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8 Tishrei 5775
 Erev Yom Kippur



From the Principal's Desk

We are about to enter into the powerful day of the year, Yom Kippur. The reality of its importance is known. The stir of thoughts and emotions leading up to it help us create the awareness of the day. One of the most central principles to Yom Kippur is asking others and ourselves for forgiveness.

Why is it important to ask for forgiveness? How does that benefit us?

We teach our children, as a foundation of being a Jew, that we should “walk in the ways of Hashem.” This means that we should try to emulate Hashem. The way Hashem is compassionate, we should be compassionate. The way Hashem is slow to anger, we should be slow to anger. The way Hashem is merciful and forgiving, we should be merciful and forgiving. This means that when we do one of these acts, we are acting in Hashem’s ways. I once heard Rabbi Menachem Goldberger describe this process. He developed the idea to show that not only are we acting in Hashem’s ways, but we are actually bringing G-dliness inside ourselves. This means that every time we act with compassion, Hashem’s presence is strong within us. When we give our fellow classmate an extra pencil, when we put a few coins into the Tzedakah box with our class, when we reach out to a new student to welcome him or her, those actions create a strong presence of Hashem within us. By doing mitzvot and being kind to others, we become holier, more pure, more refined, more developed, and hence, more G-dly!

This is why it is important to ask for forgiveness. When we are extending ourselves, not only will it hopefully rectify the relationship, but fills our souls with more spirituality, and more G-dliness.

I have watched our OCA students build up their courage to ask others for forgiveness and to extend forgiveness to others. We are blessed with wonderful staff members from whom the students are learning. They can stand on Yom Kippur before our Creator and say, “Master of the universe, we have tried to be forgiving

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Important OCA Dates

Friday, October 4: Erev Yom Kippur—No School

Wednesday, October 8-Friday, October 17: Sukkot Vacation—No School

Monday, October 20: School resumes

Wednesday, October 22: Annual State of the School Report, 7:30 PM

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we have tried to be forgiving and compassionate to others, please be forgiving and compassionate with us.” We have walked in the ways of Hashem, and we hope that He will repay us by inscribing us in the Book of Life. May Hashem bless us, with open hearts and minds to be able to say and feel all of the things necessary to cleanse ourselves and to bring us back together with Hashem and with the people around us.

May we all be sealed in the Book of Life for the coming year.

Gmar Chatima Tova.
Rabbi Moshe Margolese

Beautiful Rosh Hashanah Card Sent out to our OCA Family



*Ohr Chadash Academy wishes you and your family a
Shana Tova*

*Celebrating a "new" year for our school - a new facility, a new preschool.
We look forward to another exciting year and all the new experiences that
we will share in the future.*

October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7 Tishrei	2 Distribution of Ohr Chadashot	3 No School Yom Kippur	4 Yom Kippur
5 -	6	7 Kindergarten & Preschool 4's Field Trip to Larriland Farm	8 No School Erev Sukkot	9 No School Sukkot Vacation	10 No School Sukkot Vacation	11 Sukkot Vacation
11 Tishrei	12 Tishrei	13 Tishrei	14 Tishrei	15 Tishrei	16 Tishrei	17 Tishrei
12 Sukkot Vacation	13 No School Sukkot Vacation Columbus Day	14 No School Sukkot Vacation	15 No School Sukkot Vacation	16 No School Shemini Azteret	17 No School Simchat Torah	18
18 Tishrei	19 Tishrei	20 Tishrei	21 Tishrei	22 Tishrei	23 Tishrei	24 Tishrei
19	20 School Resumes	21 President/VP Election Day at OCA In school Prof. Development 3:45-4:30	22 OCA Informational State of the School Report Meeting 7:30	23	24 Midda Assembly 11:00 Aud. 4/5 grade Boys Firefighter Exhibit 10:30 PK-1 st Aud. 12:45 2 nd -5 th MPR	25 Rosh Chodesh
25 Tishrei	26 Tishrei	27 Tishrei	28 Tishrei	29 Tishrei	30 Tishrei	1 Cheshvan
26	27	28 27 Tishrei	29 Shimshinim	30	31 Distribution Ohr Chadashot	
2 Cheshvan	3 Cheshvan	4 Cheshvan	5 Cheshvan	6 Cheshvan	7 Cheshvan	



From the Desk of Mrs. Randi Orshan

Ohr Chadash held its first Student Government elections last week. The children are all very excited to have a Student Government in school and look forward to all of the fun, exciting things that the government will do. Congratulations to the following students who were elected to be their class's representative:

Aron Frager & Meira Einbinder - K , Abbi Breitowitz & Kfir Kelemer - 1, Ariella Juni & Kobi Taragin - 2 (Ephraim Mordechai Gonsher, Ella T. Gonsher, & Gali Perry substitutes) Lexi Polirer, Tziporah Einbinder & Andrew Elgamil - 3, and Jonathan Rosen, Dani Carter, Hadassah Juni, & Grace Larsen (Ayala Goffin & Yoni Kidorf Substitutes) for Grades 4-5.

Representatives from grades 3-5 will have the opportunity to run for President, Vice President and secretary on October 21st. We are so proud of how everyone handled themselves during and after elections. See pictures of these exciting events in Mrs. Mann's articles.

Around the Halls of OCA OCA Early Childhood Center



Morah Yael Esterson, Morah Anne Norris

We are off to a great start here at Ohr Chadash's Early Childhood Center! We have spent the past few weeks forming friendships and learning how to interact with each of our centers. We have also spent a lot of time learning all about the Chagim—Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot have kept us very busy! In addition, each child decorated his or her own Siddur cover and now use it for Tfilah every day.



We have been very lucky to go on two field trips already this year! The first trip was a visit to the "big school" where we were able to meet the very important people who help our school run on a daily basis. We were also privileged to hear a special Rosh Hashanah story from Rabbi Margoese! Thank you to Mrs. Reeves, Morah Beth, Mrs. Orshan, Mrs. Scullen, and Rabbi Margoese for a great visit!

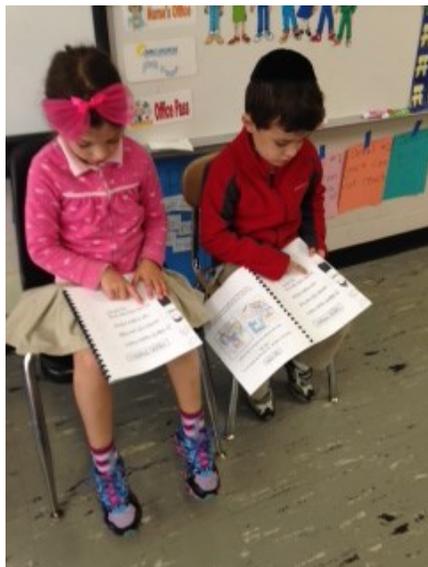
We also went to TRUCK DAY! This was a great opportunity for the students to see and interact with all different kinds of trucks. The favorite was, of course, the ice cream truck where we all got a special treat!



The children love spending time on our beautiful new playground and continue to find new and creative uses of the natural wood structures. Thank you to Mr. Saul Passe for creating such a wonderful adventure for the children.

Kitah Alef

Morah Ziffer



The students of Kitah Alef have begun 5775 beautifully. They returned to school after Rosh Hashana and learned a new greeting - Gmar Chatima Tova. The children were curious about the meaning of the words. They recalled the Rosh Hashana bracha of L'shana tova tikateivu v'teichateimu. "May you be written and sealed in the book for a good life." They then considered - How does Hashem judge us? How does He decide what we deserve in the coming year? They realized that Hashem examines our actions. The children used a pan balance scale and checkers to consider a variety of actions - mitzvot, good deeds or not. They discovered that we all do many good things and some not so good things. These days between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur are the time for us to do our best - focusing especially on the mitzvot of teshuva, tefilla, and tzedaka!

Middot Assembly

This assembly focused on the midda of the month which was, "Be first to say hello" - הוי מקדים בשלום כל אדם. This month we are focusing on judging everyone favorably— הוי דן את כל אדם לכף זכות.



Kitah Bet

Morah Yaffa Wygoda

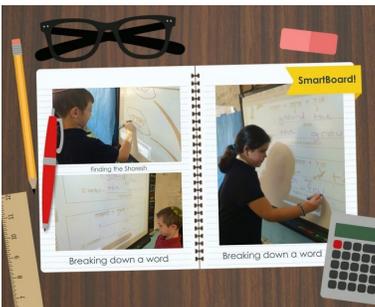


Cutting out the Simanim for our tray.

Before Rosh Hashanah, we started learning about the "Yona" letters in Shorashim (Yud, Vav, Nun, Hey) that can fly away. We enjoyed learning some new Shorashim (Halach, Yalach, and Bo) and of course playing "Shimon Amar Shorashim" to review! We especially enjoyed our "chocolatey" review on Tuesday - writing answers in chocolate syrup was super sweet! Kitah Bet is enjoying their learning and is excited to come to class each day!



Coloring the Simanim for our tray.



After we finished learning about Rosh Hashana and working our Chagim Choveret, we played a wonderful review game where everyone gave beautiful answers! We loved making the special simanim plates that the children brought home to grace their Rosh Hashana tables. Everyone enjoyed working on them were so excited to use them!



Work Hard, Play Hard!

Kitah Gimel

Morah Avigail Barnoy

Last week our kitah was lucky to have Rabbi Levine, Lexi's grandfather, come join us in class. We had just finished learning about the Gemara in Rosh Hashana that explained that it is best to use the קרן (horn) of the איל (ram,) for a shofar. The Gemara explains that Hashem is reminded of Akeidat Yitzchak, and it is as if we sacrificed ourselves to Hashem, and He will remember us for good whenever he hears the Shofar made from the ram's horn.



Rabbi Levine came and gave us an entirely new perspective on the shofar. He showed the students different types of shofarot that came from different types of animals - rams, goats, and mountain goats. The students were filled with questions and excitement. Rabbi Levine had excellent answers to give before he blew the shofar. He made the students feel like experts on the different types, reasons, and sounds that the shofar makes. Be sure to ask them all about it!



Thank you again Rabbi Levine for joining us, and we hope you'll come back and share more words of wisdom in the future!

2nd & 3rd Grades

Enjoy Rosh Hashana Seder

Morah Avigail Barnoy

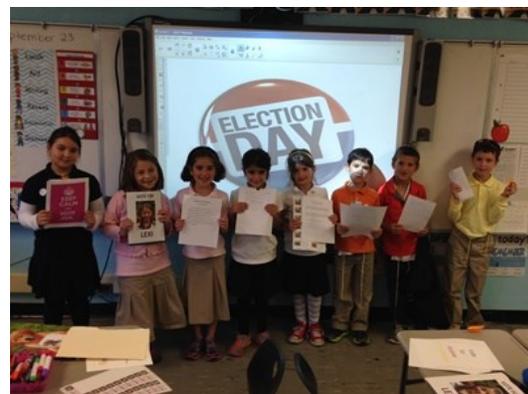
We had a great time inviting the 2nd grade to join our Seder Rosh Hashana last week. The 3rd graders enjoyed presenting and eating the different foods. In most of the pictures, the students are screaming *נה טובה* Thank you to Mrs. Rubenstein for helping to make it such a success. Thank you to the parents for sending in all of the different ingredients in which we used to make the food. Thank you to the students for turning our classroom into a home.



Election Day: Grades 3-5

Mrs. Aliza Mann

The politicians arrived at room 213 in great spirits and eager to get the election process underway. All morning and afternoon, the students handed out flyers and posters and discussed their reasons for wanting to be a part of student government. When it was finally time to read their speeches, the students did an unbelievable job. Each student presented him/herself in a poised way, with a polished speech. The best part of the day was hearing the students cheer for one another before and after the speeches were read. The students truly internalized the idea of being an OCA S.T.A.R. by encouraging each other to aim high. Great job everyone!



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

Mazal Tov to Holly and Dani VanderWalde and Caleb (PreK3) on the birth of twin boys

Condolences to Mrs. Randi Orshan and her family on the loss of her grandmother.

Thank you to Hananya and Chana Dena Cohen for sponsoring a day of learning on in memory of Hananya's father, Rabbi Eliezer Cohen, grandfather of Ava Cohen (Grade 3).

Refuah Shlaima to Chavy Bluman, daughter of Beth and Yisroel Bluman

Refuah Shlaima to Mrs. Janet Forsythe on her recent surgery.



Please remember that Ohr Chadash Academy is a nut free environment. Please be very careful when packing your child's lunch and snack.

Attention Parents! Ohr Chadash is going viral

Check for the latest updates of all that happens in OCA.
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(this was cut off of our last issue: sorry Ami)

Ami Rozmaryn, who provided his valuable time and assistance in getting this job done. He dropped what he was doing and spent the day with us. We could not have completed much of the work today without him.

Mrs Estie Reich, Mrs. Esti Taragin, Mrs. Rena Einbinder, Mrs. Pearl Dwek and Mrs. Beth Bluman for our lice check the first week of school.

Rabbi Binyamin Marwick who spoke to the entire school at an assembly about Rosh Hashana.

Happy October Birthdays

Eitan Rozmaryn Pre- K3

Leah Orshan Pre- K4

Elan Levi Pre- K4

Meira Einbinder K

Ariella Juni 2

Rachamim Schor 2

Meital Shiller 3

Jonathan Rosen 4

Leah Scott 4

Levy Teles 4

Grace Larsen 5



OCA-PTA News

Lanie Carter and Rena Einbinder, Presidium

We would like to extend our best wishes to you and your families for a very sweet new year. We hope you all had a meaningful Rosh Hashana.

It was so wonderful seeing so many of you at the **OCA PTA Back to School Picnic** a few weeks ago. We hope that you got to meet some new people, reconnect with those that you already know and feel the positive energy that abounds at OCA. This event could not have been a success without the help of quite a few people. A HUGE thank you to our DJ Balagan - **Aaron Shiller**. Aaron's music was a highlight of the event! Another very special thank you to **Leah Malka and Yisroel Pasch** for going above and beyond the call of duty to help us in a multitude of ways! Thank you as well to Sam Fogel, Esther Huff, Jen Erez, Moe Breitowitz, Eva Gonsher, Shua Bier, Chavi Goffin and Leah Efron for your assistance. It is truly appreciated!

Please **Save the Date** - On November 22, 2014 - OCA PTA will host a parent Melava Malka at the home of Susie and Matt Schoenfeld. We are looking forward to a fun and relaxing evening together! More details to follow!

Hot Lunch will begin the Monday following the Chagim. Look for the order form in your inbox next week.

If you are planning to visit **Hershey Park** on Chol HaMoed Sukkot be sure to purchase your tickets through OCA PTA to receive a discount and support OCA! Adult Tickets are \$39 but prices will go up after October 5th. You can buy your tickets here: <http://lancastersukkot.com/fundraiser/oca.php?c=fundraiser> or by going to www.ohrchadashbaltimore.org and clicking "Buy Hershey Tickets" on the right side of the page. Be sure to tell your friends and family!



If you haven't already done so please **consider becoming a member of OCA PTA!** Your membership helps support our programming. Sign up here: https://ohrchadashbaltimore.org/ocapta/membership_and_tshirt.php. We also are fully stocked with new OCA T-shirts. Order online or stop by the office and pick one up!

There are still easy opportunities for you to support OCA PTA in your every day shopping.

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Sign up your card for their Take Charge of Education Program:
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Lovable Labels

Buy your personalized labels for all occasions here:
<http://www.ohrchadash.lovablelabels.ca/>

Box Tops

Please save us your Box Tops! Each Rosh Chodesh we will collect them and have a raffle for a free Pizza for all families that participate!

Wishing you a gmar tov.
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 we know that every child brings something of "home" with them when they enter the building. As an expression of being a school family, we are instituting 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 yahrzeits, birthdays, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, academic achievement, receiving a first siddur or chumash, or any occasion. On the day of dedication, if a student is being honored, they are honored with holding the American and Israeli flags.

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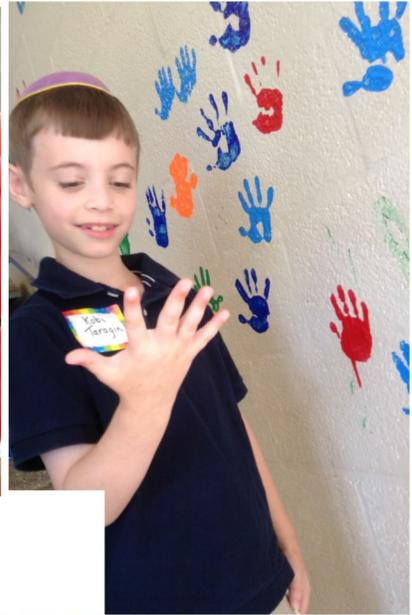
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50 cents scrip cost \$.75	\$4.00 scrip which costs \$5.00
\$1 scrip which costs \$1.25	\$8.00 scrip which costs \$10
\$2.50 scrip which costs \$3.00	\$20 scrip which costs \$25

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.



Knowledge is Power



**Please join us for our
Annual State of the School
Report
Wednesday, October 22, 2014
7:30 p.m.**

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