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 Parashat Naso



From the Principal's Desk

There is an interesting Midrash in this week's Parsha. G-d says: "The offerings of the princes are as beloved to Me as the song the Jewish people sang at the Yom Suf." (The Midrash derives this from the identical word zeh used in both references, Exodus 15:2 and Numbers 7:17).

At the Yom Suf, 3 million men, women and children, witnessed the miraculous splitting of the Sea, and the people sing, "This is my G-d and I will glorify Him."

Rabbi Simmons asks a question on this Midrash and answers with a beautiful insight. He explains, shouldn't the verse say, "This is OUR G-d?" No. Millions of individuals saw the same event, but each experienced it differently, as "my personal G-d." Hence the Midrash draws the comparison: Just as the Red Sea was a unique

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Important OCA Dates



Monday, June 1:	3rd grade field trip
Tuesday, June 2:	2nd grade field trip
Wednesday, June 3:	ECC trip to zoo
Thursday, June 8:	4-5 grade trip to Washington, DC
Monday, June 8—Friday, June 12:	OCA Spirit Week
Thursday June 11:	Kindergarten Fathers' Day Program 9 AM
Monday, June 15:	Great Adventure Trip, Grades 3,4,5
Tuesday, June 16:	Pre-K 4's Showcase 10:00 AM
	Kindergarten Showcase 2:00 PM
Wednesday, June 17:	Last day of School 11:30 Dismissal
	10:00 Award Ceremony

From the Desk of Mrs. Randi Orshan



On Lag B'omer we had an amazing trip filled with fun, excitement, fire, marshmallows, and more! The children, as well as the adults, enjoyed hiking, playing at the tire park, competing in field games, eating hamburgers and hot dogs, and breathing in the outdoors!

We would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to the following people for taking time out of their day to join us on the trip. Thank you to: Dr. Applebaum, Dr. Schoenfeld, Mrs. Huff, Mr. & Mrs. Gunzburg, Mrs. Rosen, Mrs. Schwarzenberger, Mrs. Peretz, Mr. Taragin, Mr. Jakobi, Mr. Gonsher, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Shiller, Ms. Polirer, Mrs. Brandriss, Mrs. Elgamil, Mr. Carter, Mrs. Goffin, and Mrs. Reich.

Our trip would not have been the same without you! Also, thank you to the PTA for buying the ice pops the children enjoyed after the trip and to the teachers for participating and showing the kids a fantastic time. Looking forward to next year's trip! Thank you.

Please remember to check out our Lot 9:30 am. You won't want to miss it!



Market this Sunday starting at



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personal experience, so too each of the princes brought a unique personal offering.

The harmony of individuality amongst a community is the fabric of the Jewish people. This is the same cornerstone that we have as the foundation of our school. Each student, teacher, and parent contributes his/her part to create one school, one family, all focused on spiritual growth and closeness to Hashem.

Have an uplifting Shabbat.

Shabbat Shalom
Rabbi Moshe Margolese

Around the Halls of OCA



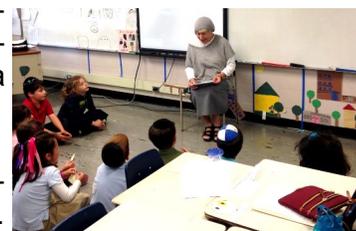
During the month of Iyar, the midda of the month was Hadrat Pnei Zakain, respecting the elderly. The **ECC** at OCA walked to Tudor Heights, down the block, and entertained them with songs and smiley faces. They, in turn, brought smiles to the residents who enjoyed the program.

then it cleared up and they enjoyed the warm (hot), muggy (humid, to say the least), weather. The kids loved all of the animals.

Mrs. A's kindergarten class had a fabulous trip to the zoo! They had a little bit of rain but



Mrs. Golfeyz's first graders had the pleasure of a visit by Mrs. Phyllis Nissel, a member of the Northwest Neighbors connecting organization, who visited their class so they could practice the midda of the month, Hadrat Pnei Zakein. Each student listened respectfully as Mrs. Nissel answered some of the students' questions such as what it was like for her to be in first grade. She also gave them tips on how to get better at reading, singing, dancing, and art – by practicing. After, she gave step-by-step art lessons teaching them how to draw flowers, a peanut man, and a ship!



The children in **Mrs. Rubenstein's second grade** are looking forward to a very special trip on June 2nd. They will be visiting the Star Spangled Banner Flag House. The Flag House is located on the corner of East Pratt Street and Abermarle Street in downtown Baltimore. To prepare for the trip, Mrs. Rubenstein read the children a wonderful book, *The Flag Maker*, which is the story of the making of the American flag that was seen flying over Fort McHenry during the War of 1812. Now the children will have the opportunity to visit the home of Mary Pickersgill, the seamstress who lived in Baltimore and was asked to sew the flag. They will tour the Flag House, see how Mary Pickersgill lived, and learn about the task that she was given to sew the famous flag. They will watch a video about the history of the flag and also take part in an interactive flag activity.

a wonderful book, *The Flag*



Mrs. Mann's third grade have been studying poetry extensively. Please enjoy some of their poems on pages 9-11. The third grade had their lemonade war. Based on a book that their class read recently, the two competing teams served lemonade and other "surprise" treats.



In **Morah Avigail's kitah gimel**, the students got to Skype with their partner school in Ashkelon. The Israeli teacher recently returned from maternity leave and this was the first time that Kitah Gimel got to meet their friends face-to-face. Each student introduced himself/herself and said a joke about what he/she likes to do on Shavuot in Hebrew. Then we heard what the students in Ashkelon really do on Shavuot. Everyone was surprised! In Ashkelon, they have water fights on Shavuot. Before ending the conversation, each student got to meet their



partner and say “nice to meet you” in Hebrew, “naim l'hakir” It was really nice to put a (blurry) face to a name!



Kitah Gimel is also proud that they have come to the point that the students can now teach the new Psukim. Morah Avigail assigned each committee a group of Psukim. They had to break down the Psukim, understand the story-line, generate a question and find the answer in Rashi. Given some support, they did an extraordinary job!

In **Mrs. Mann's fourth and fifth grade class**, the students engaged in a lesson about how to hook your reader and end with a zinger. Prior to the start of the lesson, the students filled out an entrance slip explaining these elements of writing in their own words. Most of the students correctly understood the point of a hook and zinger, but didn't understand how to go about writing one. As part of this lesson, the students got up onto their chairs to learn a movement technique that corresponds to the four main parts that a conclusion should always have. (Try it yourself as you read Ohr Chadashot!)



First, pat your back as a reminder to touch back on the main points (or thesis) of the essay. Second, put your hand on your forehead as if you are looking for a car down the road as a reminder to explain how the topic relates to the future. Third, touch your heart as a reminder to connect the main points to the reader. Fourth, release a slingshot as a reminder to end with a zinger. . The big secret that the students learned was that they really knew how to write zingers all along!

Over the past few weeks, the **4th and 5th graders** have been developing, writing, and editing original superhero stories in Ivrit class. The story included origin stories (that means the story of how the superhero became a superhero), special powers, arch enemy, and their battles. This was all done in Ivrit! The students created some very interesting characters and story lines. Each student received a bound copy of the class's work. Keep up the great work!



Mrs. Shulman's senior girls are busy illustrating one another's journal entries for their chesed book, which will be finished and ready to share soon. They have also been learning a lot of excerpts from Gemara Yuma because there are a lot of great discussions there about ways of showing respect to others. It is wonderful to hear what the girls have to say about friendships and other issues that come up in Hilchot bain adam lachaveiro.

Please enjoy the latest Navi News from the Senior Girls. It can be found on page 12.



Yom Yerushalayim at OCA

Morah Flo Ziffer's kitah alef's class had the entire student body of Ohr Chadash participate in an assembly in honor of Yerushalayim and Yom Yerushalayim. The gathering was unlike any other. Instead of sitting "in the audience" facing the stage and watching a performing class, all the students sat together as a community on the floor in the auditorium. In the center of the square was the beautiful Yerushalayim mural the students had created with Morah Shulman. The children had a "virtual Yerushalayim experience" as room needed to be made for the last classes to enter the auditorium. Just like Yerushalayim when the Jews would be "oleh regel" and the thousands of Jews who came all found a place to stay – so too the students adjusted their seating to accommodate their entire school community.

The children were honored by the presence of Rabbi Shmuel Silber who shared his personal thoughts and an inspiring story about the centrality of Yerushalayim in our lives – wherever we are. Rabbi Silber referenced our daily cheer – Ohr Chadash al Zion tair. He explained that we benefit from Yerushalayim's light every day.



Morah Becky Gordon then led each class in a special song in honor of Yerushalayim. The students sang beautifully and the audience of their peers and teachers was respectful and attentive. The assembly concluded with the Ohr Chadash song.



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

- ◆ Mazal tov to Mrs. Mary Sue Rubenstein and her husband Arthur on the graduation of their granddaughter Tali from Brandeis University, where she was elected to the honor society, Phi Beta Kappa.
- ◆ Mazal tov to board member Mike Lowenstein and his wife Elaine on the bar mitzvah of their grandson Elie, son of David and Mandi of Silver Spring.
- ◆ Mazal tov to board member Mel Pachino and his wife July on the birth of twins, Yonatan David and Tehilla Nechama, born to their children Shana and Moshe Rapps
- ◆ Condolences to our science teacher, Ms. Ariella McCown, on the passing of her great-grandmother.

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



Happy June Birthdays

Aviya Barnoy — PreK3

Ella Birnbaum—2

Hadar Efron — PreK4

Ephraim Mordechai Gonsher — 2

Eytan Erez — K

Ella Tehillah Gonsher — 2

Yonatan Bakaev — 1

Binyamin Jankowitz—2

Naava Goodman—1

Kobi Taragin — 2

Abbi Breitowitz—1

Noam Pasch — 2

Elan Bashyrov—1



Check out our Photo Gallery

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

OCA-PTA News

LAST CALL! There's still time to join the OCA women's team for the JCN 5k race this 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. Last minute registrants can sign up at the race - get there a little early to leave yourself enough time! All JCN runners will also receive a special treat at the OCA Lot Sale on Sunday. If you can't come, but would like to support our team, go to http://wizathon.com/jcn5krun-women/?p=display&action=team_Page&id=653 to donate.

The Shavuot Bake Sale was a great success! Thank you to our bakers: Jen Erez, Leah Malka Pasch, Rena Einbinder, Shaina Margolese, Eva Gonsher, Esther Huff, Sema Frager, Terri Rosen, Holly Vanderwalde and Josh Gonsher. Thank you to all those who bought and enjoyed the baked goods, and supported this fundraiser. And a very special thank you to our coordinator extraordinaire Leah Malka Pasch! .



Stay tuned for information regarding end of the year teacher gifts!

OCA PTA is already gearing up for next year! If you would like to be involved in the 2015-16 PTA please send us an e-mail at ocapta@ohrcadashbaltimore.org and let us know. Being involved in the PTA is a social, fun and rewarding experience.

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.



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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.

Third Grade Poetry

Pictures and artifacts from this week...

July Fifth by Eli Feinstein

July fifth is my birthday!
 Up goes my age on this day.
 Lots of fun and laughter.
 You want a birthday on July fifth?



Famous day yesterday.
 If you had a birthday on July fifth...
 Fireworks the night before!
 The day is long and...
 Hot!



Astronaut by Meital Shiller

Amazing talents in space.
 Since a long time ago people have gone into space.
 Teach students about space.
 Real astronauts go in rocket ships.
 Objects in space can be tools.
 Notice things in space to complete missions.
 Arrange your missions beforehand.
 Underneath the rocket ship is fire.
 Trash is not good for the atmosphere in space.

Parrots by Andrew Elgamil

Parrots are cool because they can talk.
 Are people similar to parrots?
 Red-tailed macaws are all white with a red tail.
 Rainbow parrots screech a lot.
 Once I went to Parrot Jungle.
 Tons of parrots eat berries.
 Sometimes I like to play with my pet parrot.



Athena by Tzipora Einbinder

A daughter of Zeus.

The goddess of wisdom.

Hera is not her mother; it's Metis.

Extraordinary mind.

Nobody is smarter than her.

A 1,000,000 pound brain.

Got a city named after her.

Olives are what she invented.

Daily studies is what she does.

Dead is something she cannot be because she is immortal.

Editing could be her job in the modern world.

She invented the plow.

She competed with her uncle over the city Athens.

Owls are her favorite bird.

Fashion is not her kind of thing (that's Aphrodite).

Who's your favorite goddess? (Mine's Athena.)

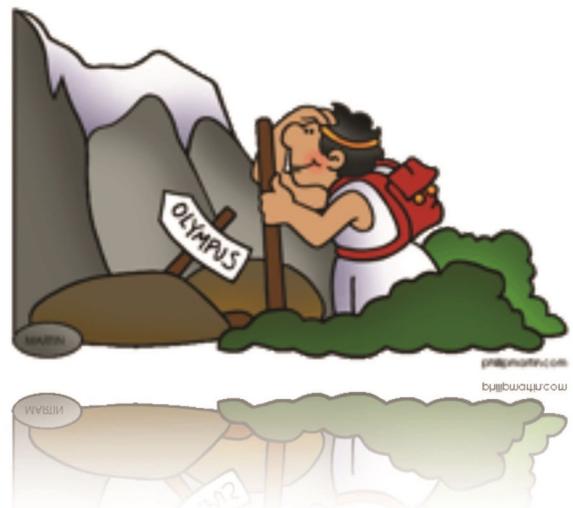
Intelligence beyond anyone else.

Studying is her main hobby.

Definitely amazing in many ways.

Old Olympics were in her time.

Mt. Olympus is her home.



Ice Cream by Noam Brandriss

Is an icy treat.

Can make you smile.

Excellent for a party.

Can be made into a sundae.

Refrigerates very well.

Exhausting to make.

Amazing taste!

Maybe mint pistachio is your favorite flavor?



Teaching by Ami Adler

Train your students to listen.

Enthusiasm is good for teaching...

And when I teach I get butterflies.

Command your students to track.

Hardest job in the world.

Inform you students about new facts.

New numbers get bigger and bigger when you teach math.

Get ready to be taught!

Sports! by Moshe Dwek

Sports are fun!

Pee-wee baseball is not the real thing.

Orioles are amazing!

Races are really fun, but sometimes I lose.

T-ball is what my brother plays.

Sports you can play with your friends are football, kickball, and basketball.



Navi News

Hadassah: Hi, and welcome to Navi News! We will be interviewing Ibtzan, Elon, and Avdon. I will interview Ibtzan first.

Ibtzan: Hi.

Hadassah: So, where are you from?

Ibtzan: Beit Lechem; it is awesome.

Hadassah: How many kids do you have?

Ibtzan: Thirty sons and thirty daughters.

Hadassah: How did you take care of them?

Ibtzan: My wife took care of them.

Hadassah: You're not a really...

Ibtzan: But I take care of them sometimes!

Hadassah: How was it at the weddings?

Ibtzan: They were so cool. It is a lot of cooking, though. I invited everyone!

Hadassah: Are you sure?

Ibtzan: Yeah, besides for Manoach. I thought he must be a rasha.

Hadassah: You don't want a rasha at weddings.

Ibtzan: He was not a rasha in the end. I had to do teshuva about respecting all kinds of families, both with and without children, and then I changed my name to Boaz.

Hadassah: How many years did you judge?

Ibtzan: Seven. I couldn't do it for long with a lot of children. (Dies on the floor.)

Hadassah: Oh, my. Next up I will interview Elon. How are you doing, Elon?

Elon: umm good, I think

Hadassah: What Shevet are you from?

Elon: Um, oh, yay, now I remember! Zevulun.

Hadassah: How many years did you judge?

Elon: Let me think... ten!

Hadassah: Do you remember anything else?

Elon: I have a pain in my neck here. (Dies on the floor, too.)

Hadassah: I think he is dead. Next up, Avdon

Hadassah: How are you doing, Avdon

Avdon: Great, great, great.

Hadassah: Well, Avdon, how many children do you have?

Avdon: Forty children and thirty grandchildren.

Hadassah: What you your children do?

Avdon: Ride around the city saying "Yeehaw!" It is annoying.

Hadassah: What shevet are you from?

Avdon: The great Menashe!

Hadassah: The great Menashe. I love Menashe. How many years did you judge?

Avdon: Eight, but I wish more. I've got pains.

Hadassah: Oh, not again. Before you die, please tell me the next Shofet.

Avdon: (whispers) Shimshon, I think.

Hadassah: That is it! Next on Navi News, Shimshon.



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Sunday, May 31, 2015 11 am-4 pm Owings Mills JCC Free and Rain or Shine!

Baltimore Jewish American Festival at Quarry Lake. June 7 11:30am - 6:00pm

6 & 9 PM

Tuesday June 9, 2015

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