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# CHEDER LEVI YITZCHOK

עשי'ק כי תשא יז' אדר תשפ"ג

# NEWSLETTER

## SHABBOS TIMES

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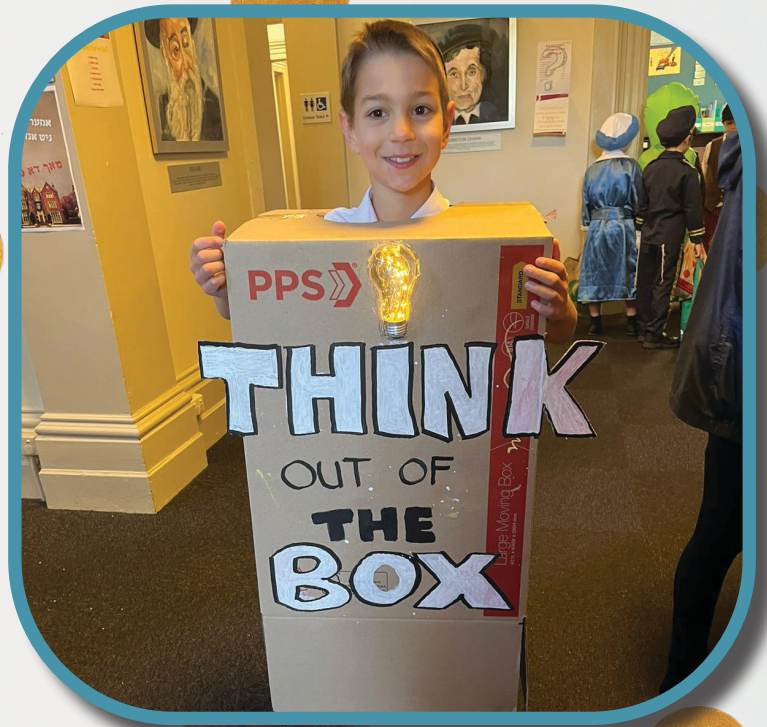
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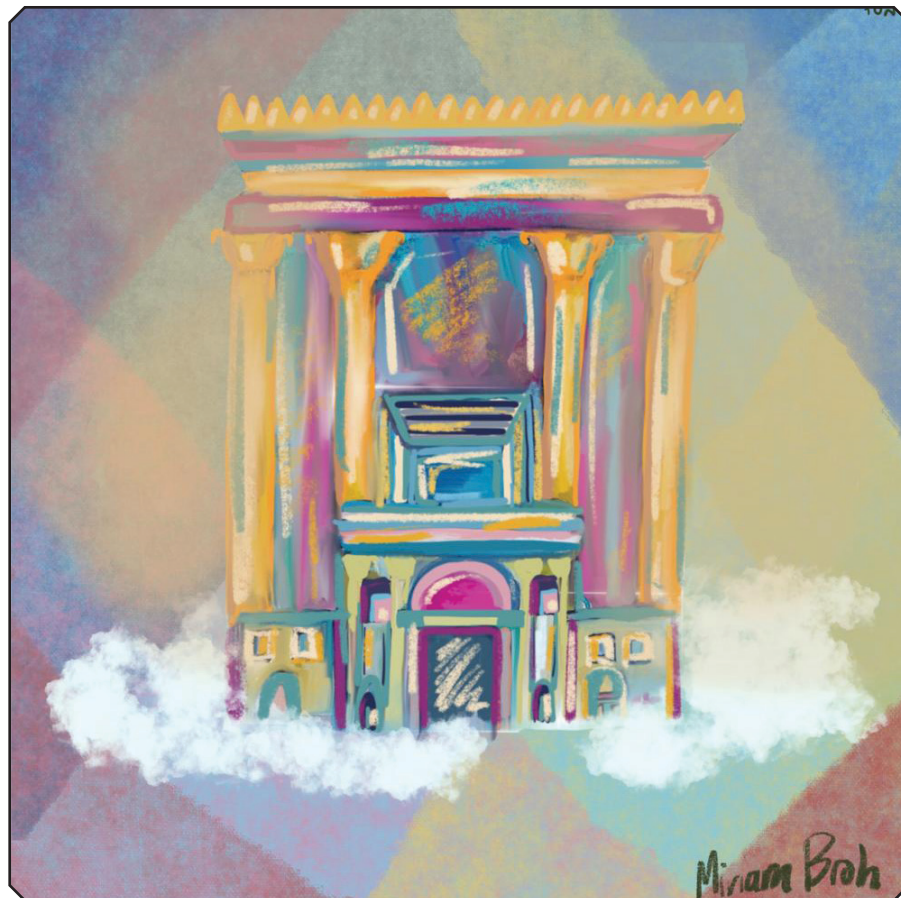


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# Heresy Cloaked in Piety

By Rabbi Yossy Goldman

How did the Jews, who had just weeks earlier personally experienced the Revelation at Sinai and the Ten Commandments, justify their demand for an idolatrous golden calf? Well, on the face of it, it did seem as if it might have been a genuine expression of a need for leadership. What was their argument? Make for us gods who will lead us, because this man Moshe who took us out of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him. Moshe was still up on the mountain, appeared to be late in returning, and they feared he wasn't coming back at all. The people's demand for a visible, tangible leader to replace Moshe appeared reasonable. Arguably, it seemed to be a sincere call for religious guidance and for a means of better identifying with the One G-d. But where did it end? Not only in blatant idolatry but also in adultery and even murder. The possuk reads "And they arose to revel". Commentary interprets the word *litzachek*--"to revel"--as depraved merry-making which included immorality and the killing of Hur, son of Miriam, who tried to stop them. Here we find a profound message as relevant today as in days of old. It sometimes occurs that people make demands cloaked in piety or religious fervor. But, beneath the surface lies a selfish desire and sinister motivations.



Often, people ask for G-d, when what they really want is sin! Where was G-d during the Holocaust? This most disturbing question may be asked in a variety of ways. It could be out of a genuine desire to understand the most challenging philosophical issue of the day. On the other hand, it might also be asked almost flippantly as a convenient excuse for one's own religious inadequacies. A good test of where the question is coming from is this. If I gave you a watertight answer for the question of G-d and the Holocaust (assuming I had one), would you begin living a G-dly life? Would you start putting on tefillin today?

Will you be in Shul tomorrow? If not, then the fact that you don't do so now cannot be attributed to your having a gripe with G-d. Either you weren't raised with that important tradition or you aren't sure how to do it, or perhaps you just couldn't be bothered and are using the Holocaust as a convenient rationalization. Do you know how expensive it is to keep Kosher? Again, this may be a passionate cry of religious zeal, or perhaps a real concern to make kosher food more accessible to the masses. Unfortunately, it might also be a cheap excuse for someone who has no intention of keeping kosher at any price. I once heard a story about three

Jewish apostates in Russia of old. They met for drinks in the local tavern and were discussing the reasons why each of them left the faith. One says being a Christian opened new doors for him in business. The next said he wanted to marry the squire's daughter and had to convert to marry her. The third says he had philosophical difficulties with the Torah and Talmud and was inspired by the theological doctrines of Christianity. Whereupon his friends told him in no uncertain terms that he was bluffing. "That story you can tell the goyim," the other two

turned scoffed. "Us Jews you can tell the truth..." Let us be honest. Why blame our own inadequacies on a mysteriously inexplicable G-d or on a Judaism we find fault with? Why say we are looking for G-d when we are really looking for the path of least resistance? Let us not abuse that which is holy for purposes of self-justification. Even if we are not prepared to live a holy life, at least let us be honest.

Rabbi Yossy Goldman was sent by the Rebbe to South Africa in 1976, where he was founding director of the country's first Chabad House. In 1986, with the Rebbe's guidance, he accepted the invitation to become the rabbi of the iconic Sydenham Shul, where he is now Life Rabbi Emeritus. He is also president of the South African Rabbinical Association and often represents the Jewish faith on South African radio and television.

## The Rebbe On Chinuch

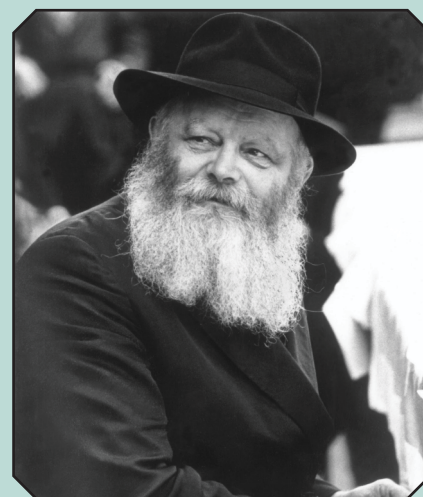
### Purim

When Haman rose and made his request to wipe out the Jewish nation, in addition to Mordechai's request of Esther that she plead before Achashveirosh, Mordechai gathered Jewish children and learned Torah with them. His specific choice of subject matter was the Halachos pertaining to the time when the Beis Hamikdash will be built. Chazal say that this is what annulled the decree of Haman.

This means that during a time of trouble, one of the main things that saves the entire Jewish nation is the chinuch of children in the spirit of

Torah and Yiddishkeit, and implanting in their hearts the hope of redemption. And then וְנִהְיֶה הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה לְיְהוּדִים הַמָּה בְּשָׁנָאֵיהֶם ("the situation will be transformed into one in which the Jews will rule") and לְיְהוּדִים הַיְיָ הָיְתָה אוֹרָה וְשִׂמְחָה וְשֵׁשׁ וְיָקָר ("the Jews had light and joy and gladness and honour.").

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



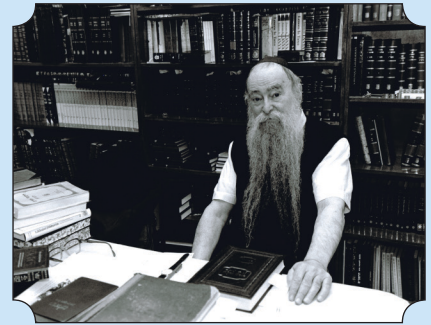
small children to take smooth stones and write on them the name "Haman", and when the reader of the Megillah reads the name "Haman", they strike the two stones together to erase his name.



# What I learned From Reb Arel

I heard the following parable from Reb Arel on several occasions. A visitor to Moscow was intrigued by the ubiquity of huge bronze statues of Joseph Stalin, all of which were guarded by burly Russian soldiers. The visitor enquired of his host: “these statues are too large to be stolen and the bronze surface is unlikely to be vandalised. So why on Earth is there a need for the statues to be guarded?” Replied his host: “the integrity of the statues is not our concern; rather it’s the mischief these men would cause if they weren’t on guard duty”. The wisdom of this parable is authenticated by the

minhag we adopt when lighting the Chanukah light. When confronted with profound darkness what ought to be our approach? According to Beis Shamai, launch a full frontal attack, all guns blazing and after sustained engagement, the darkness will ultimately dissipate and disappear. Beis Hillel says don’t get involved with darkness. Rather, produce light and the darkness will disappear automatically. If a person’s mind or heart is not occupied with productive Gdly pursuits, the garments of his soul – thought, speech and action - could easily be soiled by negativity and self-destructive initiatives. A



life consistently devoted to fulfilling the will of Gd, not only foreshadows good fortune and tranquillity, but it also “guards” a person from falling prey to the machinations of the sitra achra. So, in a world where the influence of secular culture is so pervasive and insidious, it is critical that our children in particular are productively engaged at all times, to guard them from the snakes and scorpions which are attracted to self-indulgence and emptiness.



The weekly Gemorah test in R' Kirshenbaum's class, the Talmidim are showing tremendous progress.



# CLY PREP



With the puppet theatres, illustrated megillas and decorated mishloach monos boxes they made in class, the boys were well prepared for a fantastic Purim!

Good Shabbos,  
*Rabbi Levi Heidingsfeld.*







# CLY YEAR 1

This week we was very much happening with Purim and Shushan Purim

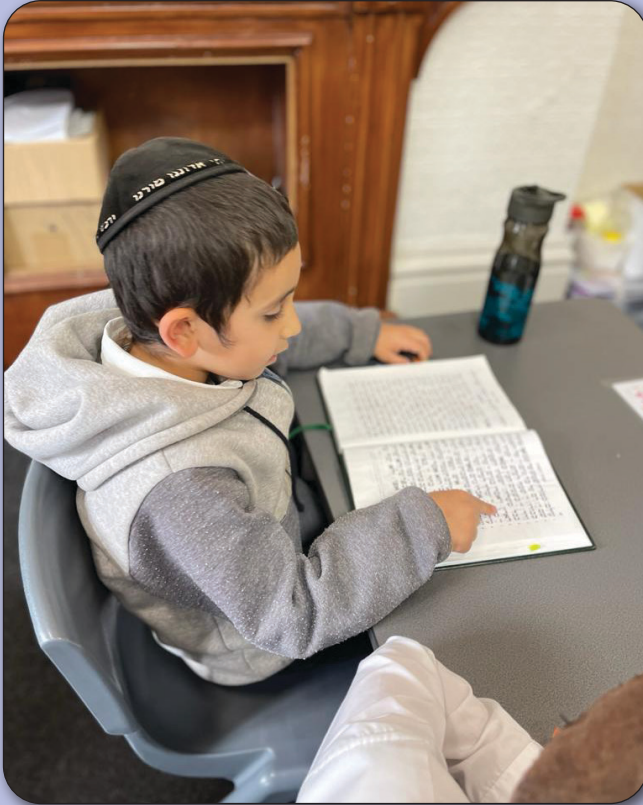
events. We made and decorated our own graggers for the hearing of the Megilla which we heard beautifully from R' Heidingsfeld.

Have a beautiful, joyous Shabbos!

*Morah Chaya Glassner*







## CLY YEAR 2

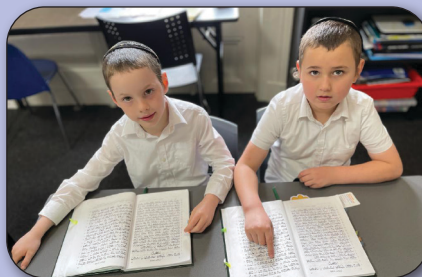
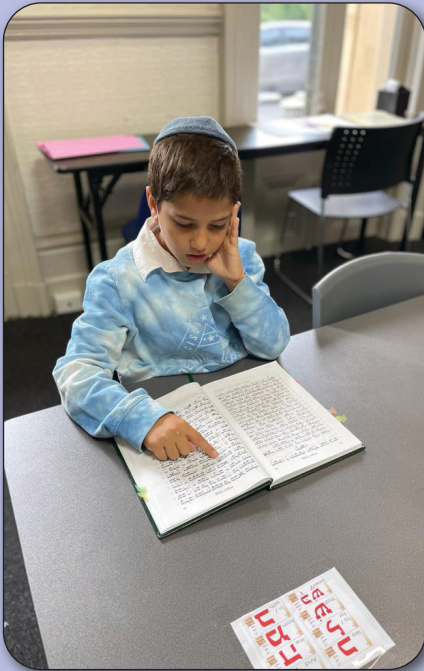


This week we started learning a new Perek in Parashas Noach!

We also learned many new Shoroshim and introduced our new Flashcard program. New parts of Davening were also learned and practiced with Niggunim.

Good Shabbos

*Rabbi Anyeh Knapp*



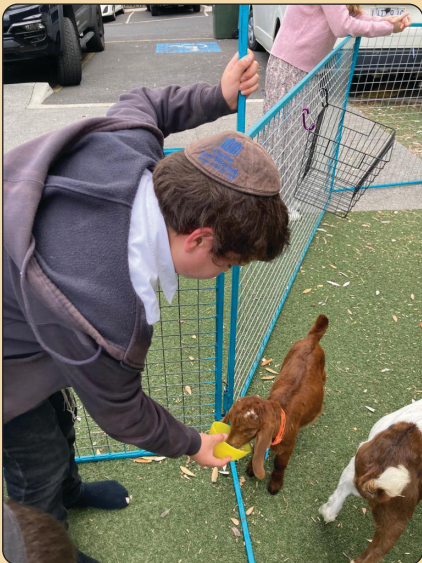








In honour of Shushan Purim the entire Cheder was treated to a Petting Zoo, jumping castles and popcorn.





# HAKHEL-CHEINIK

BY THE SHLUCHIM

## NEWS UPDATE

Welcome to CLY Shluchim News Report, where we bring you the latest happenings in the world of Chabad Lubavitch Youth. Today, we have an exclusive interview with none other than MR Megillah Scroll, the holy scripture read on the joyous festival of Purim.

As we sat down with MR Megillah Scroll, we asked him about his earliest memory of Purim, to which he jokingly replied, "When it comes to Purim, I have no memories. That's why Parshas Zachor is called Parshas Zachor - because that's the last time I remembered till after Purim!"

Moving on, we asked MR Megillah Scroll about his earliest memory in general, to which he replied, "When I was first being written, I had some unpleasant memories. First, they started etching lines on me, and that wasn't such a pleasurable experience. And after that, they started with the ink ceremony, and the ink was so cold! Brrrr, that sent a shiver down my spine...anyways, on a good note - you should have seen the Simcha, vibe, energy, enthusiasm, uplifting spirit, high energy mode, that was present by all those that were there and involved in writing on me!"

When we asked MR Megillah Scroll about how he felt about what was being written on him, he surprised us with his response. "Believe it or not, even though it was not that comfortable, but I felt very good. Because till then I always felt very lonely, board, and

useless, and suddenly now I became the most popular character in the most popular day of the most popular people on their most popular celebration!! Isn't that amazing how I went from being a useless piece of nothing - to the best of the best???"

We were blown away by MR Megillah Scroll's profound message about the transformation of nothingness into greatness. "That's what we do all day, when we take a useless piece of leather and put on Tefillin, or when we take some paper (or in AU plastic) Bloteh (that's a Yiddish word which means mud) aka money and put it in the Pushka. And when we take our empty brains that never put in effort to concentrate - and we invest in some Torah studies! We take that useless piece of nothing and make it the holiest of holy, highest of high, best of the best, greatest of great, awesomest of the awesomest, and any other word!"

With these words of wisdom, MR Megillah Scroll left us with a call to action. "So tell everyone to take all nothings, and make them somethings!! And that's exactly how we put an end to this retched Galus, and bring Moshiach ASAP!!! Yechi Hamelech!!! Hakhel away!!!"

There you have it, folks - an inspiring interview with MR Megillah Scroll, reminding us all of the power of transformation and the potential for greatness within each and every one of us. Stay tuned for more exciting news from CLY Shluchim.



## 2 LETTERS FROM THE HAKHEL-CHEINIK

### INBOX:

Get ready for the ultimate Hakhel experience of the year, folks! The Cheder Levi Yitzchok is putting on a mega Hakhel event that's guaranteed to knock your socks off!

Now, I know what you're thinking. "Hakhel? Isn't that just a bunch of people getting together to read from a scroll? Boring!" But oh, how wrong you are!

This Hakhel event is going to be like nothing you've ever experienced before. We're talking about different presentations from different grades, and all-around good times!

You'll have the chance to connect with your fellow community members and celebrate our rich traditions and history. Plus, who knows, you might even end up discovering a hidden talent for Torah chanting!

So mark your calendars, folks. This Hakhel event is not to be missed. And if you're still not convinced, just remember: if Mr. Megillah Scroll can go from a useless piece of parchment to the most popular character on the most popular day, then anything is possible! Let's all come together and make this Hakhel event a roaring success. See you there!

Gimpel Volf Tudris Toobergandel

Dear Hakhel-Cheinik Newsletter,

I hope this letter finds you in the midst of some serious Hakhel excitement!

As someone who is always on the lookout for a good time, I was thrilled to hear about the upcoming Mega Hakhel event at Cheder Levi Yitzchok. When I first heard the term "Mega Hakhel," I couldn't help but imagine a giant Hakhel robot crushing cars and buildings. While that might not be exactly what's happening, I'm still excited to see what surprises the Cheder has in store.

Between all that the Talmidim are preparing, I know that this event is going to be epic. And the fact that Mr. Megillah Scroll himself is making an appearance?

That's the cherry on top of the Hakhel sundae.

So thank you, Hakhel-Cheinik Newsletter, for keeping us all in the loop about the latest happenings in the community. Without you, we might miss out on all the Hakhelicious fun.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Mega Hakhel event!

Cheers,

[A anonymous Hakhelicious smoothiii]

# GO FIGURE!!!



Why are we (proud Chassidim) Makpid (make sure) to wear Tzitzis by night??

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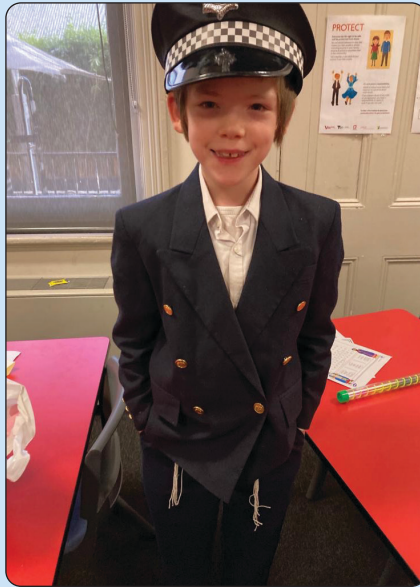
ACCORDING TO THE KABBALAH, WE ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE 13 KNOTS ON OUR TZITZIS. BUT WE HAVE A PROBLEM: HOW DO WE COUNT EXACTLY 13 KNOTS WITHOUT MAKING AN AYIN HORA (EVIL EYE)?

MY SUGGESTION IS TO COUNT THEM LIKE THIS:

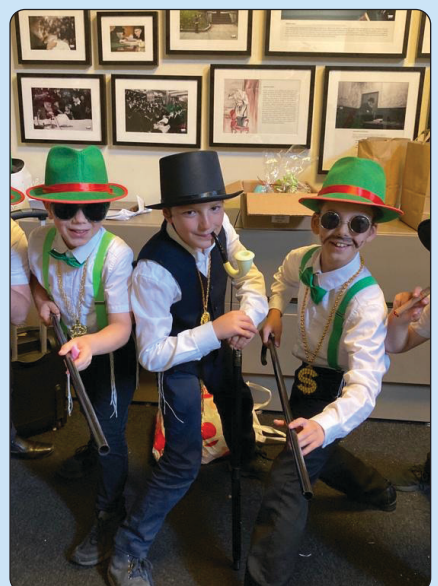
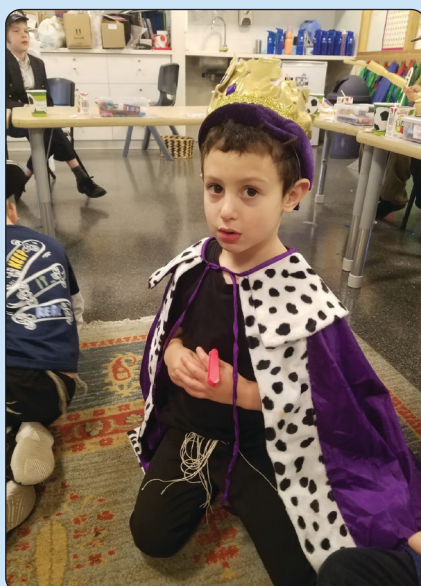
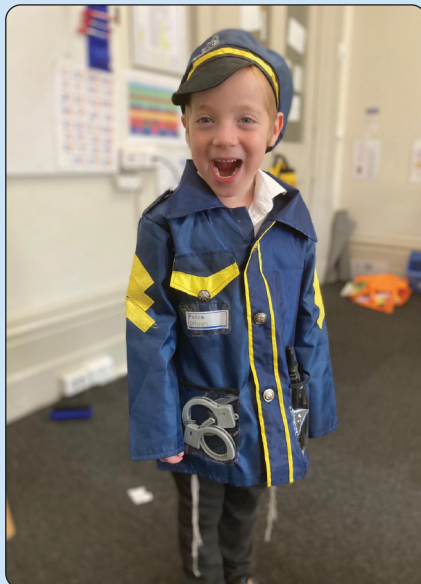
KNOT ONE, KNOT TWO  
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# PURIM COSTUMES

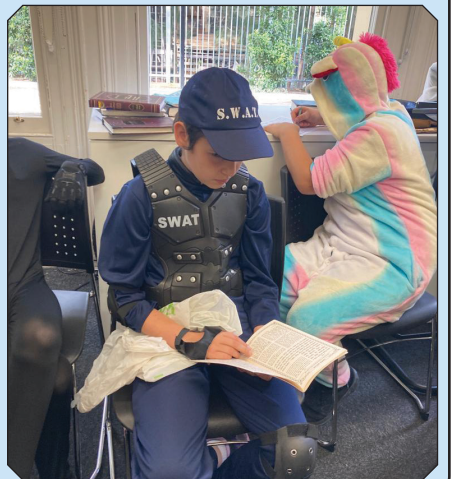
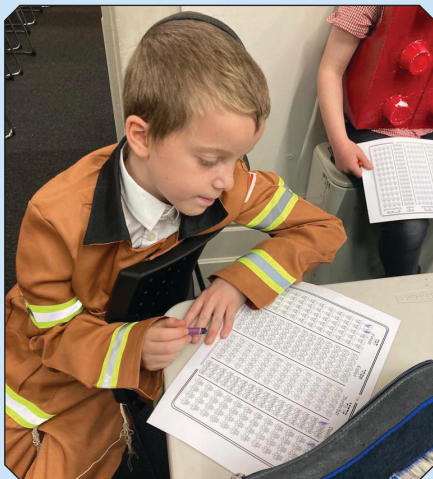
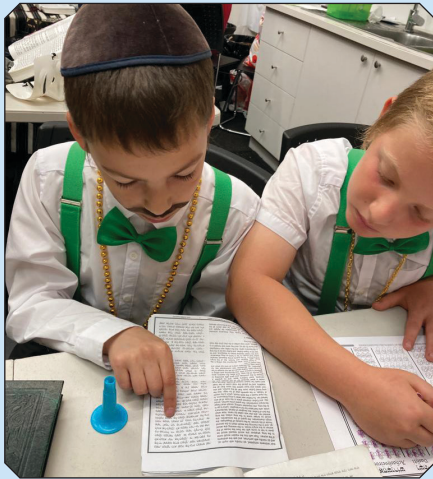
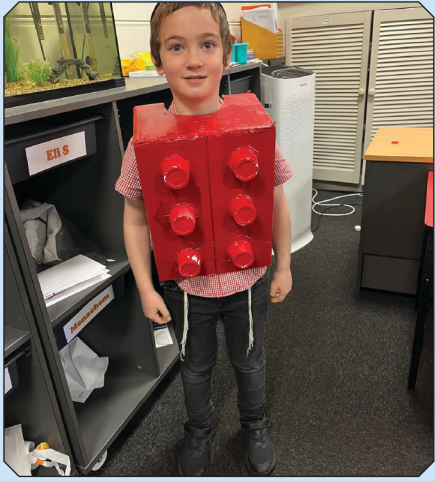
Celebrating Purim this year in Cheder was extraordinary. Everyone came dressed up in the most amazing costumes and fulfilled the wonderful Miztvos of the day. Boys exchanged Mishloach manos, heard the Megillah and had tons of fun.















# השבוע



# תלמיד

<b>PREP</b>	<b>BENTZION</b>	For his amazing Derech Eretz in and out of the classroom.
<b>YEAR 1</b>	<b>LEVI TAYAR</b>	For his great effort and focus in all areas, and for beautiful middos and kindness to his friends.
<b>YEAR 2</b>	<b>SHIMON COHEN</b>	For his great efforts in all areas and Chayus in Davening.
<b>YEAR 3</b>	<b>CHAIM M. KAMINETZKY</b>	For his focus and diligence in his work and great behaviour.
<b>YEAR 4/5</b>	<b>SCHNEUR RASKIN</b>	For his beautiful middos and pleasant demeanor.
<b>YEAR 6</b>	<b>ZACHARIA KASSMAN</b>	For his extraordinary Ahavas Yisroel.
<b>YEAR 8</b>	<b>AHARON H. GUTH</b>	For his passion and excitement in learning and beautiful middos.
<b>MECHINA</b>	<b>NERYA AHARON</b>	For his dedication, commitment and positive attitude towards his learning.



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# HAKHEL EVENT!



*stay tuned!*



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חינוך על טהרת הקודש

Come On Come All!

We Want Moshiach Now!