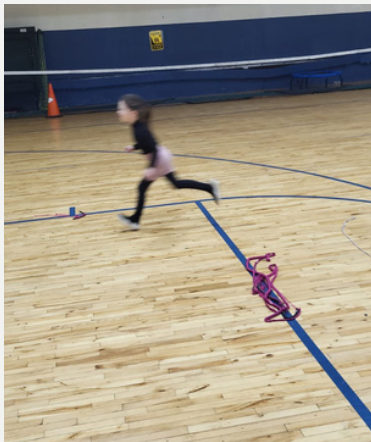
Shabbos Malkisa winners!





# Shulamith Snapshots

Back to school, back to our regularly scheduled gym program!





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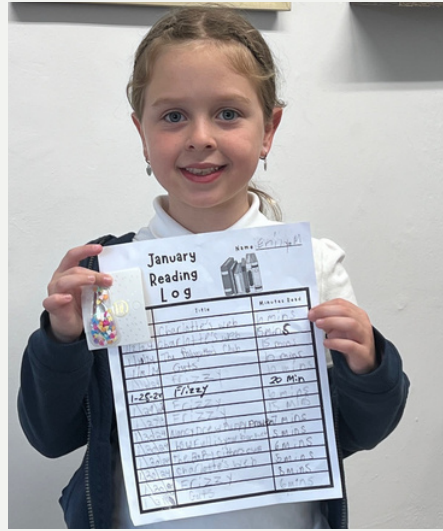
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Completed January reading logs!!



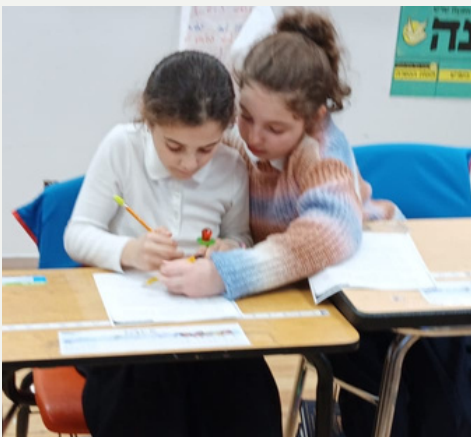
Congratulations Elisheva on your IXL achievement!!



5th Grade's Chumash Projects



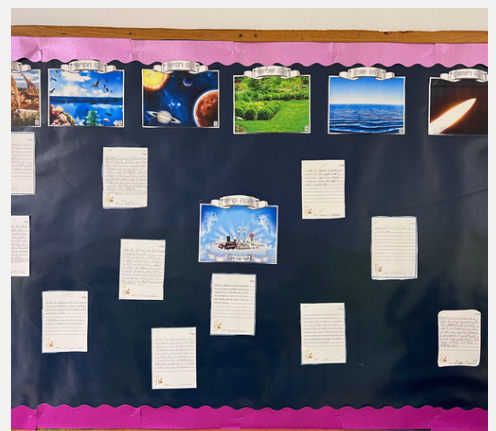
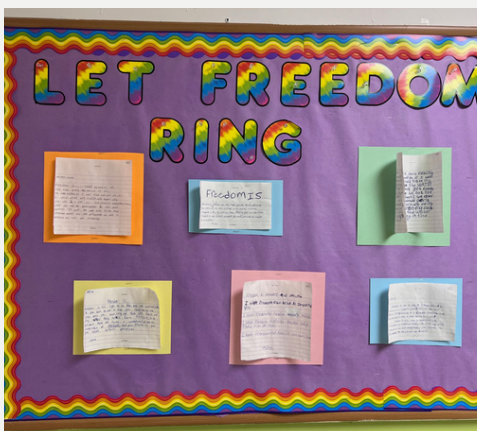
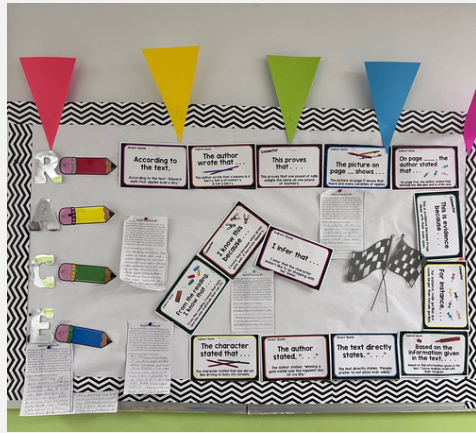
Learning partners in grade 3 with Mrs. Pomerantz!!





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## New bulletin boards for the month!





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