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Your inside view in and around Clifton Cheder

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My Very Own Chumash

This Sunday marked a very special milestone in the lives of our first graders. After spending the years of Early Childhood learning the **אותיות** and how to read along with months of pre-Chumash 1st grade prefix and suffix preparation, our boys were finally ready to receive their very own **חומשים**!

Dressed in their **שבת** clothing, adorned with special sashes and crowns, our princes were prepared for this special moment. Rabbi Presberg,

their devoted Rebbe, had prepped them and practiced the ear-



ly **פרשת ויקרא** of **פסוקים** following the age old tradition of the material

used for beginning of **חומש**. As the **חכמים** teach us, "Let the pure

children study [about the **קרבנות** which are pure." Along with a beautiful command of the **פסוקים**, the boys demonstrated their

knowledge of **חדשי** the **השנה** and **דקדוק** skills.

From the proud faces

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CALENDAR

**Monday
November 24th**

*KidStuff Coupon Book
Fundraiser concludes
see pages 10 and 12*

**Tuesday
November 18th**

*Science Fair
Elementary
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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**Motzei Shabbos Parshas Toldos
November 22nd**

*N'shei Melaveh Malkah
see page 13*

**Sunday
November 23rd**

*Rosh Chodesh Assembly
Elementary*

**Thursday
November 27th**

*Legal Holiday
Early Childhood: no sessions
Elementary: 12:30 dismissal*

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The ABC's of Autumn

The current season - Autumn - has been the topic that tapped into many disciplines in Mrs. Fleischer's First Grade Class. These lessons provided a multi-sensory approach to learning about this colorful time of year. Non-fiction books taught the boys why and how leaves change colors. Several creatively written books from a "tree's" point of view have been shared during Read Aloud Time on the rug. These childhood favorites included Fletcher and the Falling Leaves, by Julia Rawlinson, and How does the Wind Walk, by Nancy Carlstrom. That prompted a journal's writing session titled "My Life as a Leaf" which elicited many sensitive and clever writings. Here are two selections for you to enjoy:

It is fall. My life as a leaf is dangerous because I could die. It is

scary because I don't know what is going to happen. It is fall. My life is lonely because all my friends are on the ground.

By: Yaakov Zarkhin

It is fall. My life as a leaf is scary because I am going to fall down.

Oh no! I fell They're raking me and throwing me and jumping on me! Whew! They stopped raking. Oooo! The wind is blowing me. Yahoo! I got blown back into my tree. Oooo! The wind is blowing. I'm falling. Whew! The wind stopped. Yeah!

By: Yehuda L. Davidovici

The boys really enjoyed an art project of drawing different leaves and leaf rubbings.

We hope that all of our boys will make time to spend outdoors appreciating Hashem's beautiful nature surrounding them.



L'chaim



In our 6th grade Gemara class the boys have been learning about identifying marks - סימנים - on found objects. To help the boys relate to the גמרא's case of sealed jugs of wine, Rabbi Salzman created wax seals on grape juice bottles.

In the time of the גמרא each winery would engrave their unique seal into a piece of clay and use it to seal their jugs of wine.

The talmidim enjoyed seeing the wax seals nearly as much as they enjoyed drinking the grape juice!



שבת אחים גם יחד

Special thanks to Rabbi and Mrs. Yonah Lazar for hosting a beautiful מלוח מלכה for the Rebbeim this past שבת מוצאי שבת. The food was delicious, the ambiance delightful, the singing hartzig and the music lebedik. Kudos to the Lakewood Rebbeim who made the special trip all the way to Monsey.

The Rebbeim cannot wait for the next אחדות opportunity to spend out of school time together!



What's Your Problem?

On Friday night, many have a minhag to bench their children. We say to the children that they should become "erlicheh Yidden" or "a mentch," perhaps "מעורב עם הבריות" or "always respect your fellow Jew." One might say that the common theme running through all these brachos in modern terms is "Yiddisheh social skills," social skills with a Torah perspective.

When is the best age to teach them? In our assessment Pre1A is just the time, not too early and not too late.

Pre1A children are at that point, similar to pottery being molded,

where it is not too soft yet not too hard, just the right time to begin to shape.

דרך ארץ קדמה לתורה - the importance of social skills cannot be underestimated. How will a little boy or girl react when someone takes their ball or as an adult when they get into an accident?? What are feelings? How do we read body language? What does it mean to care and be kind? How do I show respect? What are correct table manners? What is the correct volume of my voice when speaking to a friend? Tone? How can I use my words to explain myself? What is

a "solution"? How can I think of one? What is called "fair"? How can I handle disappointment? What is considered funny laughing and what is considered hurtful laughing? Alone vs. lonely. The list goes on and so does life. We need proper social tools.

Where would we find a way to formally educate our precious children?

Finally, it was found where all good educational ideas are born and carried out, in Mrs. Isaacs' office. We found a book called "Do you see S.E.A. what I see?" S.E.A., standing for Social Emotional Awareness.



"Ohh! It's so frustrating being stuck in traffic."



"My project broke."



"Yikes! Two trains are about to crash!"



"We both want this ball."

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What's Your Problem? (continued from page 4)

We started our study by learning about problems and solutions on a Pre1A level. The words "Problem" and "Solution" have now become part of our vocabulary at home and in school.

A boy came running in one morning and says "Rebbe, Rebbe, I had a problem at home and I figured out a solution! I bent my fingers back by accident and I went to get ice!" The child was able to put problem and solution into perspective and verbalize it. Progress with our mold!

We discussed how some problems are **בין אדם לעצמו** and some are **בין אדם לחבירו** - either a one person or a two people problem. There can be many solutions to a given problem and any one can be used. Just like we use "tools" to fix things, we use them to solve problems. If we lose something, our tools can be our eyes to look and our mouths to ask for help. The Pre1A boys created hats with pockets and received a tool [in the shape of a cut out hammer, screwdriver and the like that we

cut and colored] each time we had a problem and thought of a solution. In addition, we took pictures of problems we chose and gave examples of possible solutions. After laminating the pictures, they were used as a game where each child received one and then they had to run around the class and find their match. If they were holding a problem, they would need to find the boy holding the picture of the solution to that problem. It was also used as a memory game in the class.

Problems come in all sizes. Some are bigger than others. To illustrate we used many different size balls lined up next to each other and asked how big of a problem it is. (All examples were from the kinderlach.) If two trains are on the same track headed toward each other and people's lives are in danger, that is a very, very big problem and we put it next to the very large ball. On the other hand, how big is the problem if someone drops a marker? Not too big. That was put next to a pong ball.

In the upcoming week we will learn about fair and different, people needing different things. We will have the boys try on different sized shoes and see first-hand (or first-foot) that different people need different things and some people need a bigger shoe!



Learning about what problems are big and what are small.

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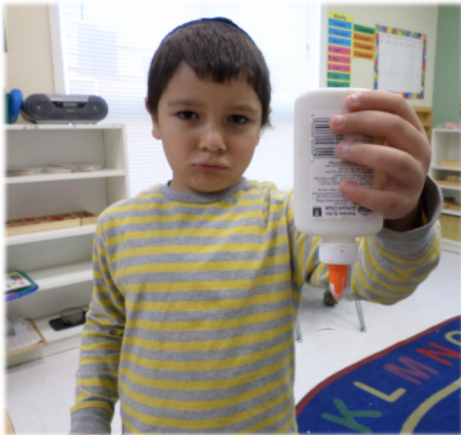
What's Your Problem? (continued from page 5)



Playing the Problem/Solution match game



My Solution tools hat.



"My glue is stuck!"



"I solved it, I used a pin to unclog it."



"My paper ripped."



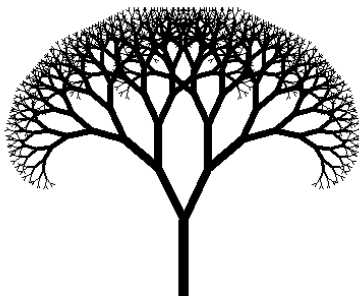
"I solved it by taping it."

Culture of Continued Improvement

On November 11th, Veterans Day, Mrs. Isaacs and Mrs. Schlisser went to a professional development day sponsored by the Jewish Education Program. Our administrators participated in a workshop for school principals and educational directors led by Dr. John D'auria.

The topic of the session was developing a culture of continued improvement.

Dr. D'auria discussed the fractal nature of schools. This means that every part in a fractal is a replica of all other parts. The relationship that the principal has with the



teachers is replicated in the teacher—student dynamic.

The presenter discussed the evolving role of the educator. We need to be willing to constantly change because we are preparing our children for a world that is advancing at such a fast rate; we're essentially training them to have skills for a world that we have not yet seen or experienced.

Perhaps the most important lesson then is that of adaptability.

In order to do so, we need to be innovative

and adaptable in our professional practices. We need to create a climate where teachers experience both psychological safety and accountability in their experience being supervised. We ought to promote a culture where teachers feel safe to be vulnerable and reflective regarding their educational practices and can feel supported in trying new strategies in reaching their students.

In doing so, we create the experience for our teachers to reflect in the classroom. Our teachers can then allow their students the safety and vulnerability of making mistakes; of reflecting and applying new strategies in their learning.

Beis Hamikdash Expert Meets His Matches!

R' Natan Schafer, A.K.A. Avigdor Srulovich's Zayde, treated our 5th grade to a fascinating and engaging presentation about the Yom Kippur avoda in the Beis Hamikdash, a topic studied since the start of the year, both in **חומש**

and **משניות**.

Using large colorful posters and his unique warmth and sincerity, R' Schafer quickly captivated the talmidim and brought the posters to life.

Our 5th grade talmidim proved to

be quite educated consumers and

astounded R' Schafer with their knowledge, comments and questions.

the artist painted too many spouts on the kiyor!" "That must be the nivreshes shel zahav!" To the pride of their rebbe, the talmidim hurriedly flipped the pages of their mishnayos as they connected their learning with the posters before them and answered R' Schafer's questions.

As a parting treat, R' Shafer distributed a treat to each of the boys. Although the treat was delicious, it did not compare to the true sweetness was tasted by all those present. The sweetness of success learning Hashem's Torah!



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"Hey look,

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My Very Own Chumash (continued from page 8)

of the gathered grandparents, parents and siblings, our boys seemed to have done justice to the special event.

Clifton Cheder was extremely honored that Harav Eliezer Lieff שליט"א, Rosh HaYeshiva of Yeshiva Gedola of South Monsey, once again made the special trip to address the תלמידים and present the boys with their חומשים. Rav Lieff, a well known חכם תלמיד and a close student of the Torah giant Rav Eliezer Shach זצ"ל, helped the boys realize how very special receiving a חומש is. Rabbi Lieff's love for the boys and the תורה was palpable.

After receiving their prized חומשים, Rabbi Lazar addressed the parents and grandparents.

He explained that our children ב"ה have the great fortune to be educated by a very special Rebbe and live in a very kind country. Nevertheless, the תלמידים will be faced with life challenges the likes that כלל ישראל has never seen. Parents and grandparents hope and dream that these young תלמידים will cherish their

חומשים and Torah learning throughout their lives.

To see this dream fulfilled required תפילה. The גמרא instructs that if one has a dream - ואינו יודע מה הוא - and one does not know the meaning of that dream, they should daven when the כהנים



come up to bless the people.

With that, Rabbi Lazar introduced Clifton Cheder's CIT's - Cohanim in Training - Elazar, Piny and Meir Kagan. The brothers touchingly performed ברכת כהנים for our honored 1st graders while teary-eyed fathers and mothers, Bubbys and Zaydes captured the moments to daven for their children and grandchildren. Please ה' allow our boys to be יראים and שלמים who will love You and Your תורה.

From the spirited dancing and the beautiful compliments received from those in attendance, we are confident that this day will not be quickly forgotten.

Special thanks are due to the many staff and volunteers who made the program possible: Mrs. Zarkhin and Cheder N'shei for sponsoring the Agudah Hall, Rabbi Yitzie Kagan for the technical arrangements, videography, and numerous trips and pickups, Mrs. Kaplan for creating and editing the beautiful programs, Miss Sassoon for the beautiful individualized Chumash labels, Miriam Bracha

Gedzelman for photography, Mr. and Mrs. Yitzy Mittel for the beautiful cake and cookies, and Mrs. Schneider for the delicious pekelach. Thank you to the Lazar family for dedicating the חומשים in memory of Rabbi Lazar's parents ע"ה. But most of all, thank you to the 1st grade parents who have entrusted us with their most prized possessions - their pure kinderlach.

May our cheder continue earning their trust.



KidStuff Coupon Campaign

By now you should have all received the KidStuff Coupon Book that was sent home with your youngest child.

Help fundraise for our school by Selling KidStuff Coupon Books for only \$25! Great savings for everyone at many favorite stores as well as many activities and outings. See all 22 editions - for differ-

ent locations - at <http://www.kidstuffcb.com/kidstuff-coupon-book-editions>. KidStuff ships all editions to our school. Use just a few coupons and save more than the \$25 cost of the book... Remember to keep the book in your car!

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And, for every 5 books that you sell, you get a free book! So why not try get yours for free!"

For any questions, feel free to call or email the school office.



Quotable Quotes

After a mother lit Shabbos candles, a Kindergarten student went to the window, looked out, appearing to be searching for something.

Ima: What are you looking for?

Kindergarten boy: The Shabbos angels that are peeking thorough the window like in the song we sing during Shabbos party!

Hang In There

If it's in our ads and on our stationary, why not have it on our building?

Special thanks to Rabbi Erlanger for ordering a new 3.5 ft. X 13 ft. sign to hang over our front door, reminding everyone who enters the Cheder what we are about.

Clifton Cheder... where skills and cheshek go hand in hand.



Thank You To..

- Morah Leah Compart for donating three books & a CD to her class in memory of her mother Yakova bas Mordechai ע"ה.

- the Cantor family for donating two books to Morah Ruthie's Nursery class in honor of Avi's 4th Birthday.

- the Kornitzer family for donating a book to Morah Ruthie's Nursery class in honor of Yosef's 4th birthday.

- the Minchenberg family for donating a book to the Pre1A Boys class in honor of Mordechai Aryeh's 5th Birthday.

- the Schneider family for donating a book to the Pre1A Girls class in honor of Avigail's 5th Birthday.

- the Zarkhin family for donating a book to Morah Leah's Nursery class in honor of Avraham's 3rd birthday.



פרנס היום

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- Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wolf: חודש חשוון - for the הצלחה of their sons, Eytan Aaron נ"י and Yair נ"י.



Mazel Tov To..

- Rabbi and Mrs. Ephraim Baer on the engagement of their daughter.

- Mr. and Mrs. Ron Shacham on the birth of a baby girl.

- Mr. and Mrs. Menachem Zarkhin on the upsherin of Avraham.

- Mr. and Mrs. Yechiel Zidell on the birth of a baby boy.

Appropriate Items

Reminder: From our Handbook:

Sports cards or trading cards of any nature, with the exception of Torah or Gedolim cards, are not permitted at the Cheder.



Parking Lot Etiquette



Should you arrive after 8:50 a.m. (carpool drop off is from 8:40-8:50 a.m., Monday-Friday), please park your car in one of our limited parking spaces or on the street.

It is disrespectful and unfair to others arriving if you block them from passing while you unload even "just for a minute." You wouldn't want to be stuck behind a parked car blocking you.

What you wouldn't like done to you please do not do to others.

If you think your relatives around the world would enjoy learning more about Clifton Cheder, send Mrs. Kaplan an email with their email address and we will add them to our growing list of digital B'Chadrei Chadorim fans.



GREAT NEWS... We will be selling the valuable, family-friendly 2014-2015 KidStuff Coupon Books!

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Look for our 2014-2015 KidStuff Coupon Book fundraiser... We would greatly appreciate your participation!

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Motzei Shabbos - Rosh Chodesh Kislev,

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At the home of Bina Zarkhin, 61 The Circle

★ Hear Divrei Torah

by Shanny Gejerman

★ Get to know one another, play a game

★ Enjoy dairy buffet

★ Sing kumzits together with live music by Sara Klein

★ Raffle

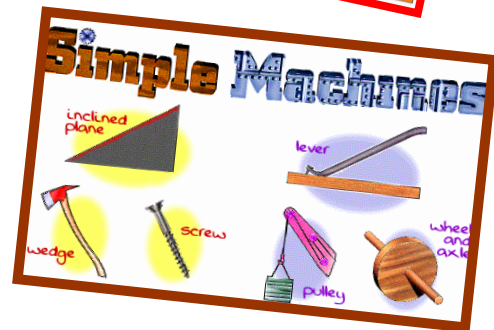
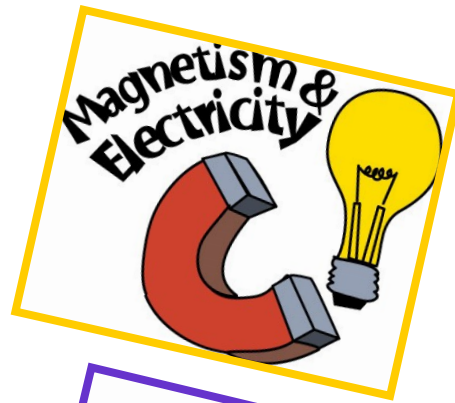
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Date: November 18th, 2014

כ"ה חשוון, תשע"ה

Time: 3:00 - 4:00pm

Location: In my Clifton Cheder classroom
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