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B'CHADREI CHADORIM

Your inside view in and around Clifton Cheder

כ"ד שבט תשע"ה

February 13, 2015

הדלקת נרות: 5:10

Rabbi Yonah G. Lazar, Dean

Mrs. Rivkah Isaacs, Early Childhood Director

Mrs. Odelia Schlisser, General Studies Principal

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The Mesorah Continues

With great excitement our 5th grade took a trip to the Mirrer Yeshiva in Brooklyn where they received their *גמרות* and experienced the sweetness of our *מסורה*.

In an effort to highlight the beauty of our *מסורה* and the enormous privi-

lege of its continuation in our very own classrooms, the 5th grade went to receive their *Gemaros* from the Rebbe of their Rebbe, at the very Yeshiva where Rabbi Seldowitz learned!

The trip began Sunday morning at the Cheder

where the talmidim arrived dressed for the occasion, after davening, excited and ready for this memorable day.

The first stop was Sprinkles of Boro Park, home of the best *חלב ישראל*

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CALENDAR

Monday, February 16th
Staff Development Day
Legal Holiday
12:30 p.m. dismissal

Tuesday, February 17th
Grand Shmita Feast
7:15 p.m.
by invitation only

Thursday, February 19th
Crazy Hat Day
Early Childhood

Thursday, February 19th
History Fair
Elementary
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
4:30 p.m. dismissal
for Elementary grades

Friday, February 20th
Mask Day &
Rosh Chodesh Assembly
Elementary

Sunday, February 22nd
Limudei Kodesh In-Service
10:00 a.m. opening

Wednesday, March 4th
Ta'anis Esther
12:30 p.m. dismissal



Not shown: Shlomo Baer

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Early Childhood Excitement

As we close the month of Sh'vat and our special learning about Brachos, we want to give a huge "Thank You!" to the N'shei for providing the preschool with a wonderful addition to our bra-

chos curriculum: a puppet show by Mrs. Brenda Unger. Mrs. Unger held the children mesmerized with her singing and dancing puppets. The main character was a girl named Malkie who learned about the importance of saying bra-

chos, as well as what bracha is said for each different fruit. When Mrs. Unger asked, "Do you know the brachos?" one yummy little nursery boy answered, "Is that why you came to the Cheder preschool, to learn about the brachos?!" It was a wonderful experience and the children loved it!



Stay tuned for EC Adar fun including: Crazy Hat Day, Purim Carnival, and our very own EC Megilah Reading with Rabbi Lazar! We will also be visiting and s h a r - ing simcha at Daughters of Miriam.

And, since February is DENTAL HYGEINE MONTH - we get a visit with our very own Dr. Gildin! Does YOUR dentist make house calls?



Hilchos Shmita Contest Winds Down; Shmita Feast Winds Up



Over the last seven weeks, our talmidim in Grades 4-7 have risen to the challenge of studying Hilchos Shmita ON THEIR OWN TIME!

Using the clearly written and beautifully presented Student's Guide to Hilchos Shmita by Rabbi Shimon Grama שליט"א, each student was given the opportunity to get a mastery of the basic הלכות for this special year.

Week by week, (after deciphering Rabbi Erlanger's coded signs) the boys studied 1-2 chapters and took



a 20 question test on the material learned.

Boys who scored above 90% were entered into weekly raffles, and boys whose test marks reflect the expected score for their grade level will אי"ה be attending THE GRAND SHMITA FEAST. This event is set to take place at the Main Ingredient on Tuesday, February 17th. כל הכבוד!

All talmidim in Grades 1-7 are invited to participate in the WHAT contest. Please see pages 16-17 for full details.

Fourth Grade students reenacting their Chumash lesson with a surprise visit to Brooklyn's Shotzer Matzah Bakery



Helping Every Child Learn

The best way to inspire our students to learn is by inspiring our teachers, and providing opportunities for them to continue learning. On Monday, January 19th, the Clifton Cheder General Studies teachers, Early Childhood teachers, and assistants benefited from a professional development day.

Miriam Manela OT presented the second part of a workshop series she began for our staff last year. The teachers learned how students are "wired differently" and as such, have different ways of responding to challenges or frustration. They learned how to identify these varied types, as well as some practical classroom interventions to address each one, followed by an opportunity to practice these techniques. All the ideas presented involved creating a meaningful connection with the student and are based on individual variations in attach-

ment style.

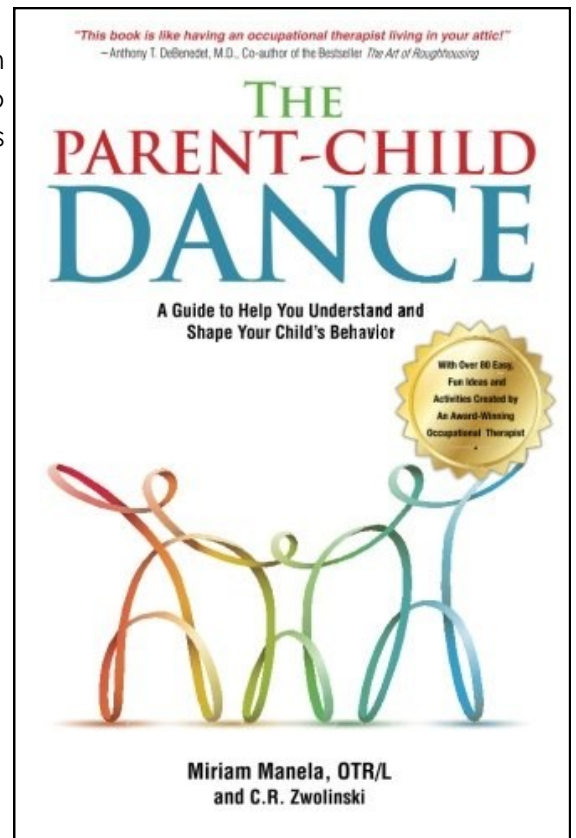
The General Studies Staff had an additional workshop run by our very own Montessori trained Rabbi Presberg. Rabbi Presberg demonstrated how to create an environment in the class where every student is an active participant and no student is able to

to ensure that these objectives are met. The specific tools that were shared hold every student accountable and is done in a gentle, respectful way.

The teachers enjoyed their day of learning; the knowledge gained is already in application in the classrooms.



"opt out". This approach requires the teacher to maintain high standards



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ice cream in New York. The talmidim were treated to an array of flavors and toppings served to them by the extremely friendly and funny ice cream store owner who enjoyed being part of the special day. The ice cream was sweet and delicious but their Rebbe pointed out that it paled in comparison to the delight of learning Hashem's Torah.

Next, the talmidim were back in the cars and on the way to the Mirrer Yeshiva where their Rebbe's Rebbe, Harav Reuven Schepansky שליט"א, one of the Roshei HaYeshiva, was expecting them.

With admirable דרך ארץ the talmidim entered Rav Schepansky's shiur room and introduced themselves. Once everyone was seated, Rav Schepansky presented a Gemara as well as an individualized bracha to each of the talmidim.

After a beautiful song in honor of the event, Rav Schepansky taught the talmidim their first

piece of Gemara. The talmidim followed along, answered questions and made us all very proud! Rav Schepansky was so im-



they were all accepted to Mir Yeshiva!

The talmidim went downstairs and soaked in the sight of a full Bais Medrash filled with בני תורה learning the precious words of Hashem from their גמרות.

But the trip was not over yet! The talmidim raced to their cars and made their way to the shul of Harav Avraham Schorr שליט"א, a famous Rov, author and משפיע. There Rav Schorr warmly greeted each talmid individually and gave them a bracha to grow into great תלמידי חכמים!

Special thanks to Mr. Shai Bayaz, Mr. Yehuda Freidman, and Rabbi Elliot Mathias who



accompanied Rabbi Lazar and Rabbi Seldowitz in driving and chaperoning the boys.

Although the day's excitement concluded, the day's experiences will undoubtedly be remembered and treasured

pressed with the הנהגה and appreciation for Torah that the talmidim displayed, he told them

for many years to come!

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Quotable Quotes

1) Kindergarten boy at home overhears his parents talking:

Ema to Abba: We need to ask Rabbi Eisenman a shailah.

Kindergarten boy to his parents: I ask MY shailahs to Rabbi Wiederman!

2) Mrs. Unger, Early Childhood Rosh Chodesh assembly puppeteer, to Mrs. Goldfarb: Walking into the Clifton Cheder preschool is like walking into a hug!



Mazel Tov To..

- Mr. and Mrs. Yitzzy Mittel on the birth of a baby girl.
- the 3rd grade for finishing פרשת וישלח.
- the 6th grade on finishing פרשת שלח.
- the 7th grade on finishing the 1st פרק of גמרא מכות.

Condolences To..

- Mrs. Rosalie Eis, mother of Mrs. Goldie Kramer, on the passing of her sister, Mrs. Fagie Yudkowsky ע"ה.

Thank You To..

- the Wilk family for donating a 'Spot It Jr.' game and a greenhouse for planting flowers to the Kindergarten class in honor of Avi's 5th birthday.

Any Extra??

If you have any extra empty ketchup bottles (standard size), Pre1A girls would love them for a Purim project. Please send them in to school to the attention of Morah Batsheva Simons.

“Rabbi Lazar, Did You Say The *Hallway?*”

Once again, the Cheder makes the seemingly impossible possible. Our Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat assembly took place in the upstairs hallway! Never say never.

Mid morning on Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat, the 7th grade went upstairs and joined Grades 1-6 in lining our twisty second floor hallway. With assigned seats (on the floor) the boys listened attentively to an amazing story from Rabbi Lane about

bitachon and hatzala that took place during the Revolutionary

seen the boys' faces!



This was followed by both slow and fast songs sung by Rebbeim and talmidim, and led by Rabbi Reischer, accompanied by his guitar.

To mark the upcoming Yom Tov of ט"ו בשבט, each boy received a fruit roll up as a Rosh Chodesh treat.

Thank you to all the Rebbeim for their participation

and to Rabbi Erlanger for leading the event.

War in Russia. You should have

“Rabbi Lazar, Did You Say The Hallway?”



Welcome To...

Miss Shiffy Bluth, our new Nursery Assistant

קרבן מנחה - Hands On!



פרנסי היום

Thank you to the פרנס היום sponsors who dedicated davening & learning at the Cheder:

- Mr. and Mrs. Shai Bayaz: י"ט כסלו - December 11th, לזכר נשמת ר' דוד בן ר' אליעזר ז"ל.
- Mr. and Mrs. Marc Goldfarb: ב' טבת - December 23rd, for a successful surgery and good health for יואל בן מלכה.
- Rabbi and Mrs. Dov Kramer: ט' טבת - December 31st, יעקב אשר בן שושנה לרפואה שלמה.
- Dr. and Mrs. Alex Kushnir: י' וי"א טבת - January 1st & 2nd, אלטע אסתר בריינדל בת לאה לרפואה שלמה.
- Rabbi and Mrs. Elliot Mathias: כ"ז טבת - January 18th, רחל בת חנה לרפואה שלמה.
- Clifton Cheder dedicated the learning on כ"ח טבת, January 19th to mark the שלושים of עטיל נעסא בת ר' הערש of בער ע"ה, mother of Assemblyman Gary Schaar.
- Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Wellikoff: כ"ג שבט - February 12th, in honor of Shimmy's birthday.

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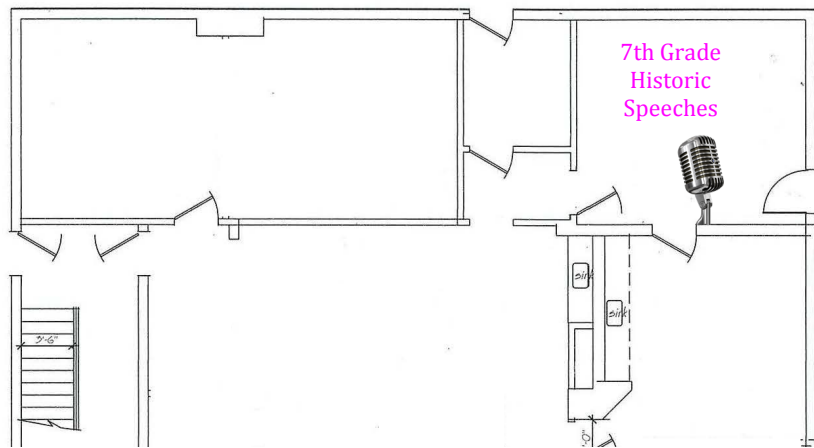
How would you like to receive your cards:

- sent home with your child (class _____)
- pick up from Cheder office

Clifton Cheder Children's History Museum



1st Floor



2nd Floor

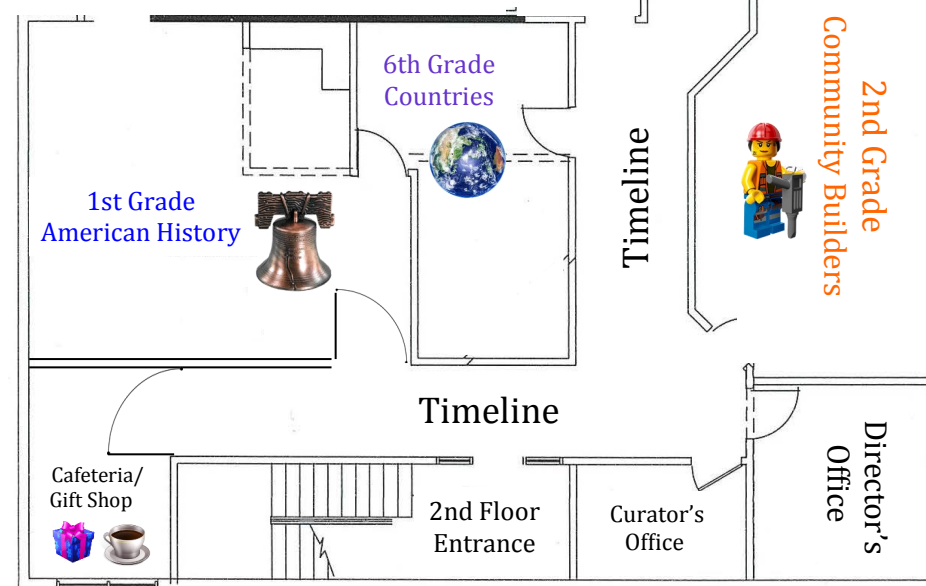
Welcome to the Clifton Cheder's Children's History Museum

Open to family and friends:
February 19th, 2015

Hours of Operation: 3:30-4:30p.m.
Showcasing the research of our
Elementary School students

We look forward to having you
come tour our Museum and see
our unique exhibits.

*Dismissal for grades 1-7 will be at
4:30p.m.*





2014 - 2015 STUDENT READING LOG

Complete and return this sheet to your teacher by:

LAST CHANCE!

Student Name (first and last name): _____

School: _____

Grade: _____ **Teacher:** _____

Welcome to the Six Flags® Read to Succeed Six Hour Reading Club!

To participate, you need to read for fun for a total of six hours or 360 minutes. You can read books, magazines, newspapers, eBooks or comic books. Reading for homework or a class assignment does NOT count.

This log will help you keep track of all your reading. List what you read and the time you spend reading (use the back of this sheet if necessary). Have a parent or teacher initial this log. When you reach the goal, return this log to your teacher by the date listed above in order to qualify for a free ticket to a Six Flags® theme park. Your ticket will be given to you by your teacher/coordinator.

Date	What I Read	Time	Parent/Teacher Initials
Total Amount of Time Read (Must be at least 6 hours or 360 minutes)			

Please use the back of this page or additional sheets, if needed.

I certify that student named above has completed six hours of recreational reading.

I am aware that the one free admission ticket that my child will receive is valid only at one participating Six Flags® theme park on select dates during the 2015 season. Dates will be included on the tickets. I also understand that late entries will not be accepted, and tickets are NOT valid for anyone over age 13, are not for resale and cannot be replaced if lost, stolen or damaged.

Parent/Teacher Initials



CONTEST "WHAT"

We ask **וְחָאט?**

We ask you **וְחָאט** will you name **וְחָאט?????????????**

Contest Rules:

1. **וְחָאט's** name cannot exceed 4 words.
2. You may get the assistance of up to 3 people in naming **וְחָאט**.
3. Your **וְחָאט** form needs to be submitted by Monday morning, February 16th, before morning recess.
4. Once your **וְחָאט** form is completed, please place it in Rabbi Erlanger's box.
5. The winner will **יִיח** be featured on the front page of **ב'שארתי שחרים** posing together with life-size **וְחָאט**.
6. **וְחָאט's** form needs to be completed to its entirety, including a minimum of 2 sentences explaining why you choose and think that it is a most deserving name to be adopted by our **וְחָאט**.
7. Please write neatly. The judges would love the opportunity to read your clever and creative suggestions.

NAME: _____ GRADE: _____ REBBE: _____

I BELIEVE THE BEST NAME TO NAME OUR WHAT IS...

THE REASON I FEEL THIS IS A GOOD NAME TO NAME OUR DEAR WHAT IS BECAUSE...

PLEASE LIST BELOW THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ASSISTED YOU:

name: _____ **RELATIONSHIP TO YOU:** _____

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Please have this form completed and submitted by Monday morning, February 16th before morning recess.

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8:00PM

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**Rosh Chodesh Adar
Early Childhood
Crazy Hat Day!**



When?
Thursday, February 19th
ALL DAY

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*Clifton Cheder takes pleasure
in inviting its Rebbeim and talmidim
to participate in*

mask Day

יום ב' דראש חודש אדר תשע"ה
Friday, February 20, 2015

*Wear any mask of your choice! Be as creative and funny
as you choose. Regular school clothing - no costumes please.*

