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SHABBOS TIMES

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I recently had the privilege to participate in a farbrengen for Chai Elul, led by Rabbi Guth. He mentioned that on the day of the birth of the Baal Shem Tov, there was a conflagration in Gan Eden which literally destroyed it. The Angels approached the Al-mighty and asked Him to rebuild it and He gave them a brand new Gan Eden. Apparently Gehinom suffered collateral damage and those responsible for this inestimable location also requested a serious renovation. No problem, said the Al-mighty, the old Gan Eden can now become the new Gehinom! In this context, Rabbi Guth mentioned that Chassidus had literally transformed our understanding and practice of many areas of Yiddishkeit, including how we celebrate Purim and (perhaps more relevantly), Rosh Hashono. This resonated strongly with me in light of my contrasting experiences on a Rosh

Hashono many years ago, when I was becoming more observant. Briefly, the scene at the Shul I spent the first day of Rosh Hashono at, was extraordinarily sombre and serious even before the drosha of the then-Rosh Yeshiva in the break before musaf, during which he reminded everyone that the next few hours would literally determine their state of well-being in the year to follow. This precipitated an explosion of tears and sighs (including from me) which lasted uninterrupted for the next three and a half hours. Imagine my surprise when I went to a Chabad Shul the next day and found the atmosphere to be wholly different. While it was also serious and respectful, there was an undercurrent of joy, which became more manifest as the congregation periodically burst into spirited niggunim, culminating in the Simchas Torah niggun of the Rebbe's father

following Birkas Kohanim. As taught by the Rebbeim of Chabad, Rosh Hashono is the day we coronate our King, and what could be more joyful and reassuring than knowing that we have re-established G-d's sovereignty over the world in a manner which brings Him genuine pleasure and satisfaction. However, one thing Chassidus has not changed is the fact that Rosh Hashono is indeed a Day of Judgement. Not a time to be frivolous, but rather an Eis Rotzon for immersion in Tehillim and Tefillah and for taking on good resolutions impelling us to be better versions of ourselves in the year to come, especially in areas emphasised by the Rebbe (Limud HaTorah, Tzedoka, Ahavas Yisroel and Moshiach). Taking the opportunity to wish everyone Ksiva V'Chasima Tova with blessings for sweetness and abundance in all good things. Good Shabbos. **Eliezer**

Can Every Person Really Contribute?

By Rabbi Yisroel Raskin

The Friediker Rebbe recounts a story in a Sichah: In the year 1792 there were harsh decrees in Russia that directly affected the financial situation of many Chassidim. In those days many Jews made their parnasa by producing alcoholic beverages in breweries. When the new legislations were introduced, the Government confiscated those breweries. A delegation of Chassidim was sent to the Alter Rebbe. When they came to the Alter Rebbe he said to them, parnasa needs vessels, the vessels are made through love and brotherhood. There must not be amongst Jews any jealousy, slander or badmouthing. When the Kohanim bless Jews they say in the brocha, “Hashem commanded us to bless his nation Israel with love” i.e. there should be love amongst Jews and consequently the blessings that the kohanim give will eventuate. The Alter Rebbe then stood by the bima where there was a large crowd of Chassidim and said, “mchalkel chaim bchessed” - Hashem sustains life with love, not with braiheizer (breweries in Yiddish are called braiheizer)”. The Friediker Rebbe concluded. And that year, there was parnasa in abundance. The parsha we read this Shabbos, begins with the words ‘אתם נצבים היום כולכם’

‘You are standing today, all of you’. The Alter Rebbe explains the word ‘kulchem’, all of you, to mean that all Jews are like one complete body. Just as in the human body, every element of the body has something unique about it that the other elements of the body need it

for, so does this apply to the Jewish people. The Jews from the ‘lowest’ level - ‘the wood-choppers and water carriers’ - have an advantage over the leaders, who are not complete without the simple Jews, because every Jew is a ‘head’ and can complement another Jew in his own special way. By standing united as one and contemplating that



any of us is greater, we leave behind our feelings of separateness, instead joining together all Jews with love. And then we are assured that we will merit to have a **כתיבה וחתימה טובה!**

Rabbi Yisroel Raskin is a Shliach of the Rebbe, working as the spiritual leader, Rabbi and co-director of Chabad of Catnegie. Rabbi Raskin is the proud father of **Levi** of Year 7, **Schneur Zalman** of Year 4, **Chaim** of Prep and of one of our students in Bnos Chana.

The Rebbe On Chinuch

Ensuring that the simcha of Shabbos & Yom Tov is felt in the home

It is exceedingly important that the simcha of Shabbos and Yom Tov be experienced not only at shul and during farbrengens, but also in the home of each and every member of Anash (the Chabad community). Hence, farbrengens should be organized in such a way that there will be time during the auspicious days of Shabbos and Yom Tov [for the husband and father] to explain these matters to his family members in an appropriate way, using appropriate

language. Surely there is enough time during those days to farbreng properly as well as to bring joy to one's wife and children properly. It is obviously not possible to give individual instructions about this to each and every person, for it all depends on one's personal nature. Surely, based on the above, each person can come to his own conclusions about the conduct that is appropriate for him and his home. (*Igros Kodesh vol.10, p.61*)

Special Inyonei Geula Umoshiach Program by Rabbi Kirshenbaum for Year 4-7

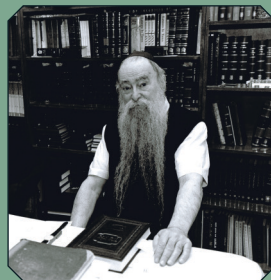


What I learned From Reb Arel

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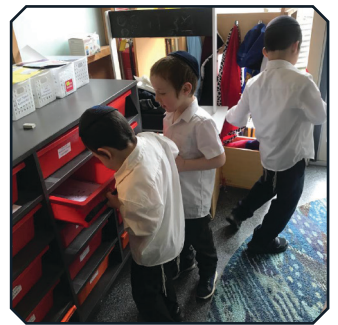
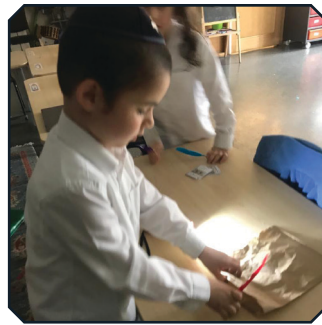
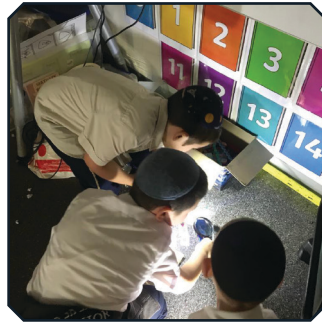
Reb Arel had an uncanny ability to know what to learn with his Mikarovim and for how long. On one occasion, a new student enquired about the likely duration of the recently established shiur.

Replied Reb Arel with a twinkle in his eye: For one minute less than what you want!



In the spirit of the upcoming Hakhel Year, BH we were fortunate to walk to Chabad Youth and joining Rabbi Lipskier in a beautiful international rally. It was really special for the boys to enjoy being part of a global army of Hashem. Kah the boys sang and participated beautifully! They also made a kiddush Hashem while walking in the street.





Thank you Mrs. Murdachayev for coming and baking honey cake with Prep

Bedikas Letters, using feathers, torches and magnifying glasses!!

After learning so much about Rosh Hashana, the boys in Year 5 and 7 integrated class enjoyed making delicious honey joys!

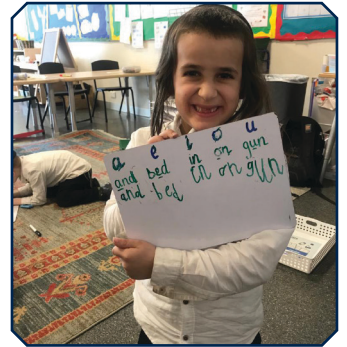
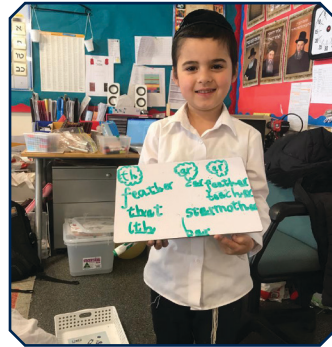
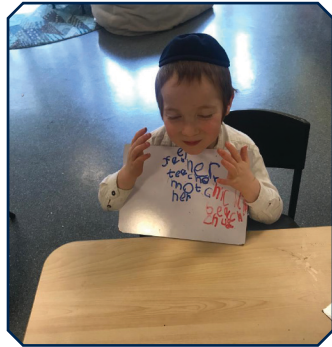
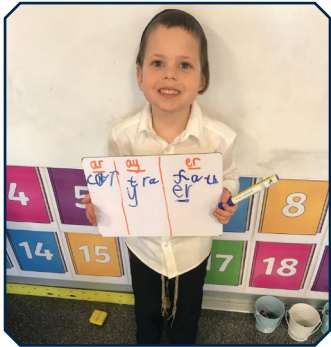
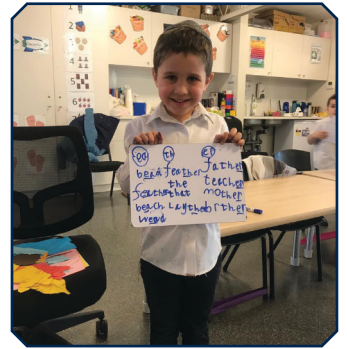
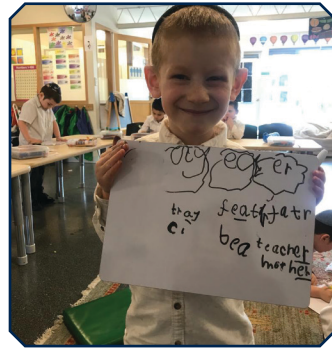
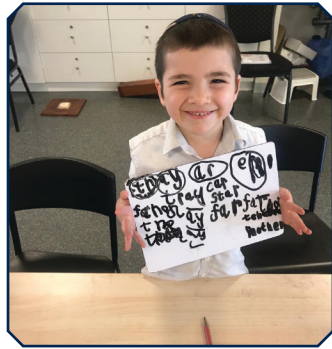
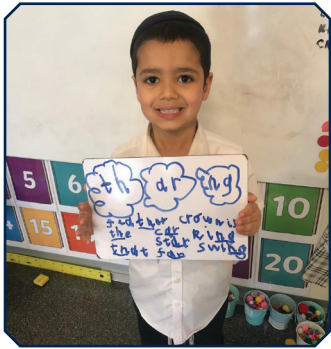


The Cheder Staff and students were saddened to hear about the passing of Rabbi Rosenfeld's father. The boys had the opportunity to do the mitzvah of nichum aveilim before Rabbi Rosenfeld left for overseas. We wish him only good news, and arichas yomim veshanim tovos!





Another two weeks has passed, filled with lots of learning and hard work!
The boys were treated to an exciting game of basketball at PCYC



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YEAR 7 -	שוקי קסמן
YEAR 8 -	שישון גולדמאן

