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 Parashat Emor



From the Principal's Desk

We all may recall hearing the story about Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai and his son Rabbi Elazar. They were forced to flee and had to live in a cave where Hashem then provided them with food and water. They sat together and learned Torah and delved into their spiritual lives. After many years, they walked out of the cave and they saw people plowing their fields, harvesting, engaging in mundane tasks. Instantly, whomever they looked at burned and turned into ash. Then, a voice called from Shamayim / Heaven and told them to go back to the cave for another 12 months.

What did they do over the next 12 months? What did they work on? It would seem that sending them back into the cave where they would engage in more spiritual pursuits would continue to elevate them to a level even further away from "normal" people, and then what would happen when they came back out of the cave again? One might think they would burn the whole world just by looking at it! **(continued on page 2)**

Important OCA Dates



Tuesday, May 12

Twin Day!

Wednesday, May 13:

Life Long Learners 8:00-9:30 PM

Friday, May 15:

Midda Assembly

Monday, May 18

Yom Yerushalayim assembly, grade 1

Kindergarten trip to the zoo

Tuesday, May 19

Rosh Chodesh

Thursday, May 21

Memorial Day Assembly

Friday, May 22-Monday, May 25

No School: Shavuot Break

Tuesday, May 26

School resumes: 10:00 AM

Thursday, May 31

Ohr Chadash Lot Market

From the Desk of Mrs. Randi Orshan



Sefer HaHinuch, No. 257, states, “Honor of the Wise.” One of the rationales for this mitzvah is that the essence of man in this world is to acquire more and more wisdom in order to know his Creator. Therefore, it is fitting to honor one who has attained wisdom, so that others will be encouraged to do the same. And for this reason, Issi Ben Yehuda said (Kiddushin 32b) that “even a wicked old man [deserves honor]. That is, one who is not knowledgeable is included in the mitzvah of honoring the elderly, since during his many years he has come to recognize G-d’s works and His wonders, and therefore he (the zaken) should be honored.”

To practice the midda of the month, Hadarat P’nei Zakein – respecting the elderly, we will have the privilege of hosting some seniors who belong to the CHAI organization. Each class thought about two questions that they would like to ask the visiting seniors, and the seniors will answer these questions when they visit the classrooms. They will also join the classes in whatever activity they are doing that day. We are all very excited for this activity and for the opportunity to perform and understand this midda. Pictures to follow.

Please join us on May 31, 9:30-12, for the first OCA Lot Market. Reserve a table, come shop! See flyer on page 11. All OCA students and families will receive a free ice pop! Anyone who participated in the JCN run will also receive a special

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We just celebrated Lag B’omer. A day when many Jews travel to the kever / burial site of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai and sing and dance all night long. In schools, the day is marked by bringing the children outside and having something enjoyable for them to come together and laugh and play. Right in the middle of Sefira we stop our mourning and start celebrating because of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai .

Now go back to our question. What happened in the cave over the last year? It seems that after the bas kol / Heavenly voice told him to go back to the cave, he spent that time recognizing that every person has a holiness, a purity to them. He understood that Hashem looks at all Jews and sees good in them and that he should model that characteristic. The ultimate holiness is by recognizing the holiness within the mundane, by interacting with others and being able to teach others. Hashem is the most spiritual existence and yet He made us and the world. He dwells within our world. He elevates us. Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai was able to gain this level of holiness during that extra year in the cave and we celebrate Lag B’omer to recall this.

Each of our students, parents, and staff who we interact with every day, carry within them this holiness. We can elevate all of our actions and thoughts as we work together to appreciate the gift of Holiness that Hashem has placed within each of us.

Shabbat Shalom
Rabbi Moshe Margolese

Around the Halls of OCA



On Yom Ha'Atzmaut, the students of the **ECC** picked up their passports and boarded an El-Al flight to Israel where they visited the Israel museum, tried different Israeli foods, determined what would sink or float in the Yam HaMelach, went on an archaeological dig, wrote notes to put in the Kotel, and created their own Israeli flag.



On this past Monday, **Mrs. A's kindergarten class** launched right into learning their **LAST LETTER OF THE ALEPH BET!!** It's hard to believe that they have arrived at their destination. They read from the Otot Hachayot and were certainly relieved that the animals were able to work out their conflict. The children of Mrs. A's class are able to name the animals' names by going through the Aleph Bet. Last week, the entire student body of OCA was visited by the Tales and Scales program. They showed Mrs. A's class 4 amazing birds who have suffered injuries of various



types and are now housed by naturalists. It was amazing to learn about the different birds and their various adaptations.

Mrs. Golfeyz's first graders are doing lots of writing! They wrote thank you letters to the soldiers in Israel and good bye/thank you letters to Morah Beth Bluman. They also wrote and illustrated three "chavera tova" pages for their "I am special" kids of the week. In math, they started learning about 3D shapes. They now know how many faces and vertices cubes and rectangular prisms have. They are excited for computer class, because Mrs. Taragin is teaching them how to create 3D shapes on the computer.



Morah Ziffer's kita alef was flying high last week. Last Friday, kita alef students copied their "friends" in the Tal Am virtual classroom by going outside to do some special learning. The students had made their own afifonim (kites) after reading a story about one. They went outside to see if they would fly and then had a very special session with Rabbi Margolese who demonstrated flying a full-size real kite. Everyone had a chance to fly it! The children



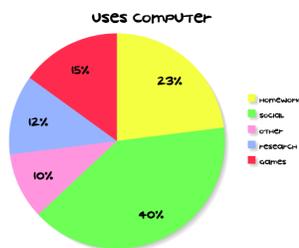
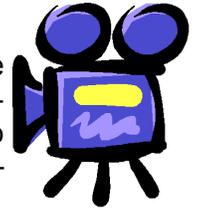
are "flying through" their last Ariote workbook. They are reading, writing and speaking more and more Hebrew! Kol hakavod kita alef!

In **Mrs. Rubenstein's second grade**, the students read a biography selection titled, "Brave Bessie," from their *Wonders* anthology book. This story was about an African American woman named Bessie Coleman. As a young woman, she decided that she wanted to learn to fly an airplane. Through many years of hard



work, she did become the first African American, female pilot. Using a timeline, the children saw the many tasks Bessie Coleman had to accomplish toward reaching that goal. The story was a wonderful lesson for the children--- to see how important it is for all of us to pursue our dreams. Using appropriate “time words” (first, then, next, after that, and finally), the children wrote their own list of some of the important events in Bessie’s life. Then each child wrote his/her own speech about this brave woman. As the children shared these speeches, they found that each one chose different facts to include in the speech.

As a follow-up to this first biography reading this year, each child will choose a biography book to read and then write his/her own biography. While presenting the oral report to the class, each second grader will be dressed as his/her famous person. The plan is, to have Mrs. Taragin video each “famous person” as he/she presents the report. We look forward to seeing these videos about famous people, as portrayed by the second graders.



Mrs. Mann’s third grade is excited to learn about graphing. They will have an opportunity to conduct their own surveys and create accompanying graphs, but there will be a focus on analyzing and interpreting data in a more mature way. What questions can you ask about data as you interpret it? Which graph makes the most sense to use when organizing different types of data? What makes a good survey question and how can survey questions differ? In language arts the third graders are continuing their study of the five elements of poetry. Looking at figurative language, last week they focused on personification and onomatopoeia.

In **Morah Avigail’s kitah gimel**, the students created a goal to achieve 150 tally marks of successfully breaking down words. The students used their skills and reached their goal. This goal is so much larger than they understood, though -- it demonstrates an understanding of all of the skills that are taught in third grade. They can now break down any Passuk and generate excellent questions and answers. Almost three Parshiot and almost a year later, the students of Kita Gimel can open any Sefer and begin to break down and piece together the storyline, thinking critically about the text.

In **Mrs. Mann’s fourth and fifth grade class**, in an activity entitled “Silent Sequencing,” the students were given decimal numbers at random, and using only gestures and non-verbal cues, they had to arrange themselves in order from least to greatest. Before starting, they brainstormed ideas for how to effectively communicate as a team without words. During the activity, one student silently suggested that everyone put their numbers on the floor and work from there.

What a brilliant idea! As soon as the students set their numbers down, they were arranged in order within a matter of minutes. They really demonstrated how beautifully they are learning decimals.



Last Wednesday, the **third, fourth and fifth graders** were privileged to participate in a Google Hangout with author Ilana Teitelbaum, Mrs. Taragin’s niece. A published writer, Ilana talked to us about the process of publishing a book, her journey to becoming a professional writer, and how she is able to evoke imagery in the minds’ of her readers. (What a great tie-in as Mrs. Mann’s class is studying imagery as one of the five elements of poetry!) She told us how she came up with her pen name, Ilana C. Meyer. A very insightful ques-



tion asked by one of our students was, “Is it hard to edit and revise your work based on the opinions’ of others?” It was great, having a real live author chat. Ilana’s book, *Last Song Before Night*, is available for preorder on Amazon and is scheduled to be released in the fall.

Mrs. Shulman’s senior girls had a siyum celebrating the completion of Parshat Bo. They are now learning B’shalach, and learning from the Chumash, the story of kriyat Yam Suf (the splitting of the sea), a story they have heard orally, since preschool.

The girls are using the Educreations app on their iPads to self-assess their reading skills. They are continuing to read for accuracy as always, but now are also reading for speed and with expression. This helps with their language comprehension.

Please enjoy the latest Navi News from the Senior Girls. It can be found on page 9.

Me'ohr'aot Ohr Chadash-Happenings in our Ohr Chadash Family

- ◆ Mazal tov to Becky Reeves Zeilinger and family on the Bar Mitzvah this Shabbat of her son Mookie.
 - ◆ Mazal tov to Jill and Niv Fishbein and big brother, Judah (Pre-K4) and future ECC student Maytal on the birth of triplets, two boys and a girl.
 - ◆ Thank you to Tova and Alan Taragin for sponsoring a day of learning on 24th of Iyar (May 13th) for Mr. William Taragin, Moshe Zev ben haRav Menachem Mendel. He was the grandfather of Ari Taragin, and great grandfather of students Koby (grade 2) and Yoni (ECC) Taragin
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A Note of Thanks

I just want to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who helped out with this year's Daglanut. I was ambitious in my aims and the Daglanut was beautiful, but I must thank the following people who helped it be so: Mrs. Mann, Rabbi Bennett, Mrs. Shulman, Morah Avigail, and Ms. McCown, for donating their teaching time for rehearsals, helping me run music, being the point man on ordering new flags for this year, and acquiring t-shirts, Morah Avigail, Becky Reeves, Randi Orshan and the Oheb Shalom staff for coordinating rehearsal times, accommodating my schedule, and being generally helpful, Rabbi Margolese for being supportive and importing the staircases from the JCC, and, of course, the beautiful girls you saw on stage on Yom Ha-atzmaut for working hard, doing their best, and making me look good. Thank you!



Chavi Goffin

Happy May Birthdays

Gavriel Ankri — PreK4

Moshe Dwek — 3

Amitai Rosendorff — PreK4

Andrew Elgamil — 3

Judah Milner — K

Dani Carter — 4

Ora Brandriss — 1

Yoni Kidorf — 4

Yaella Goldfuss — 1

Aryeh Pasch — 5



Check out our Photo Gallery

To see photos of school activities, please check out the Photo Gallery on our school website at <http://www.ohrchedashbaltimore.org/school-life/gallery/>

OCA-PTA News

We are very much looking forward to our Ladies Night Out event THIS Monday, May 11 at 8pm. We'll hear some words of inspiration, enjoy some great food, drinks and company. Please see the attached flyer for more information. We hope to see you there!

The OCA PTA annual Shavout bake sale is here! This is your chance to support OCA PTA and purchase delectable goodies to enjoy on Shavout. Please see the flyer and order form for more information. Each baker will only be making 4 batches of their item and it is first come, first served so be sure to get your orders to the office ASAP. Thanks in advance to all of our wonderful bakers!

There's still time to join the OCA women's team for the JCN 5k race on Sunday, May 31st. We've got 10 women signed up and would love to have you join us. OCA is proud to support JCN, an organization that provides wonderful support and resources to local families as they weather difficult situations. If you've never participated in the 5k race in the past it is truly a wonderful event with hundreds of members of the community coming together to run/walk in support of JCN. To register for our team you can go to http://wizathon.com/jcn5krun-women/?p=display&action=team_Page&id=653.

Teacher appreciation week was a smashing success! Thank you to all of our parents and students for participating and showing the OCA teachers how much we love them. A special thank you to Mrs. Janet Forsythe for organizing teacher appreciation week. Janet spent months preparing and brainstorming and her vision and leadership resulted in a wonderful week for our teachers. Thank you to the class parents who helped Janet coordinate this effort.

It's really hard to believe but there are only a few short weeks left of the 2014-15 school year. OCA PTA will soon start planning for next year. If you would like to be involved in the 2015-16 PTA please send us an e-mail and let us know. Being involved in the PTA is a social, fun and rewarding experience.

If you have any questions or if we can help in any way please e-mail ocapta@ohrchadashbaltimore.org.

Shabbat Shalom,
Lanie and Rena

Yom Hakdasha - a Day of Dedication

Ohr Chadash Academy proudly announces the creation of Yom Hakdasha, a Day of Dedication.

We believe in being our students' home away from home, because they know that every child brings something of "home" with them when they enter the building. As an expression of being a school family, we instituted a Dedicated Day of Learning program – a *Yom Hakdasha* – to provide you with the opportunity to dedicate a day of learning in honor of a student or in memory of a loved one.

Dedications can be made for yearzeits, birthdays, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, academic achievement, receiving a first siddur or chumash, or any other occasion. On the day of dedication, if a student is being honored, they are honored with holding the American and Israeli flags.

If you are interested in participating in this exciting opportunity, please contact the school office at office@ohrchadashbaltimore.org.



They will give all OCA families and referrals from OCA a 10% discount and they will donate 10% of the purchase price to OCA.

Contact : ruth@goldstarfurniture.com - [410-935-2063](tel:410-935-2063)

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Ohr Chadash Tzedakah Scrip

If you are interested in ordering Agudah Scrip to benefit OCA, please send an email to ttaragin@ohrchadashbaltimore.org. or call 410-484-3931. If you give tzedakah to meshulachim (tzedakah collectors) at your door or in shul, using Agudah Scrip, a portion goes to our school. It is an easy way for OCA to get tzedakah too. It was conceived years ago, so that all our tzedakah money does not leave the city, but in addition, helps the local institutions (they receive the difference between the amount on the face of the scrip and the cost). The amounts available are:

50 cents scrip cost \$.75	\$4.00 scrip which costs \$5.00
\$1 scrip which costs \$1.25	\$8.00 scrip which costs \$10
\$2.50 scrip which costs \$3.00	\$20 scrip which costs \$25

Checks are to be made out to Agudah of Baltimore. Ordered scrip can be picked up in the school office or at the home of Tova and Alan Taragin. Arrangements can be made for delivery.

Navi News

Hello, and welcome to Navi Newspaper featuring Iftach and Tziporah Gunzburg.

Tziporah: Iftach I want to ask you a personal question. How many sons do you have?

Iftach: About zero.

Tziporah: Well, that's too bad for you. Do you have a daughter or more??

Iftach: Well, I had one, but she's gone.

Tziporah: Oh, no! What happened to her? Why is she gone?

Iftach: I don't like to talk about it. Can we change the subject?

Tziporah: Um um no!! We cannot change the subject!!!

Iftach: Oh, fine. Bible, please??

Tziporah: Here, now tell the story!!!

Iftach: Once upon a time I was the greatest person in Israel and everyone, loved me!! At least, they loved me when they needed me to fight wars for them. Otherwise, they didn't like me very much.

Tziporah: Ah ha, go on.

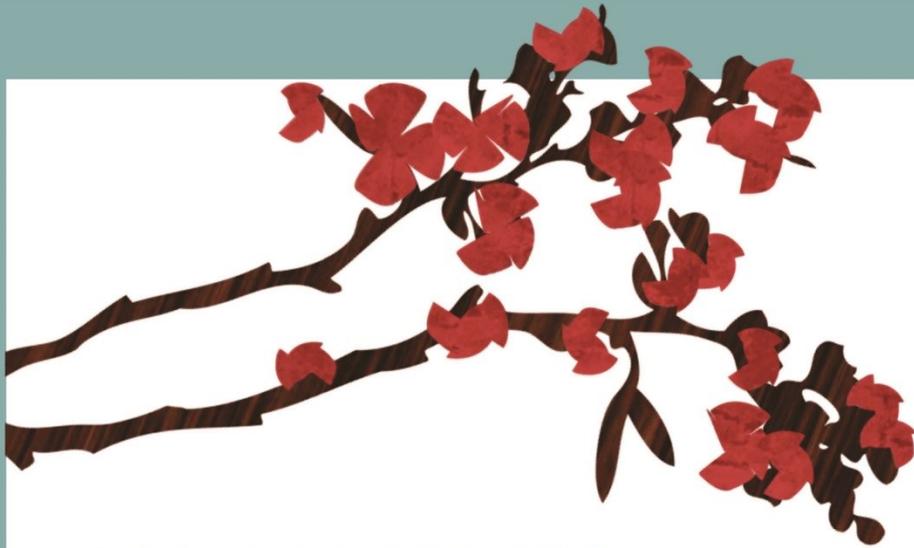
Iftach: It was a sad time and I was fighting in war. One day I was talking to God and I said, "If I win this war, I will offer You the first thing that comes out of my house as a korban." And that was a very bad thing to say because it was my daughter. That is why she is not here.

Tziporah: How did she act when she saw you? Did she know about this oath?

Iftach: My daughter came out singing and dancing. I ripped my clothes and broke my heart.

TZIPORAH: Anyway, it's late and I've got to get going. Thanks for coming!

Iftach: BYBBYB



JOIN OCA-PTA FOR
LADIES NIGHT OUT
GREAT FOOD AND COMPANY

MAY 11, 2015
8 PM

OCA MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

Join us for a fun ladies night out as we prepare for Shavout. You'll enjoy an inspiring D'var Torah from Rebbetzin Hindy Motzen and great food – made by you! We're requesting each participant makes their favorite Shavout dish – (dairy or pareve) for all participants to sample. E-mail ocapta@ohrchadashbaltimore.org the recipe for your dish and we'll compile all the recipes for you to take home. We'll provide the wine and other beverages! This event is free!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RSVP CONTACT: LANIE OR RENA AT
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Shavuot Bake Sale!

Sponsored by OCA PTA.

Cookies, Cinnamon Buns, Apple Cake, Cheesecake,

and more

Support your school by ordering your goodies through OCA.
100% of proceeds go directly to OCA.

Orders due by 5.15.15 at Noon.

Contact Leah Malka Pasch with questions: 443.386.8150.

Pick up 5.21.15 after 4pm at the Pasch Home: 3805 Bancroft Rd. 21215



OCA PTA Shavout Bake Sale Order Form



Please complete the order form below! All funds raised from the bake sale will go to support the OCA PTA. Thank you for your order!

Baker	Item	Cost	Amount (items are first come first serve. Each baker will make 4 batches.)
Eva and Josh Gonsher	Cheesecake (1)	\$12.00	
Chelsea Huff	Cheesecake (1)	\$12.00	
Rena Einbinder	Lemon Squares (1 dozen)	\$7.00	
Terri Rosen	Apple Crisp (1)	\$8.00	
Terri Rosen	Cinnamon Pinwheels (1 dozen)	\$7.00	
Shaina Margolese	Chocolate Chip Cookies (1 dozen)	\$7.00	
Leah Malka Pasch	Oreo Cookie Cupcakes (1 dozen – pareve or dairy upon request)	\$10.00	
Leah Malka Pasch	Chocolate Lovers Truffle Brownies (1 dozen – contains nuts)	\$8.00	
Sema Frager	Apple Cake (1)	\$8.00	
Holly Vanderwalde	Rice Krispie Treats	\$5.00	
Jen Erez	Cinnamon Buns (1 Dozen Pareve)	\$8.00	
		TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	\$

Items can be picked up on Thursday May 21st after 4pm at the home of Leah Malka Pasch:
3805 Bancroft Road, Baltimore, MD 21215.

Payment is due at time of pickup. Checks should be made payable to OCA PTA.

Please call Leah Malka with any questions (443)386-8150.

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Ohr Chadash School Pictures



We are excited to offer school portraits through Picture Perfect: Photography by Yaffa.

Portraits can be ordered directly from the Picture Perfect site (www.photographybyyaffa.com). Please refer to your e-mail for your access code. All portraits will be delivered in school. If you would like to have your portraits prior to Shavuot, your order must be placed by Monday, May 4th.

If your order is for more than \$25, use coupon code "10off" to get a 10% discount. This discount does not apply to the packages, as they are already discounted.

The OCA-PTA will receive a percentage of all portraits ordered.

If you have any questions, please email Yaffa at ywygoda@ohrchadashbaltimore.org with "School Pictures" as the subject.





Ohr Chadash Academy School Pictures Order Form:

Package A

4 - 4 x 6

8 - Wallets

Class Picture

Total: \$15

Package B

2 - 5x7

4 - 4x6

8 - Wallets

Class Picture

Total: \$30

Class Picture

1 - 8 x 10

Total: \$10

Package C

1 - 8 x 10

2 - 5x7

4 - 4x6

Class Picture

Total: \$25

Package D

2 - 8x10

2 - 5x7

4 - 4x8

Class Picture

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Please specify if it is Black and White or color? _____

Would you like your picture printed in Black and white or color? _____

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