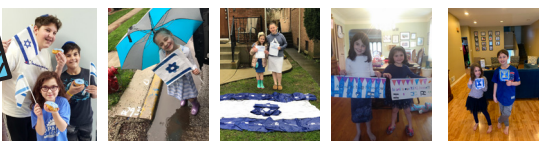




## YOM HAATZMAUT EDITION



## WHERE MIDDOS AND LEARNING ARE LINKED TOGETHER

### You Can't Rain on Arie Crown Hebrew Day School's Parade!

Like many schools, Arie Crown Hebrew Day School has had to learn quickly and efficiently how to shift to remote learning for its students as the physical building remains closed per Illinois's stay-at-home order. While the school's administration and staff have worked tirelessly to make this a successful transition for their students and families, they have not lost sight of the "little things" that make the school year so special for their students.

This attitude was on full display as AC@Home (the school's newly dubbed remote learning program) took flight for the school's annual Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration. On a "normal" year, Israel's Independence Day overruns the school with a full day of activities including special student council run educational activities, camel rides, blue and white doughnuts and more. Despite the challenges of being at home, the school coordinated a full program that will certainly be considered one of the highlights of the school year.

The day began with the regular daily Tefillah routine via Zoom video with the students, and was then enhanced with a special guest Hallel prayer led by famed Jewish singer Shlomo Katz. Shlomo was able to share inspirational words with the students before the next segment of the program kicked off. This consisted of the singing of the Israeli National Anthem, Hatikva led by Efrayim Prero, as Ariel Campbell, with the help of his daughter Mia, raised the flag in front of the school. Both Efrayim and Ariel are Arie Crown graduates who now send their children to the school. This was to be followed by a scheduled drone parade which would allow students to wave at the drone with their Israeli flags that had been pre-distributed to families in a Yom Haatzmaut care package.

But, as we know, especially in the "Coronavirus Age", man plans and G-d laughs. The school had planned for



the aforementioned drone to fly through students' neighborhoods, capturing families celebrating Israel's independence day safely outside their houses. However, heavy rain brought that plan to a halt. Scrambling to ensure that students weren't disappointed, Drone Media Chicago and Arie Crown's Early Childhood Director, Shoshana Safirstein, drove through the streets of West Rogers Park, Skokie, and Lincolnwood, filming students and parents waving flags, wearing their rain gear and holding umbrellas! This, along with the entire program, was all live-streamed on Zoom and Facebook, with a running commentary from school principal Rabbi Eli Samber and the school's Assistant Principal Rabbi Menachem Kirshner.

Throughout the parade, Rabbi Samber spoke with several special guests including:

- Mr. Lonnie Nasatir, President of the JUF, who explained the importance of having a Jewish state
- Rabbi Ephraim Rimmel - former YU Torah Mitzion of Chicago Fellow who lives in Israel, offering inspirational words to students
- Tamir Goodman, Jewish basketball star, who described his career and his life in Israel
- Rabbi Zev Shandalov, former Chicagoan and current resident of Maale Adumim, sharing words of Torah
- Rabbi Shlomo and Susie Schwartz, Arie Crown alumni and former teachers who reminisced about Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations during their years at Arie Crown in the 1960's

The program was truly a day of celebration that no one at the school will soon forget.



The amazing Eighth Grade Girls were very lucky to be part of this year's Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration! Their video "Zoom Ba'aretz" took everyone on a virtual historical trip through the beautiful land of Israel! Each pair of girls produced a video focusing on one special place. When woven together it created the experience of having "zoomed" through our beautiful and holy land. Anyone who watched the video was WOWED by the creativity and knowledge of the Eighth Grade Girls. We would really like to thank Eliana Isenberg and Bea Turk for the endless hours they put into editing all the videos and joining them into one. And most importantly our very own teachers Mrs. Prero, Mrs. Heinemann and Mrs. Gross. We could not have done it without them! Chag Sameach!

## Yom Ha'atzmaut Thank-Yous

To the dedicated committee that helped organize all of the programs you saw and participated in:

**Rabbi Menachem Kirshner • Rabbi Jeremy Hartstein  
Rabbi Avi Schwartz • Morah Jodi Gershman  
Morah Margaret Matanky • Morah Miriam Prero**

### To our amazing Rabbeim and Moros including:

- Rabbi Shlomo Litwack for arranging the Boys Tekkes Yom Hazikaron
- Mrs. Roni Lichtman for arranging the Girls Tekkes Yom Hazikaron
- Mrs. Heinemann, Mrs. Gross and Mrs. Prero for arranging the 8th grade girls "Zoom Ba'aretz"
- Rabbi Avi Schwartz and Morah Margaret Matanky for arranging the boys "Minute to Win In" challenges
- Rabbi Jeremy Harstein for creating the awesome and challenging Kahoots
- Morah Jodi Gershman for arranging the inspirational Shiur from Rabbi Rimmel
- Rabbi Kirshner, Morah Gershman, and Morah Matanky for coming up with and preparing the contents/activities in the special Yom Ha'atzmaut bags
- Morah Shoshana Safirstein for jumping in her car and being one of our parade videographers on a moment's notice
- Mrs. Goldwag for arranging our special donut treat

### To:

- Our AMAZING 8th graders for chipping in and doing an outstanding job!!!! You had us ZOOM'ed in to Eretz Yisrael!
- Special shout-out to Eliana Isenberg and Bea Turk for their very hard work in putting together the girls' video
- Mrs. Rena Litwack for producing the Boys Tekkes Yom Hazikaron
- Mr. Avi Berkman for producing the Girls Tekkes Yom Hazikaron
- Mr. Alan Gershman and Yonatan Gershman for packing our Yom Ha'atzmaut bags
- Elisha Kirshner and Avraham Kirshner for packing our Yom Ha'atzmaut bags
- Morah Shana Keener for putting together the amazing tour of Israel with Rabbi Samber
- Mrs. Shoshie Neikrug for creating the logo on our giveaway bags
- The company of mazel & merch for their expeditious delivery of our Yom Ha'atzmaut bags
- Arie Crown Alumni Eitan Drapkin and Zev Lafer for their awesome Tzahal exercise video
- Rabbi Ephraim Rimel for his inspirational Dvar Torah
- Meira and Arki Gedanian for their awesome lesson in Hebrew
- Mr. Jeremy Amster for helping to arrange for Rav Shlomo Katz to lead Hallel
- Dr. and Mrs. Sam and Rita Lipshitz for sponsoring our special donut treat
- Troy, Raz and Toni - and Drone Media Chicago - for working hard to make our parade special despite the weather challenge
- All of the special guests on our Live Program - Rav Eitan Katz, Efrayim Prero, Ariel and Mia Campbell, Rav Ephraim Rimel, Mr. Lonnie Nasatir, Rav Zev Shandalov, Tamir Goodman, and Rabbi and Mrs. Shlomo and Susie Schwartz
- Mrs. Elana Meyers for pulling together all of the materials and designing such a fun website page for the day, along with all of the media work that went into our emails

A super special thank you to our incredible host of the live program - our very own Rabbi Samber! Besides for hosting our live program and the tour of Israel program, you have led us, during these turbulent times, in maintaining an atmosphere of joy!

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade News

BY BETZALEL WARSO AND CHAIM SIMON

Google Classroom, Zoom, and Loom team up for 5th Grade AC@Home. Rabbi Schwarcz's 5th grade is mostly dependent on Google Classroom and Zoom meetings, as well as Loom videos. Links for the Zoom and Loom links and information are included inside Google Classroom. In Google Classroom, the stream keeps assignments for the 5th graders. On Loom, the teachers record themselves teaching the material, and then students watch the videos and follow along. Sometimes, the teachers will make a Zoom meeting so students can file in their questions and even hang out. Kids also make Zooms with their friends. Zoom is making more money than ever right now - so many people need it for their work, class, or whatever purpose. Google Hangouts is also a helpful alternative. So, Zoom, Loom, and Google Classroom are helping out with 5th Grade AC@Home, plus the teachers :). It makes the homeschooling way easier for 5th Grade.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade News

BY MORAH CZIMENT

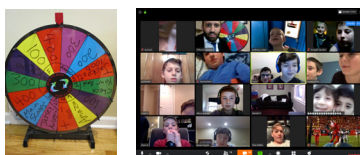
Mazel tov to Morah Cziment's Super Second Grade on starting Parshas Vayeira in their new Chumash. The boys are all amazing and learning the new Parsha with enthusiasm.



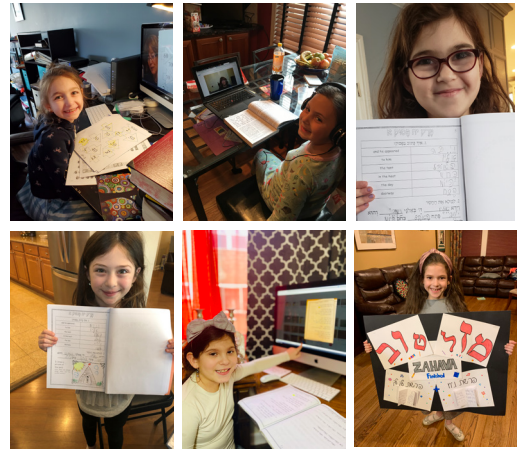
## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade News

BY RABBI CAPLAN

Besides the amazing dedication the boys have been putting into their learning, Rabbi Caplan's class is also having Game Night on Zoom. "The Wheel of Randomness" (named by Binyomin Dubovick), is a game of random trivia questions with lots of cool prizes (Amazon packages delivered, mystery prizes showing up at their door, etc.) Also, this week, the boys began their Chumash lesson preparation which will culminate with the boys teaching their own Chumash lessons on Zoom.



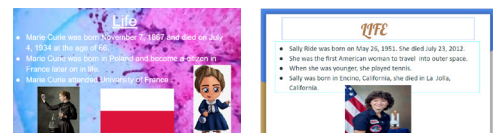
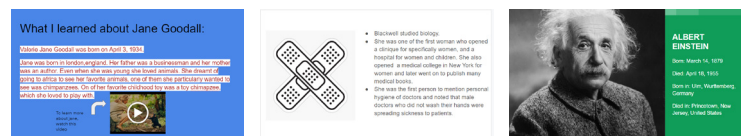
## Morah Grinblatt's Super Second Grade Girls at work



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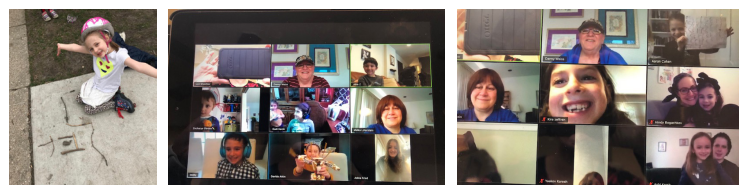
BY MRS. SPILIOPOULOS

Arie Crown Scientists @ Home! Before Pesach break, the 5th Grade girls were learning about the skeletal and muscular systems. When we returned to online school last week, we took a break from the human body unit and started a research project. Each student selected a famous scientist and gathered information from the Internet. The information was presented in a Google Slideshow. The girls included great illustrations and information with their own unique style and flare. It was a fun way to research and learn how all these famous scientists have impacted our lives. I am super proud of my own little "Arie Crown Scientists."



## K108 News

The Kindergarten children in K108 have been enjoying video chats with their teachers, Mrs. Shechter, Morah Hope, Morah Malka, and Morah Dini. 😊



## Nursery News

BY MORAH ALEX

This week the Nursery Yeladim enjoyed learning all about the letter Ches! They enjoyed learning words like "chaveirim" and "chesed" and doing fun, corresponding activities!



## Nursery News

BY MORAH NESHAMA AND MORAH RACHELLE

What an amazing fun filled week we have had so far in the Peach Room AC@ Home!!! All the Yeladim have been so busy learning about Yom Ha'atzmaut, Counting The Omer, The Bracha of Ha'eitz and the Parsha of the week!!!!!! The Moros are all so proud of each and every child for being Major Superstars!!!!!! Hope everyone had a wonderful Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration!!!!!! 🎉



## Stay n' Play News

BY MORAH ALEXA

This week we did a Spring unit in Stay and Play. The following are pics from the Silver Room Stay and Play.

## Pre-Nursery News

BY MORAH MICHELLE RUBIN

The Pre-Nursery Yeladim had a wonderful time preparing for Yom HaAtzmaut! We used our scissor and patterning skills to create our very own Israeli flag to wave! We learned how to turn two triangles into a Jewish star! We also made our very own Mizrach! We matched the Hebrew letters to their correct place to form the word mizrach and then we cut and glued bricks to make the Kotel!



## 3rd Grade News

BY MS. OBERLANDER

Last week the students had a fun Earth Day (4/22/20) assignment to be creative with designing a poster. They created a short list of ways we could Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. This stemmed from our read aloud of "Stella Diaz Never Gives Up" by Angela Dominguez. It's about a 3rd grade girl who is driven to lessen the amount of plastic used in order to save Earth's oceans and marine life.



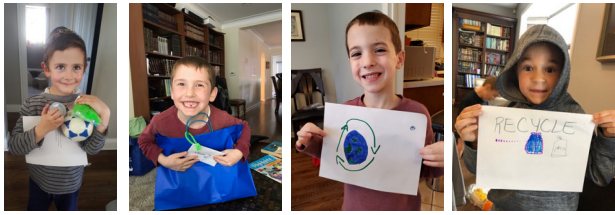
## 2nd Grade News

BY MRS. ABRAMS

In Mrs. Abrams's 2nd grade class, we have been busy this week. In math we started 3 digit subtraction and remembered the rules from our two digit subtraction chapter earlier in the year. We also finished our opinion writing unit where we wrote letters to our friends convincing them to read our favorite books. For ACHP, we are learning about phases of the moon and we even did a virtual field trip to a recycling center. The highlight of the week though, was Yom Ha'atzmaut. We loved participating in the parade, making flags, eating our blue and white donuts, and dressing in blue and white. We had so much fun!



## First Grade Boys



## ★ MIDDOS MATTER CORNER ★

**Congratulations to the Middos Matter winners from last week!**

Shimmy Barnatan • Yael Piltz • Abigail Kleinerman  
 Rayli Karesh • Yeshoshua Kleinman • Ayden Starck  
 Akiva Garden • Ephraim Volkov • Meira Zissman • Leeya Starck  
 Reva Lopin • Lilly Kucher • Gabi Glatz  
 Yossi Lebedinsky • Daniel Leibtag • Temima Liba Marshak

**Congratulations to the Golden Ticket Winners**

Mrs. Jill Quiroga and Ms. Nadine Newman

## Day of Learning

WHILE OUR STUDENTS ARE NOT ABLE TO LEARN TOGETHER IN PERSON, MAY THEIR REMOTE LEARNING CONTINUE TO SERVE AS A ZECHUS FOR KLAL YISRAEL.

Thank you to The Administration, Board of Directors, Staff and Students of Arie Crown Hebrew Day School for dedicating Thursday's learning, April 23 - 29 Nisan, in memory of  
 Mrs. Zira Ray, z"l;  
 A pillar of Arie Crown Hebrew Day School.  
 May her neshama have an aliyah.

Thank you to Srully and Tzivva Allswang & family and Ari and Divora Marinelli & family for dedicating Monday's learning, April 27 - 3 Iyar in loving memory of our dear Abba and Sabba, Rabbi Dr. Benzion Allswang a"h, בן-ציון בן צבי, whose love for Torah and Mitzvos continues to be an inspiration for all those who knew him.  
 May his neshama have an aliyah.

Thank you to Boruch, Staci, Dov, Shua, Yaakov, Sara, and Ari Aronson for dedicating Monday's learning, April 27 - 3 Iyar, in memory of Julian Jay Friedman a"h, on the 17th anniversary of his Yahrzeit.

## The Arie Crown Family would like to extend a Mazel Tov to:

### Births

\*Mr. and Mrs. Sam and Gayil Follman on the birth of their daughter. Mazel Tov to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tzvi and Devora Follman and Mr. Aryeh Greenes.  
 \*Mr. and Mrs. Alan (class of '99) and Eve Kleinerman on the birth of their daughter. Mazel Tov to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank and Susan Kleinerman and Dr. Edward Reingold.  
 \*Board of Directors Member, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce and Cheryl Leon on the birth of their grandson, born to Mr. and Mrs. Shimon and Ilana (class of '06) Langer.  
 \*Mr. and Mrs. Joe and Becky Zimmerman on the birth of their granddaughter, born to Rabbi and Mrs. Uri (class of '00) and Dina Zimmerman.

### Engagements

\*Board of Directors Member, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon and Miriam Aberman on the engagement of their son, Yoni (class of '11) to Aliza Pollack. Mazel Tov to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur and Sandy Aberman and Mr. and Mrs. Fred and Laura Krause.  
 \*Dr. and Mrs. Boruch and Staci Aronson on the engagement of their son, Dov (class of '12) to Sarah Leah Lerman. Mazel Tov to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Vivian Aronson and Mrs. Diane Friedman.

\*Rabbi Gavriel Meyerowitz on the recent marriage of his son, Akiva (class of '10), to Shifra Kupferberg.

\*Mr. and Mrs. Arthur and Marcy Rubin on the engagement of their daughter, Mandy (class of '13) to Reuvain Getz. Mazel Tov to the grandmother, Mrs. Phyllis Simon.

\*Mr. and Mrs. Oren and Noemy Skidelsky on the engagement of their son, Noam (class of '12), to Avigayil Keiser. Mazel Tov to the grandparents, Ms. Sharon Skidelsky and Mr. and Mrs. Howard and Shoshana Benditzson.

### Bar/Bas Mitzvahs

\*Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Anita London on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Benny. Mazel Tov to the grandparents, Mrs. Bonne London and Mr. and Mrs. Mort and Fran Zelman.

## The Arie Crown Family would like to express condolences to:

\*Mr. Matthew Kanter and Rabbi Bill Kanter on the loss of their mother, Mrs. Sara Lee Kanter, a"h. Shiva is until Monday morning, May 4. Mr. Matthew Kanter may be reached at 847-804-5139. Rabbi Bill Kanter can be reached at 773-973-7087.

*Hamakom Yenachem Eschem B'soch Sh'ar Aveili Tzion V'Yerushalayim*