



# Shulamith Newsletter

## Parshat Pekudai

### Accounting Principles

The beginning of Parshat Pekudai reads like a CPA's dream. The parsha opens with a detailed accounting of all the resources donated to the Mishkan. Not only does the Torah painstakingly detail what each item was used for, it also accounts for how much was received and how much was used. The Torah, not exactly known for using extra words, must have a lesson for us. With that being said, I highly doubt that the lesson is knowing how much gold and silver it takes to make a Mishkan. The lesson being taught is the lesson of accountability.

Moshe Rabeinu is known to be our greatest navi and a man beyond reproach. His credentials are impressive, he led B'nai Yisroel out of Egypt, gained forgiveness for the chet ha'egel, and spoke directly to Hashem (just to name a few). Does anybody believe that Moshe would mishandle the gifts for the Mishkan?

Look at the largest companies in the world. Each of them produces financial statements that outline how much money they bring in, how much they spend and how much they have on hand. There is no CEO in the world that can run a company without this vital information. If these numbers are somehow wrong or misrepresented, the company is bound to lose the confidence of shareholders and may ultimately fail (looking at you Enron, Worldcom, Bernie Madoff).

Moshe Rabeinu was not going to rest on his reputation or past successes to ensure transparency. There is an old saying, "Sunlight is the best disinfectant." This means that what is out in the open and can be observed by others will keep people honest. Alternatively, what is hidden away and not accessible to others is an opportunity for problems. Moshe Rabeinu was demonstrating the proper way for leaders to be accountable to the community that they serve.

This lesson can also be used on a personal level. When we go to bed at night and think of our day, do we do an accounting of our debits and credits, our mitzvot and aveirot? The Sefer Cheshbon Hanefesh teaches that in order for us to know where we stand and improve ourselves, we need to have a real accounting system. As someone who has attempted counting calories while dieting, I can assure you, you most likely do not know the real number of calories you eat in a day. The same principle applies to our cheshbon hanefesh. By having a true and honest accounting of our faults, we can truly tell where we stand and greatly improve.

Shabbat Shalom!

Natan Mandelbaum

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Sophia Hai 3/17**

**Noa Berkovitch 3/21**

**Henchi Boyar 3/24**

**Sarah Aronson 3/26**

**Frieda Sciallo 3/31**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

March 18 – Purim Partner Extravaganza (Grades 1 and 3)

March 20 – Purim Carnival –(We will have a MEAT lunch today)

March 21 – Taanis Esther 12:00 Dismissal

March 25 – Shushan Purim NO SCHOOL

**What's for lunch?**



### **18th**

Baked Ziti  
Plain Pasta  
Sliced Veggies  
Tuna  
Fruit

### **19th**

Beef Sliders  
Corn on the Cob  
Pickles  
Sliced Veggies  
Fruit

### **20th**

Pancakes  
Home Fries  
Sliced Veggies  
Tuna  
Fruit

### **21st**

**Ta'anit Esther  
Half Day Schedule**



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*Shulamith Annual Teacher Raffle*

**AMAZING TEACHER  
DONATED PRIZES!**

**APRIL 8-12, 2024**



*Shulamith Raffle*

BENEFITTING THE  
SENIOR TRIP

**ONLY \$1 A TICKET!**

**SAVE  
THE  
DATES!!**

Save the date...

# SHULAMITH CANDY LAND CARNIVAL

**March 20th, 2024**

**Costumes! Prizes! Rides! Cotton Candy!  
And so much more...!**





# SAVE THE DATE...



## SHULAMITH OF BROOKLYN 94TH ANNUAL DINNER

**SUNDAY**  
06:00 PM

MAY  
**19**  
2024

**KOL YAAKOV**  
1703 MCDONALD AVE  
BROOKLYN, NY 11230



# Preschool News

Dear Parents,

Parshat Pekudei is the last parsha in ספר שמות. When we finish reading the Parsha in shul the whole congregation stands up and says out loud: חזק, חזק, ונתחזק - which means "Be strong, be strong and we will be strengthened!". We, too, see that your daughters have grown strong and gained both spiritually and academically by reviewing the Parsha each week and we are very proud of their growth and knowledge.

We learn that it took the בני ישראל seventy days to finish work on the different parts of the Mishkan. They were very glad that such beautiful things had been made from the gifts they had given. However, when it came to putting all the parts together the בני ישראל were puzzled as to why the parts would not fit together properly. After all, they had carefully followed all of Moshe Rabbeinu's instructions. Hashem told Moshe that He had arranged for this to happen. Hashem had seen that Moshe was sad not to have had a part in building the Mishkan. Hashem therefore gave Moshe the דות of setting the Mishkan together.

Finally, after Moshe Rabbeinu and the Jewish people had worked together the most magnificent Mishkan was established. Likewise, if we cooperate and work together results can far surpass what we can do alone: for example, when we build a castle from blocks, or do a difficult jigsaw puzzle. This is also true when we daven and say Tehillim each morning in school.

We have been continuing to review the story and customs of Purim and are eagerly awaiting for the chag to begin. On Wednesday, March 20th, we will have a masquerade and grab bag party. We will also be attending a special Purim carnival arranged by our Middle School.....stay tuned!

This week we continued with our Eric Carle author study and enjoyed his book "Hello, Red Fox". Eric Carle wrote this book, which is based on Johann Wolfgang von Goethe's "color wheel theory". That theory states that there are three primary colors - red, blue and yellow - from which all other colors can be made, and that each color has an opposite or complementary color. The girls enjoyed both the story of Little Frog's birthday party and the vivid illustrations which they eyed carefully.

As next week the season of spring starts officially, we have completed a class "Spring Mural" using Eric Carle's techniques. This included cutting and pasting different colored papers that we had previously painted with various types of painting tools. Incidentally, we all had fun playing outside in the school yard, enjoying the warmer spring weather!

Wishing you a שבת שלום,

Morah Caroline

Morah Ahuva



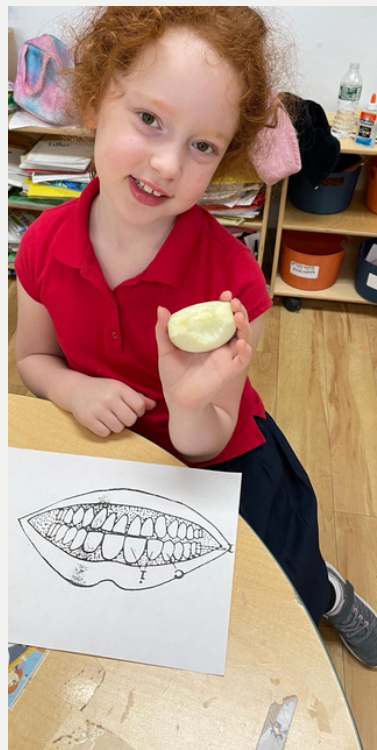
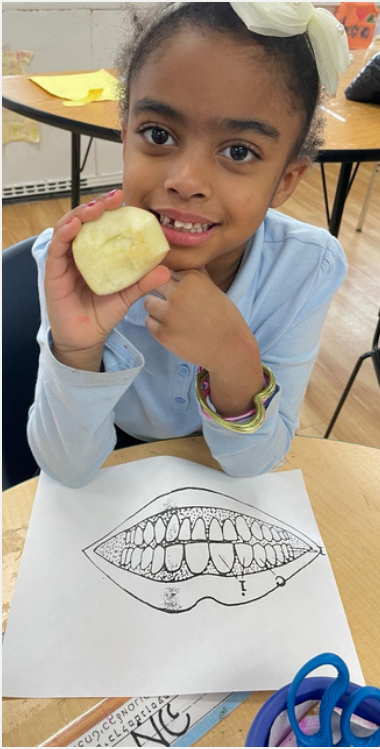
# Preschool Pictures





# Shulamith Snapshots

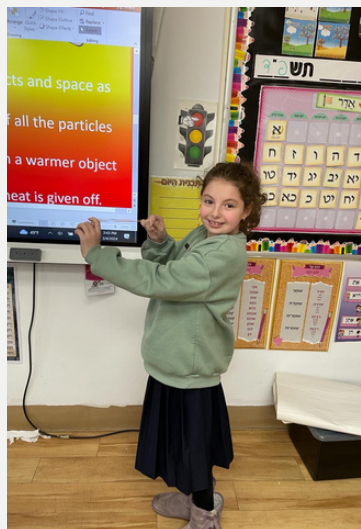
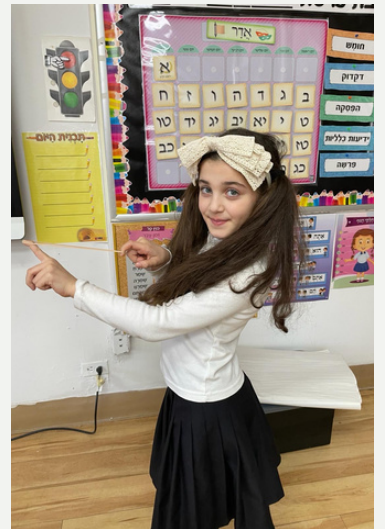
**Science with Morah Amy!!**





# Shulamith Snapshots

3rd grade learning about potential and kinetic energy  
with Morah Amy!





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**Mazal tov Morah Pearl!!**



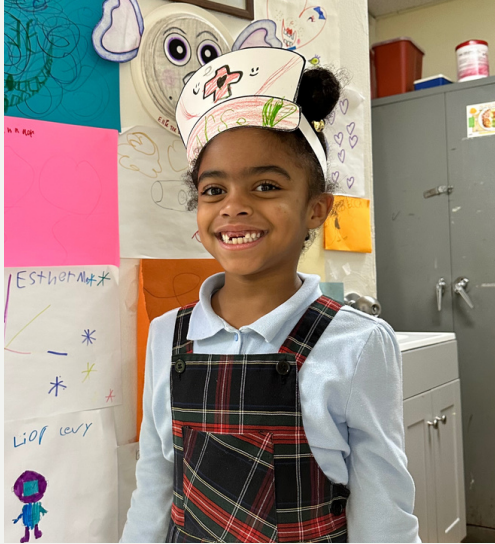
## **Art and Design with Morah Sigal!!**





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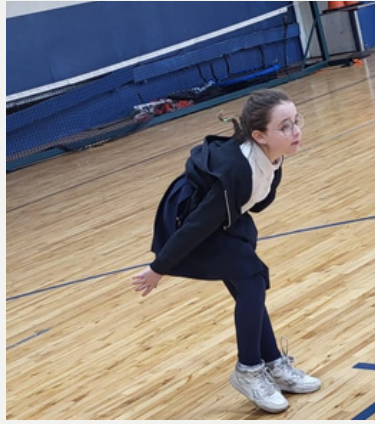
**First grade learns about Florence Nightingale!!**





# Shulamith Snapshots

Gym with Coach Ruchie!!





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Second Grade Learned About Matter with Morah Amy by Making Popcorn

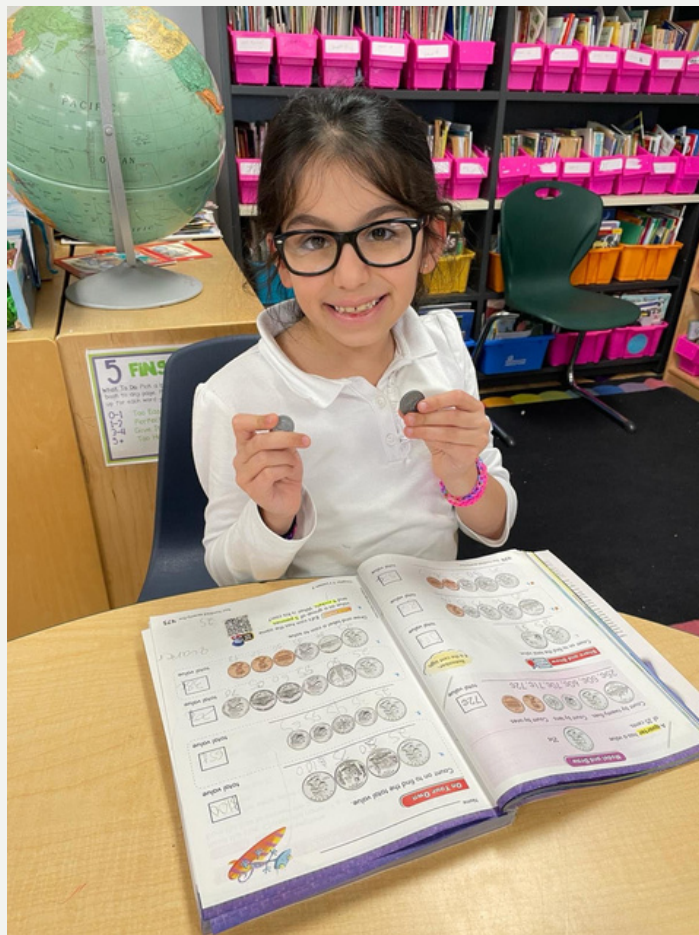
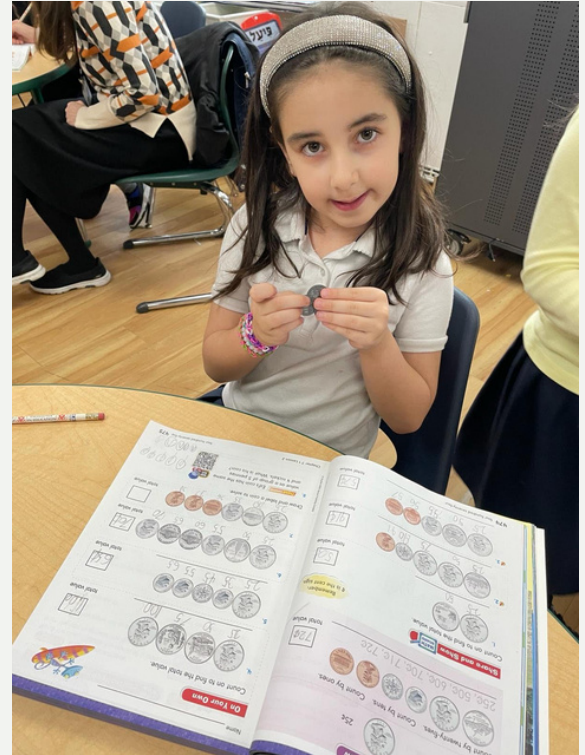




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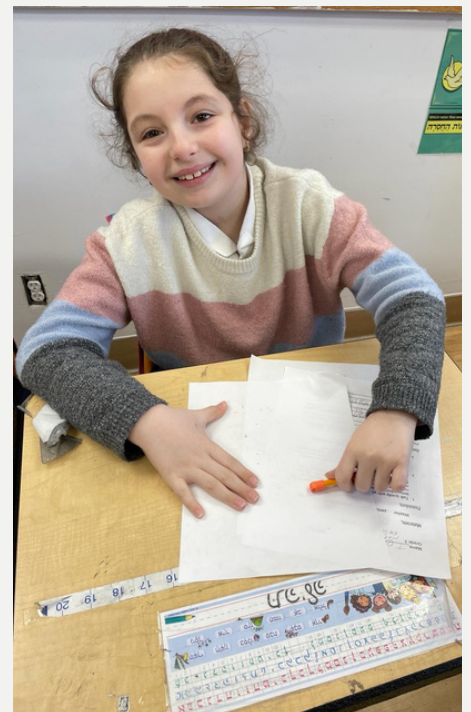
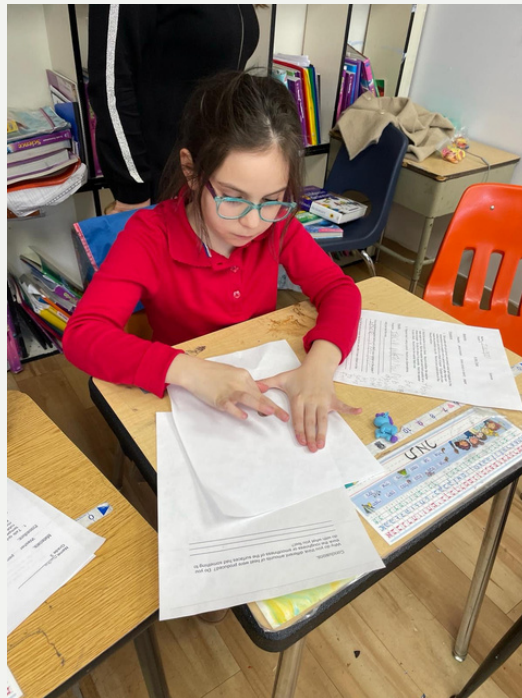
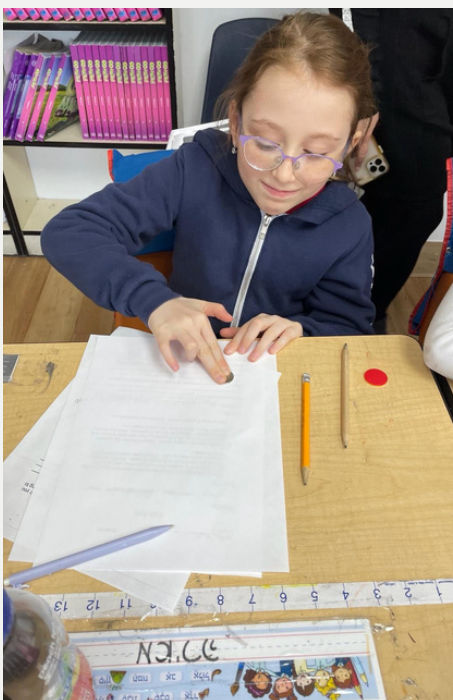
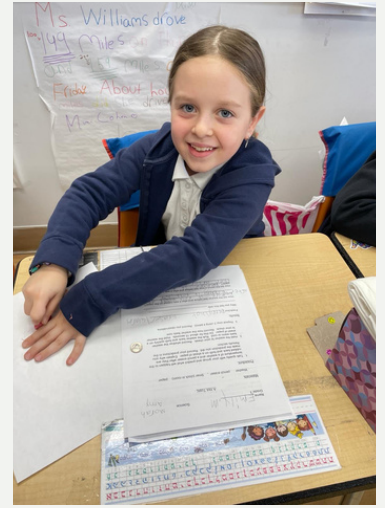
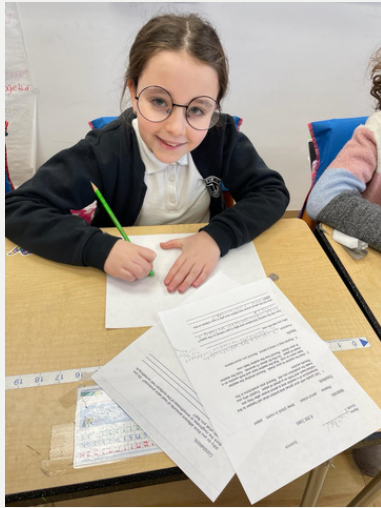
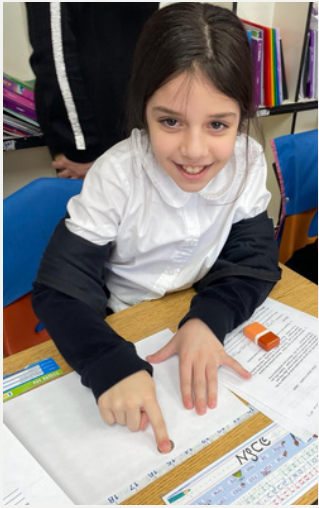
## Learning About Money with Morah Amy





# Shulamith Snapshots

## Learning About Heat Energy in Grade 3 with Morah Amy



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# SUPPLY DRIVE



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## FOR OUR SOLDIERS

In collaboration with the FCF, shuls and schools across the U.S. have partnered with the Just One Chesed distribution center in Efrat, Israel to supply our soldiers with much needed items that are in short supply locally.

### SHULAMITH

Is proud to participate in this program. B'ezrat Hashem, with your help, we will be able to collect and send many items.

The item(s) we have been given to collect are

### SAFETY GOGGLES



#### **BUY OUR APPROVED AMAZON ITEMS:**

<https://a.co/d/8QVe9Gz>



#### **DROP OFF BY MARCH 22**

Please ship the item(s) to your home and send along with your student to school



#### **GET INVOLVED:**

- Please send along cards and pictures to boost the morale of our soldiers.
- If you would like to donate or sponsor duffel bags for packing please reach out to the school office



SUPPLY  
DRIVE!!



THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROGRAM



# *In the community...*

## COACH RUCHIE'S PROGRAM!

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- Bring a group and the entire group gets \$10 off

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**\*Girls 1-8 grade**

**\*Boys 1-6 grade**

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**Ruchie Weinstock**

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- Machanim
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- Trench
- Races
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