

Our 5th Year

# Ohr Chadashot

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From the desk  
of  
Rabbi  
Margolese



I have been reflecting on the strength of character that Noach must have had. Here is a person who was pure, moral, kadosh, refined, and honest. But most impressively, he was committed to do what he saw to be correct, even though the entire world was not on the same page as him. He stayed sensitive when others were numb, he stayed honest when others would steal, and he stayed committed to the word of Hashem while others strayed. Noach took his convictions and put them into action.

Noach spent many years of his life building the tayva. Every day people would see him building

and planning for the future. People saw how he believed in Hashem and His promise to destroy the world, and even though Noach was met with laughs and jeers, he did not stop. Noach understood that Hashem put into creation the ability to think big, to go beyond what we think is manageable, to expand ourselves, to be vision oriented, and to do what we believe is right without simply following what others are doing.

Five years ago we dreamed about building a school that transmits these traits over to the next generation. We work to instill in our children the strength of character to follow in Hashem's ways, to be proud of who they are, to do what is right even if it makes them stand out, to dream big, and to aim high.

As you read through the Ohr Chadashot and look at the different programs that we have instituted, the smiling faces of children happy to be here, excited about what they are learning, just know that each of you have taken these character traits of Noach and put them into action.

May Hashem continue to help us build, grow, and dream big.

Shabbat Shalom,  
Rabbi Moshe Margolese

## Calendar Heads-up!



World Wide  
Shabbat Project



State of the  
Union Address  
7:30pm



Kindergarten  
Trip to  
Pearlstone



Fireman Jonathan  
for Fire Safety  
Month



Veteran's Day  
Assembly

7310 Park Heights Ave  
Baltimore, MD 21208

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such as personal space, turn taking, and interactive conversation techniques.

This week the ECC participated in preparations for the upcoming World Wide Shabbat Project by decorating and filling besamim satchels. These packets will be included in Shabbat kits distributed at the Great Challah Bake next Thursday. The students were amazed that one small clove can produce a powerful smell and were very excited to make the mitzvah of Havdalah special for others.

The spectrum of learning extends throughout the ECC, and just like a rainbow whose individual colors create a stunning effect, the growth and exploration of each ECC child is dazzling to see.

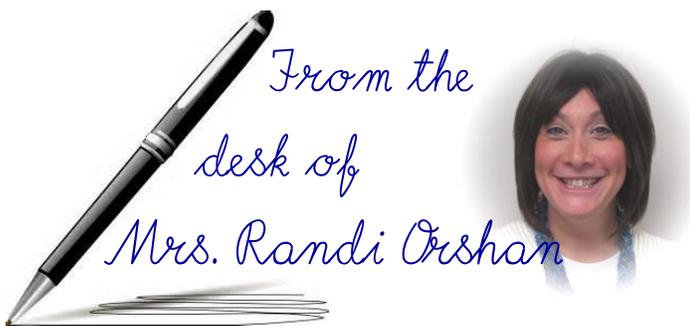
Have a wonderful Shabbat!  
Mrs. Shoshana Berzon

Welcome back to a full school week schedule! Our ECC boys and girls are thriving in their classrooms and in their learning.

I'd like to share a thought from this week's parsha. In Parshat Noach, we learn that the mabul was partially caused by people stealing. Our sages note that the type of stealing taking place was unique in that people were taking tiny amounts (in some cases just one pea) from others because they didn't think it would matter to the owner.

In the OCA ECC we know that every little bit counts and our students are encouraged to celebrate accomplishments large and small. From constructing a life size teiva in the Pre-K4 classroom to the Pre-K2 class placing animal stickers on the ECC hallway teiva, everyone contributes and every contribution is valued.

This approach extends to teaching social-emotional skills as well. The ECC students are learning the impact that just one smile can have and are being introduced to broader concepts



On Wednesday afternoon, the halls were buzzing with excitement. Why you ask? Because electives started, of course! As with extracurricular activities, electives motivate each of your children to develop their abilities, serve others, teach a skill they have to others, and more. This participation is another window through which teachers and friends learn about your child.

Additionally, electives provide your children with a choice; they choose what they would like to do. And don't forget—electives are also fun!

Electives  
are here!

This trimester's elective choices are tennis, scrapbooking, photography (grades 3-5), library, environmental club, space odyssey, and Judaic Puppet Theater. On the following page there is a brief summary of each exciting elective!

We look forward to each Wednesday and the exciting electives that it brings! Next trimester sign-ups will come home soon!

### Environmental Club



This awesome opportunity will allow students to get familiar with nature and all of its parts! We are fortunate to be partnering with Pearlstone which will make this experience even more exciting! Get ready for plants. "Going green," edible gardens and more!



### Judaic Puppet Theater

This unique elective will allow the students' creativity to surface. Each child will be making his/her own puppet. Together, the group will design their own show—combining English and Ivrit—which will be performed in front of the entire student body!



### Photography and Photo-Editing

Each photography lesson will be spent first learning basic skills and approaches such as background/foreground, angles, lighting, portrait vs scenery, etc which is followed by the students incorporating the specific skills as they march around the campus snapping pictures.



### Scrapbooking

During scrapbooking, students will use their own pictures to create their very own personalized scrapbook! The students were given various options as to what the theme of their scrapbooks could be. Cutting, gluing, shaping, drawing, collaging, are just a few of the many things the students will enjoy!



### Library

Students who chose library will cozy up and relax with their favorite books! This is an opportunity for those students to continue with their passion for reading.

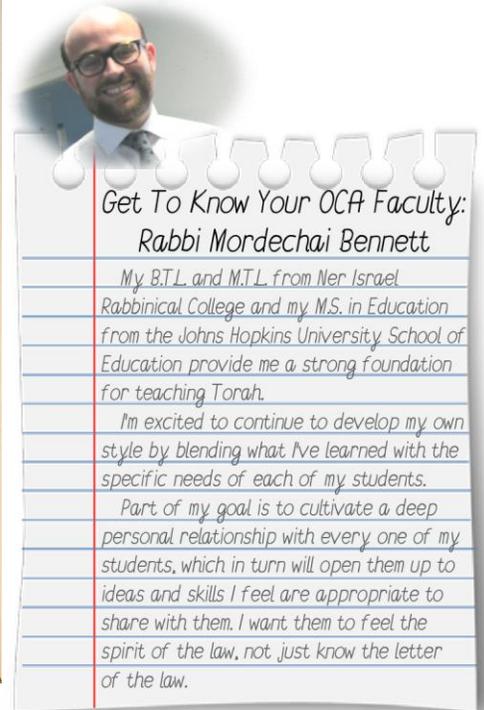
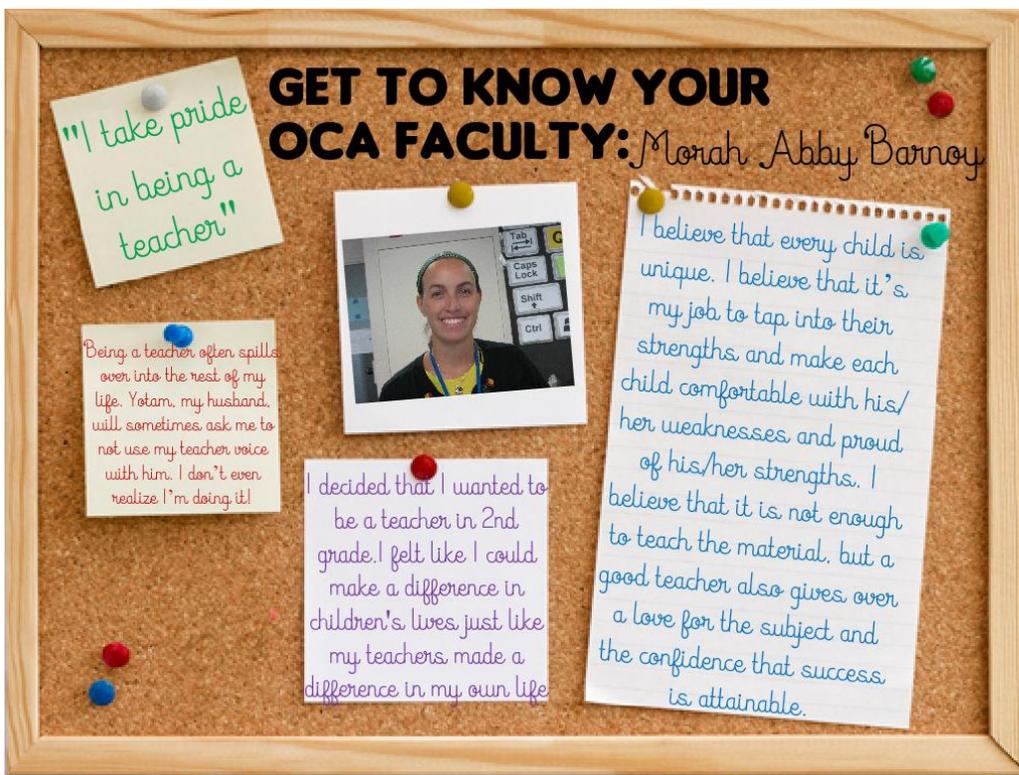


### Tennis

Students will learn basic tennis skills and how to work together as a team. Each student has been provided a racket along with tennis balls. It is our hope that the students have fun, learn the skills, and get some exercise!



**KINDERGARTEN AND ECC'S Truck Day!**



## Meohraot

### Ohr Chadash:

#### Happenings in our Ohr Chadash Family

◆ Mazal Tov to Ami and Mimi Rozmaryn on the birth of baby boy! Mazal Tov to the big brothers Levav (Pre-K 2's) and Eitan (Pre-k 4's)

◆ Mazal Tov to Rabbi Margolese on the engagement of his brother Naftali to Sara Tacher

◆ Mazal Tov to Yoseif and Zipporah Wiesbord on the birth of a baby girl! Mazal Tov to big brother Jack in Pre-K 4's!

◆ A very special happy birthday to Morah Anne!

◆ Mazal Tov to Ari and Esti Taragin (and brothers Kobi and Yoni) on the upcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Aliza!

## מדות Spotlight

Given our focus on **מדות**, we reserved this corner to celebrate and bring attention to—or to focus the **spotlight** on—glorious **מדות** moments during a regular Ohr Chadash day

You're probably wondering why Yitzy Lapkovsky has two stickers on his chest. Well, I'll tell you. Yitzy received these two stickers for acting with *passion*—as is the Middah of the month.

He quickly ran to help pickup a classmates fallen pencil box, and then quickly cleaned up the game that he was playing!

Yitzy used his energy for Chessed!



## Come check out our OCA photo gallery:

Log onto [www.ohrchadashbaltimore.org/school-life/gallery/](http://www.ohrchadashbaltimore.org/school-life/gallery/) to check out all that's going on here at Ohr Chadash!

# PTA News

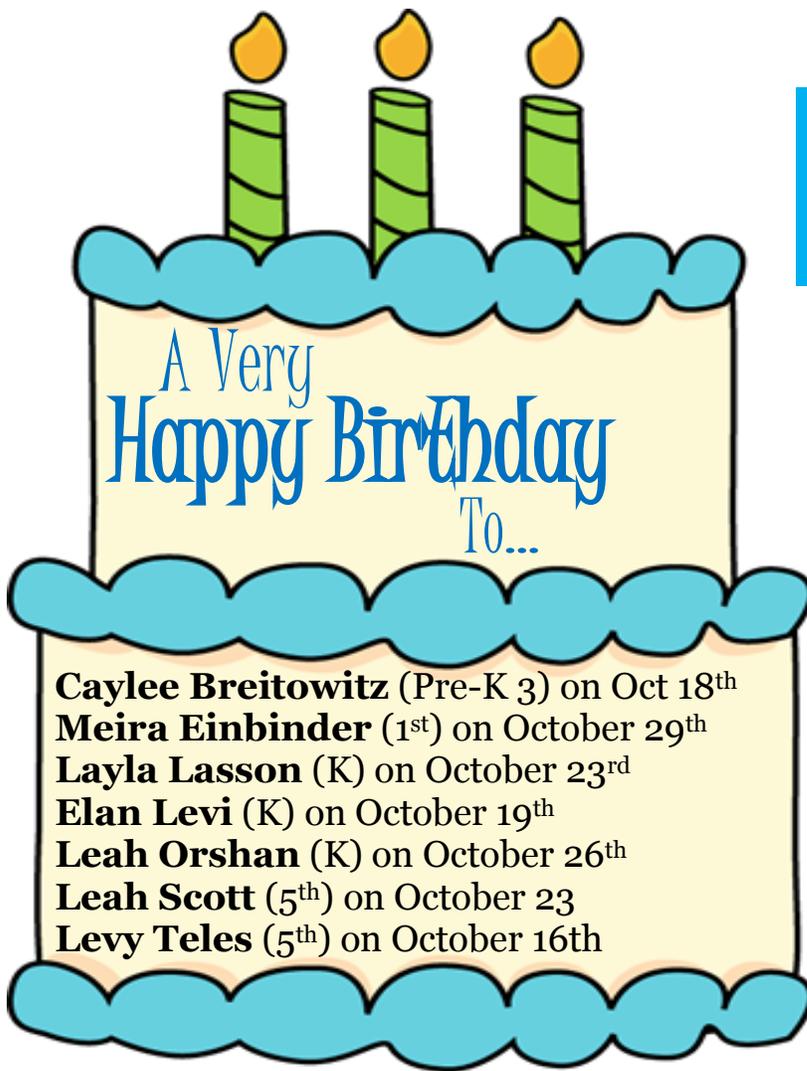
Welcome back everyone!

This past week we celebrated Rosh Chodesh מר חשוון with ponchos for K-5th grade and animal crackers for the ECC in honor of Parshat Noach. We had our first box top raffle of the year. Congratulations to the Maco family who will be enjoying a free pie of pizza from the Garden of Eden. Thank you to all the parents and students who collected the box tops. Keep them coming!

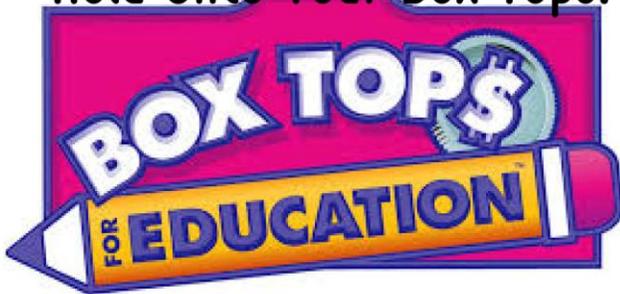
Thank you to the wonderful parents who helped out with hot lunch. This program would not happen without you. We are currently looking for volunteers to help out with Grandparents Day on November 20th. Please e-mail [ocapta@ohrchadashbaltimore.org](mailto:ocapta@ohrchadashbaltimore.org) if you are available.

Save the date! November 7th will be the first SNL! Our famous Saturday Night Learning! This program is always a big hit amongst our OCA students and families. It is open to all ages, parents, grandparents and special friends. Stay tuned for details. If you would like to sponsor one of our SNLs please contact us at [ocapta@ohrchadashbaltimore.org](mailto:ocapta@ohrchadashbaltimore.org). Looking forward to another awesome week at OCA!

Shabbat Shalom,  
*Yael and Kayla*  
PTA Presidents



## Hold Onto Your Box Tops!



Like us on Facebook! Visit our website!...share our website!

Spread the beauty of OCA through social networking!

Join us for  
**Saturday Night Learning**

Starting  
November 7th!





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An ADHD Awareness Month Event:

Ari Tuckman, Ph.D

*Acceptance is Empowering:  
Change What you Can,  
Accept the Rest!*

October 18, 2015

3:00 pm

Park Heights Jewish Community Center  
5700 Park Heights Avenue, 21215

Tickets: \$20/members; \$25/non-CHADD  
members

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