



Shulamith Newsletter

Parshat Tetzaveh The Power of Clothing

It's Fashion Week in this week's parsha! Moshe is commanded to make the clothing for Aron and his ancestors to use when acting as the Kohen Gadol. Each article of clothing not only had symbolic meaning, but also provided atonement for various sins. The Torah tells Moshe **וַעֲשֵׂיתָ בְּגָדֵי קֹדֶשׁ** **לְאַהֲרֹן אָחִיךָ לְכָבוֹד וּלְתִפְאַרֶת**: **Sforno teaches that the word לְכָבוֹד is referring to bringing honor to Hashem when being used during the avoda and וּלְתִפְאַרֶת is referring to the awe brought to the nation when they saw him wearing them in his official duties. Simply put, clothing has power.**

There is no end to the variety of famous quotes regarding the power of clothing. "Clothes make the man.", "Dress for success!", etc. Our clothing projects an image and an identity without having to utter a single word. When we see a man dressed in a sleek tuxedo, our minds automatically imagine him as a person of wealth and prestige. Opposite that, if we see the same man in the street wearing dirty pants and a ripped shirt, we might assume him to be a homeless vagrant. The only difference is the type of clothing he chose to wear.

On September 17th of 2023 an article was published by Axios News stating that Senate Majority Leader Schumer decided it was time to stop enforcing the unwritten dress code and let senators wear whatever they wanted. Until that point, US Senators were expected to dress in a manner that was reflective of their position, usually business formal attire. Everything was fine and dandy until Pennsylvania Senator John Fetterman, known for coming to work in shorts and hoodie, would now be allowed onto the Senate floor in that outfit. Thankfully, sane heads prevailed and on September 27th the Senate voted to adopt an official dress code policy. So, what was the big deal? Isn't he a Senator whether he wears a suit and tie or shorts and a hoodie? The answer is yes and no. Yes, he is still a Senator in name, however regarding respect, he is not. He did not understand the power of clothing and how it impacts the position he represents.

As Orthodox Jews, our clothing should also reflect who we are. We are descended from the royal line of Avraham, Yitzchak and Yaakov and just as a king or president would not be seen in inappropriate attire, neither should we. Let us never forget who we are and what we stand for and always be able to represent our nation as we should.

Shabbat Shalom!
Natan Mandelbaum

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Adina Spilman 03/03

Ariella Gurgov 03/05

Bella Kornblum 03/07

Marielle Alsaygh 03/08

Sophia Hai 03/17

Noa Berkovitch 03/21

Henchi Boyar 03/24

Sarah Aronson 03/26

Frieda Sciallo 03/31

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 1-3 Grade 8 Shabbaton

March 6 - Grades 6/8 Field Trip to NY STEM LAB

March 14 - PTA



What's for lunch?

26th

Mac n Cheese
Plain Pasta
Sliced Veggies
Tuna
Fruit

27th

Chicken Tenders
Rice
Pickles
Sliced Veggies
Fruit

28th

Falafel
Hard Boiled Eggs
American Cheese
Israeli Salad
Fruit

29th

Pizza
Kernel Corn
Israeli Salad
Tuna
Fruit



K-8 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!



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SHULAMITH OF BROOKLYN
94TH ANNUAL DINNER

SUNDAY
06:00 PM

MAY
19
2024

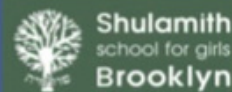
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*8th Grade
Shabbaton*

*Melour Resort
Tannersville, NY
March 1-3, 2024*



Parent-Teacher
Conferences

March 14, 2024
SAVE THE DATE!



Preschool News

Dear Parents,

We try not to let a week go by without teaching your daughter something from the Parsha. In this week's Parsha, פרשת תצוה, Hashem commands בני ישראל to use pure olive oil for the lighting of the Menorah in the Mishkan. The בני ישראל would climb up and pick the olives that grew on the top of the trees as these were known to be the best olives. They would then squeeze the olives until all the oil was extracted. The Kohen Gadol would use that oil to light the Menorah each evening. We learned that every lamp of the Menorah received the same amount of oil, but only one lamp would miraculously remain burning all of the time: That lamp was the Western light which always remained lit, to remind us of the light that guided בני ישראל when they were in the desert.

Morah taught us that the Jewish people are often compared to olives: The inside of an olive has the purest oil and the heart of a Jew is pure and good. Likewise, just as olive oil is the finest of all oils, Klal Yisrael is the finest and holiest of all the nations of the world.

We learned that when the Kohen Gadol entered the Mishkan he would wear special clothes that were made according to laws given in the Torah. He wore a long robe that had pure gold decorations hanging from its hem and on top of the robe he wore a special apron and breastplate with precious stones. The clothes were all made by בני ישראל and it was a great mitzvah to be involved in making them. We learned that Hashem's name and the name of each of the 12 שבטים was written on each stone. When a Jew wanted to ask Hashem a question he would first ask the Kohen Gadol. If the Kohen Gadol didn't know the answer he would then ask Hashem. The Kohen Gadol would receive the answer when the letters of the breastplate lit up. Morah showed the girls pictures of what the Kohen Gadol's clothes looked like.

We are continuing with our Purim preparations and this week we learned about the four special mitzvot associated with Purim and we even learned a song to help us remember these mitzvot: Additionally, our Hebrew vocabulary has also been increasing with words such as:

mask - מסכה	corners - פנות
bowed down - השתחוה	crown - כתר
party - משתה	gragger - רעשן
palace - ארמון	golden stick - שרביט זהב
clown - ליצן	let's make noise - הבה



In the Art center the girls designed crowns and decorated masks.... and these are just the beginning of our Purim activities.

Wishing you a very enjoyable שבת שלום,

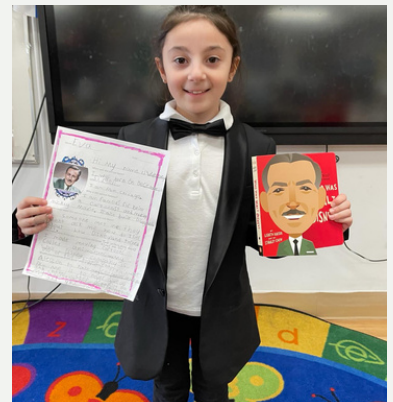
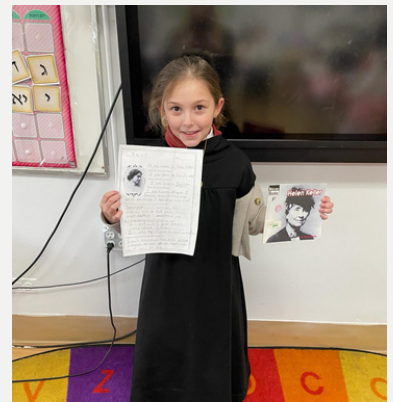
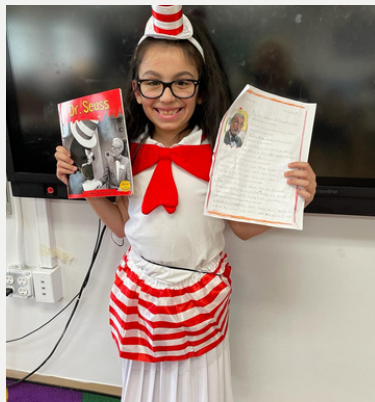
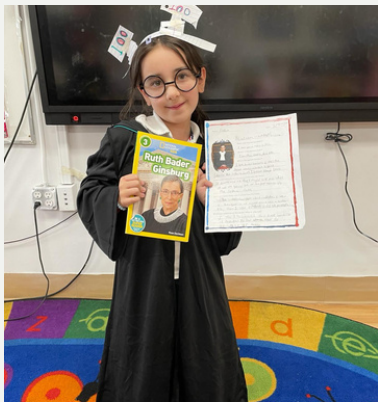
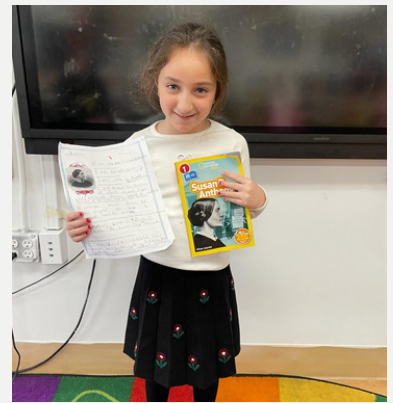
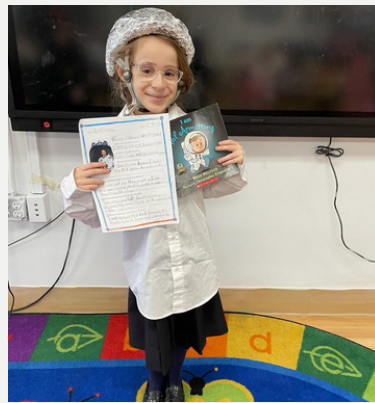
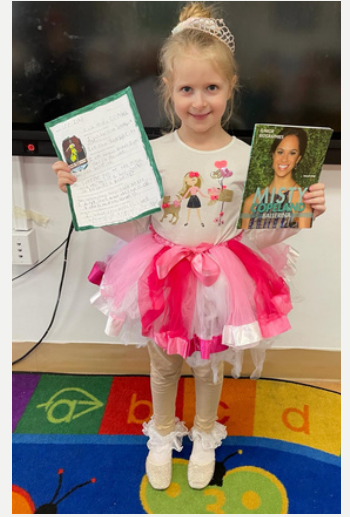
Morah Caroline
Morah Ahuva

Preschool Pictures



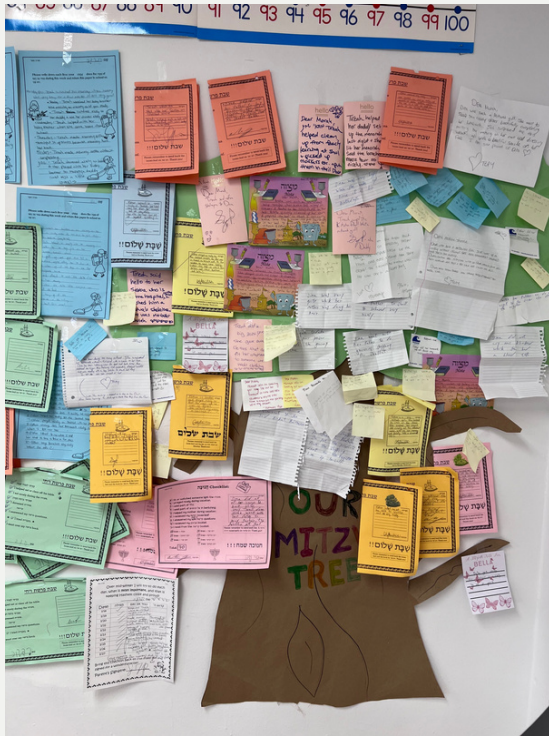
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2nd Grade Biographies

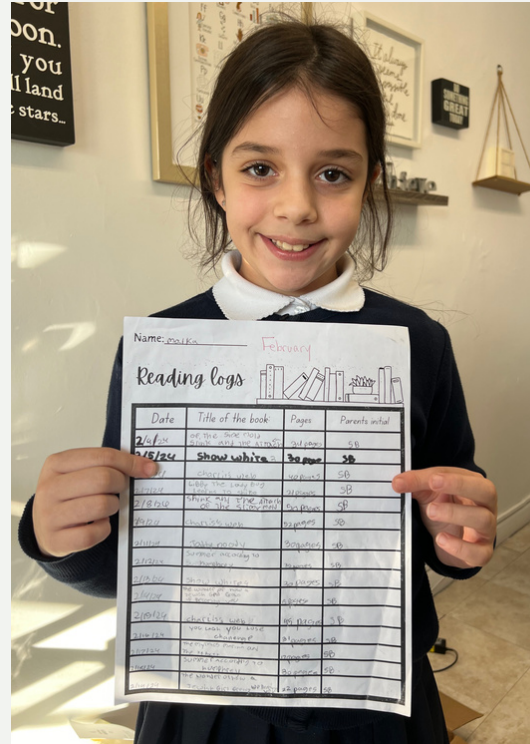


Shulamith Snapshots

**1st Grade mitzvah
tree is growing!!**



**Congratulations Malka on
completing your February
reading log!!**



Happy Birthday Mrs. Mandelbaum!



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100th day of school!!



HAPPY
100TH
DAY
OF
SCHOOL



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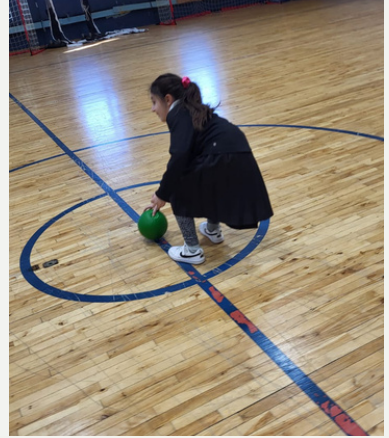
Jumbo Cookie and Hot Chocolate Sale

**BAKED
FRESH**



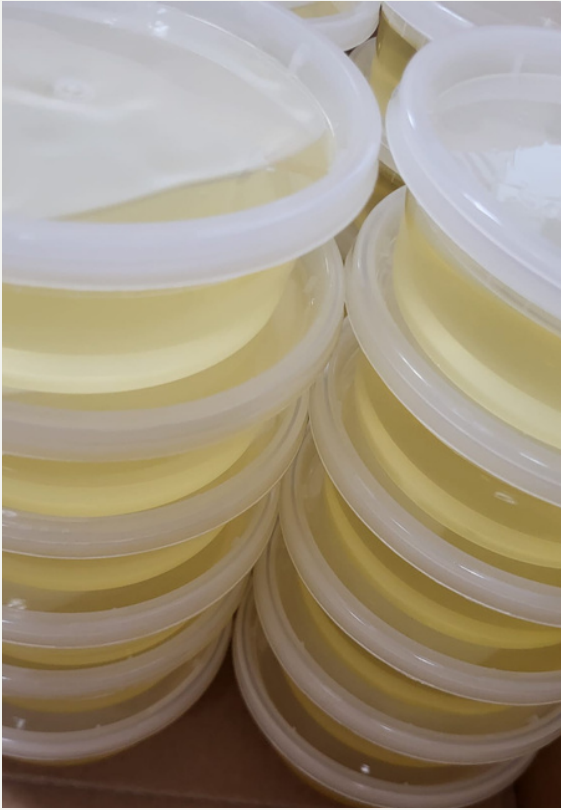
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Gym with Coach Ruchie



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Getting ready for our Challah Bake !!



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Challah Bake 2024



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Mazal tov kita alef-you can all write script Alef-Bet!



In the community...

Sunday, March 3, 2024
Doors open at 2 PM

Purim Family Event!

Carnival booths with prizes
Pizza, popcorn, cotton candy and raffles to purchase

Admission includes: Mystery Escape The Room Show, Carnival booths & prizes
Member \$15 / Non-member \$20 (Adults Free)

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Purim Mystery Escape The Room

3 - 4 PM

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Meaningful Mysteries
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