



Tuesday, Nov. 11
Veterans Day
Teacher Conferences
No School

Thurs. Nov. 28-Sun.
Dec. 1
Thanksgiving Recess
No School

Wed. Dec. 4
Preschool Parent-
Teacher Conferences
7:30-9:30 PM

Sunday, Dec. 22
Grades 1-8 Parent-
Teacher Conferences
9:30 AM-12:30 PM

Fri. Dec. 27-Mon.
Dec. 30
Chanukah Recess
No School

Tues. Dec. 24-Wed.
Jan. 1
No Yellow Bus
Service

D'Var Torah— Lech Lecha

Lot had been captured by the four kings when they conquered Sodom. Avrohom immediately gathered an army of 318 men to rescue him. The Talmud [Nedarim 32a] analyzes the Torah's expression "*VaYarek es Chanichav*" (and he "armed" those who he had taught Torah) [Bereshis 14:14]. Rav interprets "armed" to mean that before the battle Avrohom infused (showered) them with Torah. Shmuel interprets "armed" to mean that Avrohom showered them with money.

Rav's interpretation is easy to understand. Prior to going to battle, Avrohom strengthened their commitment to G-d and Torah. However, how do we understand Shmuel's interpretation? Why did Avrohom shower them with money?

Tosfos in Chullin [47b] explains Avrohom's reasoning. Avrohom showered them with money -- lest they become involved in the battle and start looking for booty, forgetting to rescue the souls. Avrohom wanted to tell them, "Don't worry about the booty -- I will give you money beforehand, so you need not preoccupy yourself with monetary pursuits."

Let us examine who are we dealing with here? According to one opinion, the 318 men were actually one person: Eliezer. According to another opinion, they were 318 individuals. These were not mere mercenaries. They were the *Talmidim* of our forefather who had brought them close to Hashem. These men were great *Ba'alei Bitachon* of sufficient spiritual caliber to go into battle against a powerful alliance that represented the world's military superpowers. Facing grave danger, they accompanied Avraham on a perilous mission, unshakable in their faith that Hashem would grant them success in freeing Lot. Is it possible that these *Tzadikim*, willing to risk their lives for the *mitzvah* of *Pidyon Sh'vuim*, would abandon their mission for spoils of battle?

Rav Hensch Leibowitz zt"l offers a very keen observation regarding this *Chazal*. He explained that apparently Avraham realized it is human nature to focus one's concentration on the immediate objective and lose sight of the ultimate goal. When the urgency of their mission had shifted out of the spotlight of their consciousness, the glitter of gold would attract their attention by providing them with wealth. At the start of the campaign, Avraham protected his men from the allure of the booty so that their minds could concentrate on the task of saving Lot.

Today, more than ever, when the accumulation of wealth seems to be occupying everyone's thoughts, we cannot lose sight of our main mission. When we make a decision to perform a *mitzvah* even as great as saving a life, we must be vigilant to stay focused on our original goal. As with life itself, there still certainly may be many details that involve and distract us. With all the strife of recent current events we must be careful to frequently consult our roadmap and compass – the Torah – so that we stay on course. If we constantly remind ourselves about our purpose in life, then we will surely see success and *Moshiach* in our lifetime.

Parshat
Lech Lecha



From Mrs. Malka Schmulowitz –Pre-School Director

The year was off to a great start, b'H! Our students have acclimated to their new settings and are now much more used to their routine. Our youngest students have been exploring their new classroom environment as well as the changes outdoors, as the season moved from summer to fall. Our UPK students have been learning a lot about themselves and their friends, and will continue to learn more about their families as well. Our Pre-1A has been super-busy reviewing all the letters of both the Hebrew and English alphabets and introducing the vowels, thereby beginning to blend the sounds of the letters together. They're on their way towards reading! Parent-Teacher Orientation was appreciated by so many parents. We look forward to continuing to work together at supporting our students maximally with the cooperation, support, and involvement of our wonderful parent-body. Parent-Teacher Conferences and Chanukah workshops are around the corner. They are great opportunities to continue fostering the home-school connection.

We look forward to seeing you then!



From Mrs. A. Newmark, 1st Grade - General Studies

First Graders “Fall” into first place while learning about the changing seasons.

Did you know that squirrels have been known to plant oak trees with acorn seeds they collect?

We’re making strides in our writing now. Our students have grasped the concept of formulating complete sentences. We will be putting those skills right to work when practicing the steps of the writing process. Using their own ideas, they will begin to write personal narratives.

We expect our First Graders to even publish their very own personal narrative books this term, b’Ezrat Hashem.

With all the learning seeds that are being planted in our

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PRIZES



Z'MIROT



D'VAR TORAH

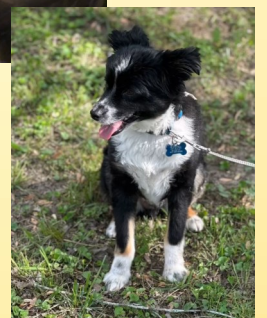
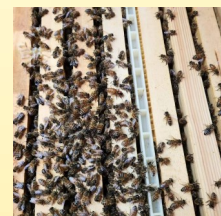
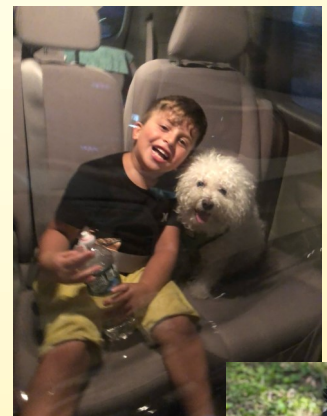


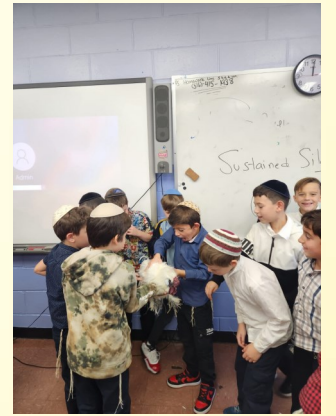
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SHOWCASE









YDH G.O. 2024

YDH G.O. Election Day, this past Tuesday, November 5th, was abuzz with the thrill and excitement that accompanies the democratic process. Supporters from Grades 5 - 8 enthusiastically cheered on their candidates as they, one-by-one, addressed the student “Electorate”, hoping to persuade them that, “He is the right man for the job.”

We thank all the 2024/25 G.O. candidates for their hard work and for a positive, and fun-filled election season. We are truly proud of all of you!

To the winners, we offer our congratulations, best wishes for Hatzlacha, and “thanks in advance” for the effort and personal time you will be giving up each week, on behalf of your fellow schoolmates!

The results are as follows:

G.O. CABINET OFFICERS

PRESIDENT - Michael Kurlander, GRADE 8

VICE PRESIDENT - Yedidyah Mordechai Tokayer, GRADE 7

BUDGET SECRETARY - Yacov Lavie, GRADE 6

SERVICE SQUAD LEADER - Mordechai Simon, GRADE 6

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

GRADE 5: Shmuel Alpin, Yonatan Deutsch

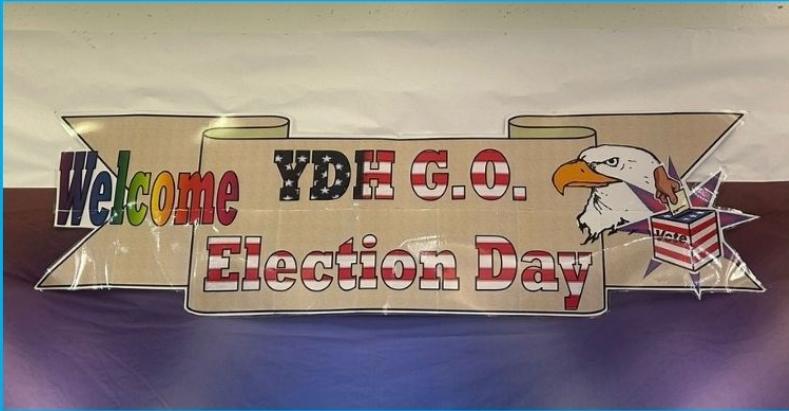
GRADE 6: Yudi Langer, David Russell & Ariel Solomon

GRADE 7: Yaron Berkovitch & Daniel Ehrenfeld

GRADE 8: Joey Ibrahim, Josh Nagel & Avi Schwartz



YDH G.O. Election 2024



VOTE



"Talmid HaShavuah" - Noach

Grade 1 — Eli Langer, Mordechai Jacobowitz

Grade 2 — Noah Benji, Yehoshua Glass

Grade 3 — Noam Bunker, Yaakov Sorscher

Grade 4 — Hunter Weisz, Binyamin Soble, Yonatan Cohen

Grade 5 — Aharon Ellman

Grade 6 — Yehonatan Chananashvili (2)

Grade 7 — Yedidyeh Tokayer, Daniel Cohen

Grade 8 — Michael Kurlander

Mazel Tov
מזל טוב



“Student of the Week” - 10/28-11/01/24

Grade 1 — Joshua Vesely

Grade 2 — Noah Benji

Grade 3 — Jacob Sorscher

Grade 4 — Yoni Cohen

Grade 5 — Ari Ellman

Grade 6 — Rami Harel (Math), Rami Harel (Sci.)
David Russell (S.S.)

Grade 7 — Keith Wasser (ELA), Mason Babaisakov
(Math), Yosef Hochman (Sci.), Aron Mimun (S.S.)

Grade 8 — Reuvy Silber (ELA), Eli Weisman (Math),
David Faybyshenko (Sci.), Eli Weisman (S.S.)

Congratulations!

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YDH PARNES HAYOM PROGRAM

Dear Parents,

The central theme of Yeshiva Derech HaTorah is the study of Torah. Each day that the Yeshiva is in session, our talmidim are engrossed in the study of Torah, each at their own level, from Pre-School through 12th Grade.

Yeshiva Derech HaTorah invites you to become an active participant in our daily Torah study by sponsoring a day, week, month or full year of learning. Sponsorships can be made in honor of an anniversary or birthday, for a *refuah shleimah* for someone in need, or to commemorate the *Yahrtzeit* of a loved one. The names for whom the day's learning is being sponsored will be posted in each classroom.

You can sponsor:

- A day of learning for \$72
- A week of learning for \$360
- A month of learning for \$720
- A year of learning for \$5000

For further information, please contact Joel Weisblum in the Financial Office. Your support will help to strengthen the study of Torah at Yeshiva Derech HaTorah.

Please tear off and send in to the Yeshiva Office.



YDH PARNES HAYOM DEDICATION

Name: _____

In Honor / Memory of: _____

Occasion: _____

Check Enclosed: _____

CREDIT CARD

Account Type: Visa MasterCard
 AMEX Discover

Cardholder Name _____

Account Number _____

Expiration Date _____ SCS _____

YESHIVA DERECH HATORAH PARENT ASSOCIATION

Dear Parents:

To facilitate the ordering of Chessed Dollars, we would appreciate your using this order form. It should be sent with your son or mailed back to Mrs. Sima Sabo (1st floor office), or you may email her at ssabo@ydh.org. We will have your order for next-day pick-up. Special orders may take up to a week.

Listed below are the gift certificates which are always available. Please indicate the amounts you are ordering next to each one. Payments by check (made payable to YDHWO) must be enclosed. If you are paying by cash, you must pay at time of receipt.

Thank you.

DERECH HATORAH WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

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SHOPRITE	_____	
HOME DEPOT	_____	
OLD NAVY	_____	
BARNES & NOBLE	_____	
BLOOMINGDALES	_____	
MACYS	_____	
STOP & SHOP	_____	
SAKS 5TH AVENUE	_____	
STAMPS	_____	(SHEET OF 10 FOR \$6.60)
SPECIAL ORDER:		
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NAME _____ **CLASS** _____ **TEL. #** _____ **DATE** _____