



Cheder Levi Yitzchok

חינוך על טהרת הקודש



DVAR TORAH

Chaim Potok was a famous American author of bestselling novels and a Conservative rabbi. In 5733 (1973) he attended the Rebbe's Purim farbrengen, and amongst the Sichos was one incredible insight which seems to have been directed specifically to him.

The Rebbe asked a simple question: Why does the Megilah need to describe all the fine details of the King Achashverosh's feast? The courtyard where it took place, the "couches of gold and silver", the "tapestries of white, green and blue", the room and seating arrangements, the food and drinks menu?

Scene setting is a popular literary device, but Torah, although it is a best-seller, is not a novel.

Would it not be enough for the plot of the story to say the King was drunk and called for Vashti, which paved the way for Ester to become queen?

What we learn from these lengthy descriptions is a supremely important message: When you do something, do it according to your abilities. Don't sell yourself short. King Achashverosh may have been a fool who spent a half year in drunken feasting, but he taught us how to live life: A regular banquet won't cut it, if you're capable of six months of extravagance. Give it all you got.

The Rebbe went on to give some examples: Someone whom Hashem has given the ability to write in newspapers – while his job may be to report on wars, that's just a shell for his real mission - to spread Yiddishkeit. He must find a way to report that will convey an understanding of Hashgocho Protis.

Someone with the ability to write a book - no matter the content, it must communicate to the reader that the world is not a random place, a "jungle", but that there is a Master who directs it, and ultimately justice and righteousness will prevail.

If the writer has these views personally, and even shares them with others privately, that's not enough. One who has "white and blue tapestries of fine cotton", or "books" that have a wide reach, must use them to the fullest to spread awareness of Hashem.

(At this point the video of the Farbrengen zooms in on Potok who can be seen listening intently, his face resting on his hand)

Only after King Achashverosh celebrated for 180 dazzling days, was "the king's heart merry with wine". Only when fully utilize one's G-d given gifts, will one feel satisfied and content.

Let's take this message to heart, teach it by example to our children, and finish up our mission of making this world a home for Hashem.

Good Shabbos and a Freilichen Purim

BY RABBI GORELIK

INVOLVED IN CHINUCH
RABBI AT THE JEWISH RUSSIAN CENTRE
AND PROUD FATHER OF TWO CHEDER
STUDENTS ELIYAHU (L) AND MENDEL (R)



ARTWORK BY MIRIAM BROH



What I learned from Reb Arel

Reb Arel would often say that if a person is looking to activate a flow (of blessing) he needs to "turn the tap on". But, said Reb Arel, sometimes a person might misguidedly turn the tap in the wrong direction, thereby restricting the flow of blessings. Self-love is most commonly responsible for this phenomenon and, to counteract it, the person must seek to access objectivity and a connection to a higher consciousness – the source of blessings. For this reason, Reb Arel was always available to help others fulfil the precept of Aseh Lecho Rav (make for yourself a spiritual guide) to assist people to see their situations in a new way. Recently I heard from someone who was close to Reb Arel that they thought G-D's Providence would emerge through efforts to promote their professional career, Reb Arel, in gentle words, "redirected/guided me to focus on my marriage and my family".

Prep Students Prepping for Purim

The Prep boys are excitedly preparing for Purim, acting out the story on the felt board and in the palace.

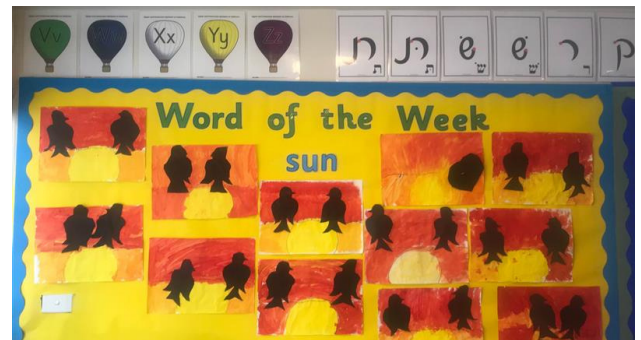
RABBI HEIDINGSFELD



Prep Learning About The Sun

The Prep boys have had a wonderful week of learning all about the sun, its composition, the energy sources it provides and how to build, read and write the word accurately.

MORAH TAL



New Beginnings for Grade 1

This week the boys excitedly started learning Chumash by reading and translating the first Possuk of Vayikra.



They enjoyed a trip to Alma Park as a reward for having over 100 stars on their davening charts.

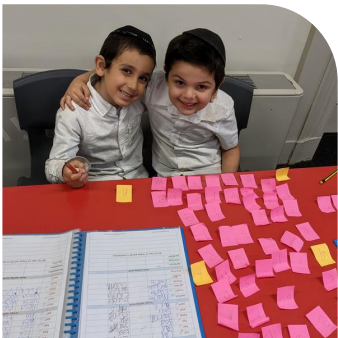
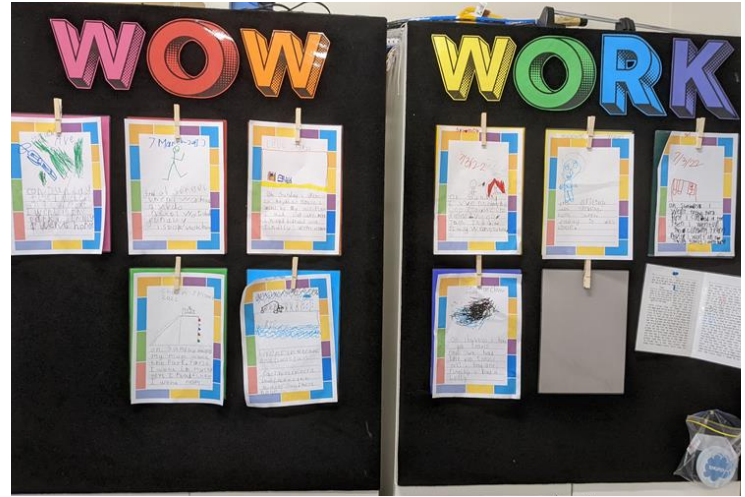
MRS GOLDBERG



Wow Work

The Grade 1 boys wrote their very first recount and were so proud of themselves

MORAH CHAYA



THE REBBE ON CHINUCH

The Minhag Yisroel is to take advantage of the days of Purim to increase in the Chinuch of small children. Efforts are also made to include the children in the Mitzvos of Purim. Mishloach Manos are sent through children. At the time of the reading of the Megillah, the custom is for small children to take smooth stones and write on them the name "Haman", and when the reader of the Megillah reads the name "Haman", they strike the two stones together to erase his name.

Musings From Grade 2

The students did an excellent job in their new spelling stations and enjoyed the time rotations. Just look at how well they are working together!

Morah Mesouda



Tess Adar – America is no different

The Miraculous escape of the Friedliker Rebbe

Cast of Characters



Rebbe Ruchab



Friedliker Rebbe



Vladimir Lenin



Leon Trotsky



President Roosevelt



Yermol Jacobson



Sam Krieger



Max Ruzavsky



Robert T. Paul



Hermann Weidman



Admiral W. Canaris



Major J. Horstbeck



Major E. Bloch



Breckenridge Long

To commemorate the auspicious day of Tess Adar Sheini, the day when the Previous Rebbe arrived in America (this year falls out on Shabbos Parshas VaYikra) talmidim in Year 8 received a special presentation on the events surrounding the Previous Rebbe's miraculous escape from war-torn Europe.

The presentation began with a look into the events preceding the Russian Revolution and the promise which the Previous Rebbe made to his father in the early 1900s to do anything and everything possible, to the point of self-sacrifice, to save Yidden from spiritual annihilation.

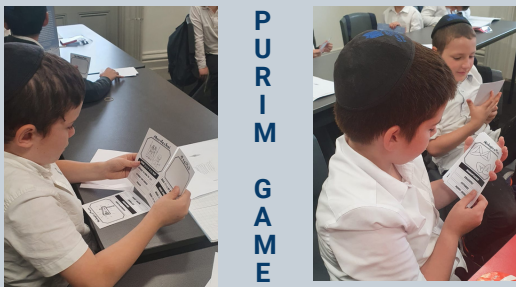
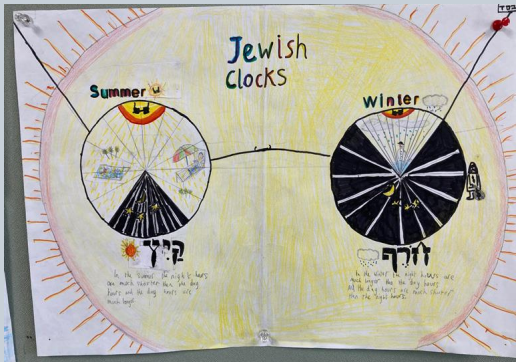
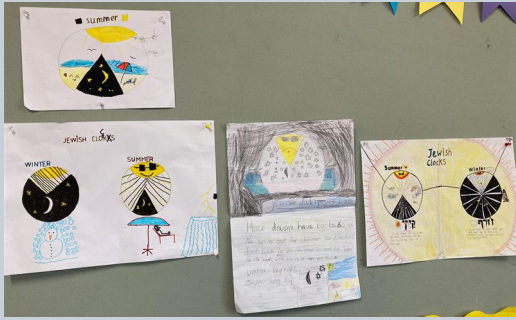
The boys heard about the events leading up to the arrest of the Previous Rebbe, his miraculous liberation, his journey to Eretz Yisroel and the USA, and how he came to be in Poland at the beginning of the 2nd World War.

The talmidim were fascinated to hear how the Previous Rebbe was rescued from the war and eventually came to Latvia through the efforts of high officials in the German military, before journeying to America, where he uttered the famous words "America is no Different".

Grade 4 Learning About 'Shaos Zemaniyos'

The boys made beautiful displays of the 'shaos zemaniyos' clocks that they are learning about in mishnayos.

RABBI LAUFER



PURIM GAME



Grade 4 Playing 'Grab the Torah'
The boys enjoyed strategizing and teamwork in the great outdoors.

RABBI LAUFER



Grade 5 enjoying their weekly Moshiah Shiur

Grade 5 is in their third week of giving 15 minutes from their precious recess to attend a weekly Moshiah Shiur! Those boys were all treated to a nice cold Slurpee.

RABBI KIRSCHENBAUM



OUTDOOR SOCCER

The CLY Middos Program continues and eligible boys were treated to an awesome game of soccer on Thursday.



Year 7

The Students started a new joint learning Gemara program this week.

Shalom Schreiber won the Connection Point raffle.

RABBI COHEN



CLY MIDDOS PROGRAM

The students in years 4 - 8 who excelled in their Middos over the last ten days earned a trip to **GLOW IN THE DAR MINI GOLF** in Docklands on Monday.



Year 8

The boys are on track to finish their 4th page of Gemara this week.

RABBI HENDEL SEREBRYANSKI



PURIM @ CLY

Purim Night

Maariv 8:00pm

Megillah 8:15pm

Break Fast 9:00pm

Purim Day

Davening 9:00am

Megillah 10:00am

Dismissal 11:30am

Shushan Purim

School Start 9:30am

Special Day Program

Dismissal 3:00pm

יום הולדת שמח!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish happy birthday to the following students will be celebrating their birthdays in the forthcoming weeks of this month

Feivel Aron

Levi Kassman

Chaim Meir Kaminetzky



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Prep - Raphael Bortolotto

Grade 1 - Menachem Mendel Rahav

Grade 2 - Sholem Raskin

Grade 4 - DovBer Hoch

Grade 5 - Shmuli Stern

Year 7 - Levi Raskin

Year 8 - Yossi Raskin

