

TORAH PREP SCHOOL OF ST. LOUIS CHAILIGHTS

Mar. 22, 2024 12 Adar II 5784 Parshas Vayikra

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MAZEL TOV

- Rabbi & Mrs. Avrohom
 Bromberg on the
 wedding of Shira to
 Dovid Inzlicht
- Rabbi & Mrs. Yitzy Staum on the wedding of their daughter Chana to Jonny Rush
- Dovy Kowalsky for putting on tefilin for the first time.
- Rabbi & Mrs. Yoni Rubin on the birth of a girl
- Yehuda and Chaya Spetner on the birth of a bov
- Shaul and Tzipporah (Notowich) Lenchitz on the birth of a boy

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



March 24 Purim - No School

March 25 Shushan Purim - No School

April 18 - May 1 Pesach Break

• First Day of School Next Year - September 31 (Rosh Chodesh Elul is late this year)







SCHOOL NEWS



Menahel's Message

On the Shabbos before Purim we read Parshas Zachor and perform the mitzvah to recall the eternal battle with the nemesis of Klal Yisrael:Amalek. The pesukim we read describes the conflict as a battle for Hashem with Amalek "M'dor dor" - from generation to generation"

What is this eternal struggle? How does it relate to us thousands of years later?
When relating the Amalek encounter in the Midbar, the Torah says "asher korcha b'derech" that cooled you off when you were on the path." Rashi citing the medrash explains that prior
to Amalek's attack, the other nations were terrified to even consider fighting Klal Yisrael.
When Amalek jumped in and attacked us, it was like the brazen person jumping into a
scalding hot bathtub of water, cooling it off for others to do the same.

Rav Yerucham Olshin in his sefer Yerech L'Moadim cites anoher approach for understanding the words "Asher korcha b'derech" by the Alter of Kelm that has practical application for our generation as well. When Bnei Yisrael experienced the miracles of the 10 makkos and Kriyas Yam Suf, they became an elevated and exalted nation. They were primed to become the "Mamleches Kohanim- Kingdom of Ministers" to receive the Torah and serve as the ambassadors of Hashem to the nations of the world. At that moment, Amalek attacked - with the purpose to "cool us off" from our newly acquired exalted state and convincing us that we aren't so elevated after all.

One may ask, what is so devastating about the provocation of Amalek? As a matter of fact, at first glance it seems that the elevated feeling of Klal Yisroel was contrary to the middah of humility that the Torah expects of us!

Rav Olshin explains that the middah of Kavod and arrogance that the Torah warns us from acquiring is one that is self-serving and for personal glory. The Kavod that is not only acceptable but even necessary for one to achieve his purpose in this world is an awareness of one's immense value and significance for what he can accomplish. This was the the Kavod and nobility felt by Klal Yisroel that Amalek sought to eradicate. Haman too, sought to undermine this Kavod when he imposed the law for everyone to bow to him and in modern times, this was the Kavod that the Nazis y"s sought to destroy when they created ghettos and concentration camps. In practical terms for us, this is the yetzer hora today that tells us, "we aren't that great and we aren't that special" which weakens our ability to fulfill our life's mission.

This Purim let us resolve to counter this Amalek influence and see ourselves and our children as members of nobility, as the true ambassadors of Hashem.

Good Shabbos and A Freilichen Purim Rabbi Yossi Golombeck

GIRLS' SCHOPNEWS









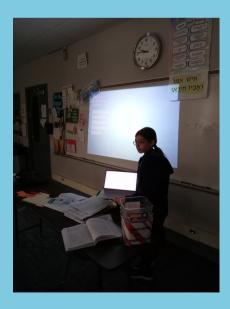




Purim fun for Mrs. Kornblum's 1st grade girls



Ahuva Anton presents the 2nd of the Aseres Hadibros as Mrs. Sentell's 6th grade continues to learn Parshas Yisro in detail.





NEW!

THIS Shabbos! "Shabbos Tehillim" program will launch for 2nd - 4th grades!

Let's see how many kapitlach (perakim) of tehillim we can collectively say during this special time: Shabbos, Purim & Shushan Purim, when there is a tremendous koach(power) of tefillah!

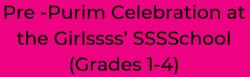
GIRLS SCHOOL NEWS

























Kinnus Tefillah at the Boys School

The entire boys school assembled in the Beis Medrash on Wednesday to join in a Kinnus Tefillah live hook-up on behalf of Acheinu Bnei Eretz Yisroel organized by Torah Umesorah. Rabbi Bender began the Kinnus with Divrei Chizuk and he was followed by the reciting of 7 Kippitlach tehillim and acheinu. It was a very inspiring experience and be"H we will hear only b'soros tovos.

Od Yosef Chai/Matanos L'evyonim

The Matanos L'evyonim boys' school campaign ended on Taanis Esther. The grand total raised on behalf of aniyei Eretz Yisroel and local aniyim is the staggering sum of \$10,093.68! It was truly a group effort as every class greatly exceeded their assigned class goal. Most impressive was how some boys held lemonade stands and used the proceeds earned for the tzedakkah campaign. Besides collecting money, the boys collected names of Cholim and people with other needs and the entire school assembled in the Bais Medrash on Taanis Esther to recite Tehillim on their behalf.

ישר כח!!!!!



When Haman saw
Mordechai learning with
the children, he knew he
could not defeat the Jewish
people.

PRIZES FOR ALL BOYS
WHO PARTICIPATEIII

Yeshivas Mordechai HaTzaddik the 1 hour Yeshiva Purim Day - March 24th

ברב עם הדרת מלך

Aguda & U. City Shul will join together at the Aguda

12:40-1:40 pm

Followed by Mincha -1:45 pm

For boys 1st grade & up

TICK: 11:15 -12:15 pm

All boys must be accompanied by fathers or another designated adult.

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