



Our 5th Year

# Ohr Chadash

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פרשת וירא



From the desk  
of  
Rabbi  
Margalese



middot/qualities. We see that Avraham had this ability to be a leader and take a stand. His drive to do good and to give to all people is clear from the pesukim. Whether it is welcoming a traveler on the road, davening for the people of Sodom, or saving and bringing Lot into his home, Avraham pushed himself to reach his fullest capacity and accomplish what he was capable of doing.

Even when he was not successful in attaining his goal, such as saving the city and people of Sodom, Avraham continued to push and fully invest himself in the process. This is where we get the strength to stand up and try, to run for positions we may not get, to work on learning new skills, and to be willing to do our best. The results are in Hashem's hands; our job is to put in the effort. This is the quality we have inherited as Jews and one that we will continue to encourage our students to develop at OCA.

A special thank you to Noam Brandriss, Tzipora Einbinder, Yoni Kidorf, Isaac Reitberger, and Chaya Sternbach for teaching us this valuable lesson.

Congratulations to Yoni Kidorf (President) and Tzipora Einbinder (Vice President).  
Shabbat Shalom!

This week in Ohr Chadash, we had five students eager to take on leadership roles within the school through the Student Government. The students prepared and presented speeches to each class. They described themselves as responsible, reliable, trustworthy, and experienced students who can make a difference to the lives of the other students who attend OCA. They had a drive to be the voice of the student body, to raise funds for the school, and to develop themselves as leaders.

Where does one get the drive to stand up and make a difference? Where does one get the strength and courage to be a leader?

As a testament to the greatness of the patriarchs and matriarchs, the Jewish people inherited their

## Calendar Heads-up!



Mariposa Event  
at JCC  
9: 30am



Kindergarten trip  
to Pearlstone  
(Rescheduled)



Purple Friday  
Dress in purple in  
honor of the  
Ravens



Israeli Pride Day  
Show your pride for  
Israel by wearing blue  
& white or any Israeli  
style clothing



Midah Assembly  
11am



Chumash Play  
1pm

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Mrs.  
Shoshana  
Berzon

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In this week's parsha we learn about the mitzvah of Hachnasat Orchim. Avraham's tent was open on all four sides to welcome guests from all directions. Our ECC 2's and 3's students got to experience being Avraham's guests firsthand on Thursday when they entered their rooms to find "Avraham Avinu" (aka Rabbi Margolese), his lizard, and a huge 4 sided tent. "Avraham" made sure to give his guests plenty of food and drinks and to keep them comfortable and happy by telling them stories. The 4's students performed the mitzvah of Hachnasat Orchim by creating special invitations for the kindergarten students to join them for a special snack on Friday. Morah Anne showed the children how to build graham cracker tents and everyone took turns creating their own designs. The children talked about how to make guests feel happy and welcome and they said goodbye with huge smiles!

Learning to express feelings appropriately and to build relationships is an integral part of the social-emotional development that we foster and encourage in the ECC. This year, the ECC Morot are discovering and implementing the Mariposa model of instilling self-confidence and awareness in children by participating in yearlong workshops with the president of Mariposa Child Success Programs, Dr. Anne Townsend. I would like to invite each of you to meet Dr. Townsend and learn more about the Mariposa behavioral approach this Sunday morning from 9:30-11:00 at the CJE. This introductory event is yet another way for us to strengthen our school and home partnership as we join together in caring for and nurturing the beautiful neshamot of our children. Shabbat Shalom!



From the  
desk of

Mrs. Randi Orshan



Ohr Chadash is back in full swing! Each and every class is learning, *excited* about learning, and embracing OCA's 3 pillars – Community, Excellence, and Individuality. Our teachers differentiate to the needs of each student, so that each individual child is able to accomplish his/her goals. By using the top curriculums, advanced technology, teacher creativity, and high standards, students are achieving excellence!

Being part of a larger community is something that OCA feels is a very important message to drive home to its students. By participating in community events, visiting Tudor Heights, partnering with local organizations to bring in programming, and exposing the upper classmen to ethical sensitivity classes are just a few of the ways we embrace community.

We are fortunate this year to be appointed in charge of the bulletin board located in the Bikur Cholim room at Sinai. This past week, the first graders had the the opportunity to make decorations for the board. Being able to participate in this huge mitzvah gave the kids such joy and a real understanding of what it is like to be a part of a community: the wonderful Baltimore Jewish community. Please see the picture below of the beautiful board! Each class will have the opportunity to take part in this wonderful mitzvah!





*-Safe  
-Healthy  
-Inclusive  
-Fun*



*Headed by  
Mrs. Shira Reischer*

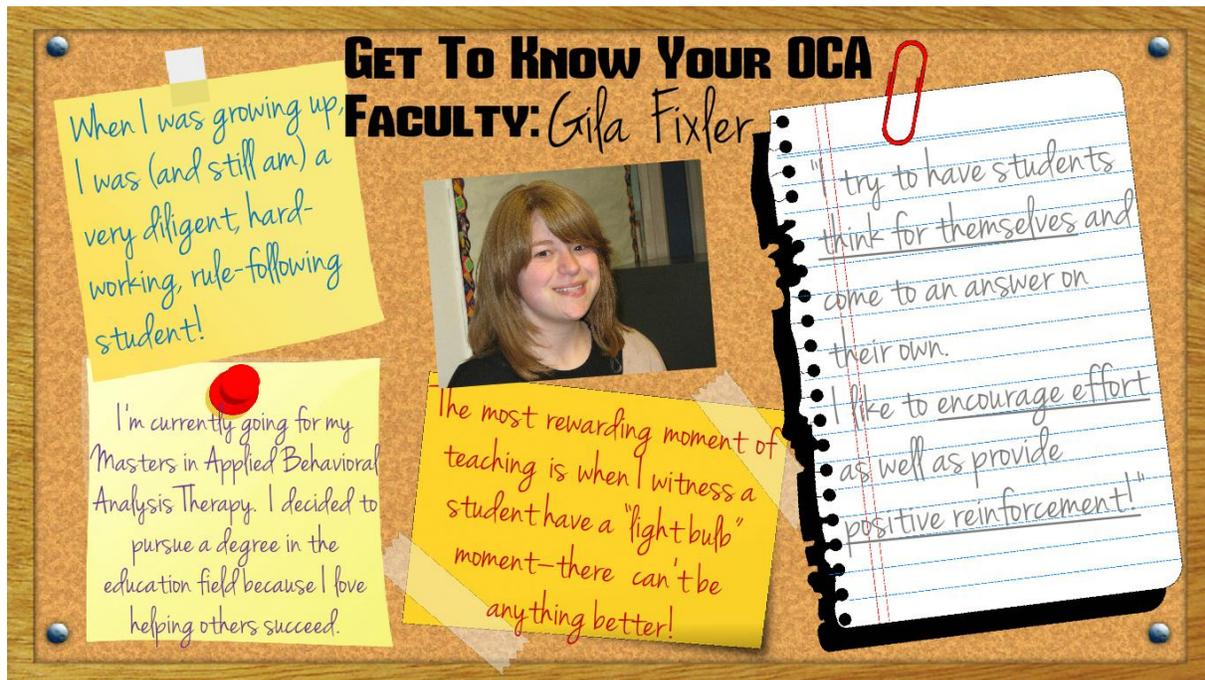
*"The kids are even  
more engaged than  
they were before!"*

*"During the  
recess period  
following lunch,  
there will be  
three core*

*activity stations: hula-hoops, jump ropes and a  
game called Four Square. On a monthly basis  
there will also be two rotating games (this  
month's games are football and kickball). All  
five of these activities will be taking place  
concurrently, and each child is welcome to  
come and go from a station at any point*

*"The kids come back to class energized, ready to  
learn, and feeling great about themselves!"*





## Meohraot

### Ohr Chadash:

#### Happenings in our Ohr Chadash Family

- ◆ Mazal Tov to the Weinreb family on their daughter, Tzirel's, upcoming wedding to Chaim Ward.
- ◆ Congratulations to Yoni Kidorf on being nominated as student government president, and to Tzipora Einbinder on being nominated as vice president!



## 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

The energy and excitement during recess is palpable. The students rush to the yard, unleashing all their built up energy. With the addition of Playworks, each direction you turn in the yard there is another game, another activity. Everyone is having fun.

But here in Ohr Chadash, we understand that “fun” is only *one* of the foundational pillars of Playworks. Coupled with our fun is our commitment to beautiful Middot. Another pillar of the Playworks system is “Inclusiveness.”

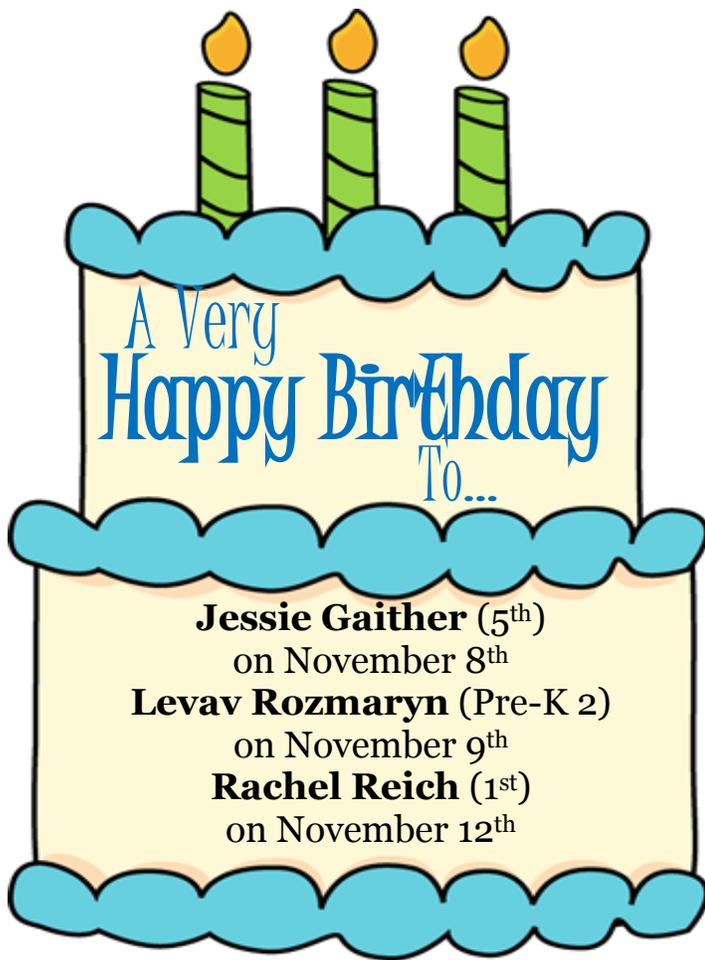
As I stood outside during my recess duty, two children frantically approached me with a third tagging along behind them. “They aren’t including him in their game!” they said as they motioned to the boy behind them. And they described the entire situation with passion and urgency.

It was beautiful to see how they understood that along with the fun, there must be a steadfast commitment to proper Middot.

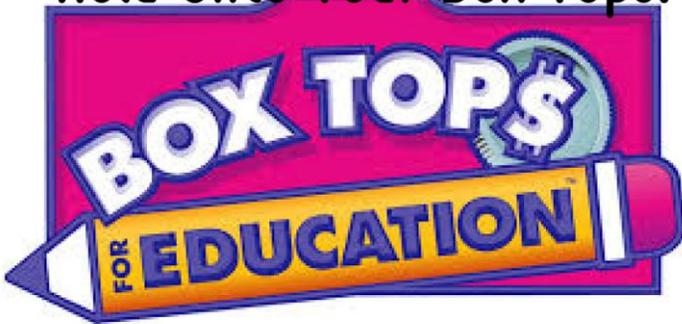
## Come check out our OCA photo gallery:

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



**Hold Onto Your Box Tops!**



Join us for  
**Saturday Night  
Learning**

Starting  
November 7th!



See Attached Flyer for more details

The PTA here at OCA never rests! We have so many exciting events coming up. Our most exciting one currently is our first SNL! What is SNL, you ask? No, it is not Saturday Night Live! Even better: SATURDAY NIGHT LEARNING! This exciting program begins next Saturday night, November 7th at 6:50 PM right here at OCA. All family members and friends of all ages are welcome. Enjoy learning, pizza, raffles and prizes with our very own Rabbi Bennett. See the attached flyer for future times and locations.

In other news, Rosh Chodesh Kislev will be here before we know it. This month we will be rewarding the class with the most box tops with a pizza party. Teachers and students: bring in those box tops and you may be the winner!

We are still looking for a few more parent volunteers for Grandparents Day on November 20th. Please e-mail [ocapta@ohrchadashbaltimore.org](mailto:ocapta@ohrchadashbaltimore.org) if you are available.

Until next time,  
*Yael and Kayla*  
PTA Presidents

*Interested in sponsoring  
one of the SNL's?*

Sponsor in memory of someone's yahrzeit, in honor of someone's birthday, or in appreciation for one of our amazing OCA staff members!

Please e-mail  
[ocapta@ohrchadashbaltimore.org](mailto:ocapta@ohrchadashbaltimore.org)

# STAY & PLAY

By: Dassi Atanelov

Last school year, Ohr Chadash launched a new program, OCA Stay & Play. Due to the success of the program, we began the 2015-2016 school year with round two of our extra-curricular program that runs for two hours after school. This year, we began our program with a fun and exciting mix of activities that stimulate our students and give them outlets to explore talents in different areas. For the elementary school students, the line up of activities is: CSA karate, rollerblading, mad science, and baking. The students are gaining discipline and self-confidence as

they practice and improve their stances and kicks in CSA Karate. Some students already knew how to rollerblade and they are having a blast while they get some fabulous cardio-exercise, others are learning how to roller-blade for the first time in our rollerblading class. In mad science, students are exploring the wonders of science with hands on activities; they have launched rockets with straws and flown paper helicopters. In the kitchen, students are mastering their culinary skills as they

measure, mix and bake delicious desserts such as blueberry pie and rice krispie treats.

For the early childhood center students, the

line up of activities is: gymnastics, circuit sports, lego building and bowling. The children are strengthening their muscles and learning new tricks in gymnastics as they do hand stands against the wall and tumble-sauces on the mats. Outside on the field, they are active as they explore different sports such as baseball, soccer, and frisbee in circuit sports. The children are improving their hand-eye coordination as they learn to bowl, with our

oversized bowling set. During our themed lego building, children are developing their fine motor skills and imagination as they build new lego creations like fire trucks, ambulances, towers and castles each week. To find out more about our fantastic program or to answer any questions please contact Dassi Atanelov via e-mail, [DAtanelov@OhrChadashBaltimore.org](mailto:DAtanelov@OhrChadashBaltimore.org).



*Attention all boys, girls, mothers, fathers, grandparents,  
aunts, uncles, cousins and friends...*

*You are cordially invited to OCA's*

# *Saturday Night Learning*

*With pizza, raffles, prizes and lots of fun!*

*See the list of dates, times and locations below:*

|                 |           |                                       |                |
|-----------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>November</b> | <b>7</b>  | <b>@ OCA</b>                          | <b>6:50 PM</b> |
| <b>November</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>@ Ner Tamid</b>                    | <b>6:45 PM</b> |
| <b>November</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>@ Suburban Orthodox</b>            | <b>6:30 PM</b> |
| <b>November</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>No SNL, Thanksgiving<br/>Break</b> |                |
| <b>December</b> | <b>5</b>  | <b>@ Ner Tamid</b>                    | <b>6:30 PM</b> |
| <b>December</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>No SNL, Chanukah</b>               |                |
| <b>December</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>@ OCA</b>                          | <b>6:40 PM</b> |
| <b>December</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>No SNL, Winter Break</b>           |                |
| <b>January</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>No SNL, Winter Break</b>           |                |
| <b>January</b>  | <b>9</b>  | <b>@ Ner Tamid</b>                    | <b>6:50 PM</b> |
| <b>January</b>  | <b>16</b> | <b>@ OCA</b>                          | <b>7:00 PM</b> |
| <b>January</b>  | <b>23</b> | <b>@ Suburban Orthodox</b>            | <b>7:00 PM</b> |
| <b>January</b>  | <b>30</b> | <b>@ OCA</b>                          | <b>7:15 PM</b> |
| <b>February</b> | <b>6</b>  | <b>@ OCA</b>                          | <b>7:25 PM</b> |
| <b>February</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>@ Ner Tamid</b>                    | <b>7:35 PM</b> |
| <b>February</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>@ Suburban Orthodox</b>            | <b>7:30 PM</b> |
| <b>February</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>@ Ner Tamid</b>                    | <b>7:45 PM</b> |

*This program is open to children and adults of all ages.  
Feel free to bring anything that you are interested in learning with your child.  
(Alef-Bet, Parsha, Chumash, Ivrit, Navi, Gemara, etc.)*

*Interested in being a sponsor?*

*E-mail [ocapta@ohrichadashbaltimore.org](mailto:ocapta@ohrichadashbaltimore.org)*

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*An Introduction for Parents to the Mariposa  
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9:30 AM to 11:00 AM

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Baltimore, Maryland

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*plenty of free off-street parking available*

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