

WHERE MIDDOS AND LEARNING ARE LINKED TOGETHER



Yom Yerushalayim News

Yom Yerushalayim was another inspirational and educational day at Arie Crown. Despite being AC@Home, the festivities that we annually run in the building continued - just in another format. Our day featured an inspiring Hallel led by renowned singer Uri Davidi! Next, there was an interactive and enjoyable program led by the YU Torah Mitzion Kollel. Usually this program is only for our 3rd-8th grade boys, but being virtual all were invited, and all enjoyed - including parents and grandparents as well! Thank you to Morah Matanky and Morah Jodi for reading books about Yerushalayim for our younger students to enjoy.

Acharon acharon chavivot, Kol HaKavod to our amazing 7th grade girls for creating a beautiful Tekkes complete with songs and videos discussing the beauty and meaning of Yerushalayim. Special thank you to Mrs. Abowitz for all of the extra effort in producing and arranging this program.

L'Shana Haba'ah BeYerushalayim HaBenuya!

7th Graders "Go" to Springfield

On May 20 our 7th grade boys and girls took a "Zoom bus" with their classmates to learn more about Illinois and Springfield. The day started with a Kahoot quiz on Illinois trivia (we found out that the tallest man in the world is from Illinois!), followed by four challenges.

Build It! Students had to create a model or diorama of a famous building in Springfield.

Be It Students had to look at a photo of wax figures from the Lincoln Museum and recreate the picture with their families and/or things around the house.

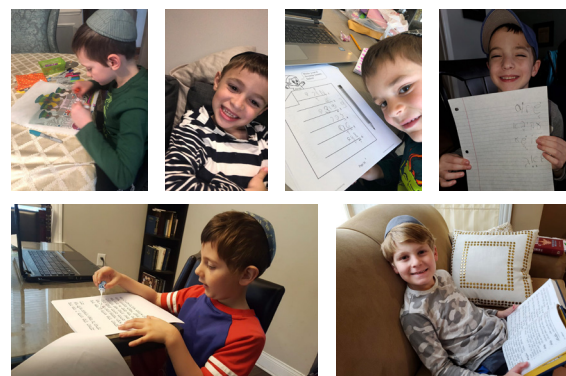
Wear It! Students participated in a Springfield sweatshirt design competition, with the winning creations used to create a special Springfield shirt for the whole class.

Sing It! Finally, students were asked to create a song for the bus ride to Springfield (which we hope to be singing next year when we get to go to Springfield for real!).

Thanks to all the wonderful 7th graders for working hard and having fun. It was great seeing everyone and spending time catching up on the "bus"!!

Mrs. Swann and Mrs. Wigoda

Some of Morah Rosen's Kitah Aleph learning and working hard!



Morah Chaya's Kindergarten





Kindergarten News

The Moros and Yeladim of all the Kindergarten classes would like to express our Hakaras Hatov and thanks to Rabbi and Mrs. Herschel and Annie Maryles for the Alef Bingis banners. They were given as a special gift for completing our learning of the Alef Beis. As you can see, the yeladim did an awesome job coloring in the banners and were proud to display the finished product!

4th Grade News

BY MRS. DUBOVICK

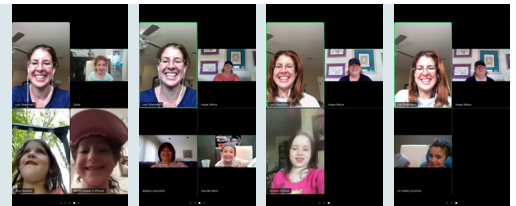
It's hard to believe that this is our last Yediot article for this school year!!! Mrs. Dubovick is super proud of all of her Kitah Daled Talmidos for all the effort and growth they displayed this year!!! We accomplished so much in learning together our subjects as well as improving our Middos as a class!!! BH, we reached another exciting milestone this week and finished Parshas Yisro in Chumash. We will celebrate with a special creative Siyum next week IY"H!! We also completed all of our keyword and Ivrit word lists for this year! What an exciting accomplishment BH!! We are finishing up our last Shofet in Navi this week as well as our last Tefilos in Beur Tefilah together in class each day! Looking forward to presenting some very special and meaningful end of the year gifts to my Talmidos next week. They will serve as mementos of our wonderful year together in Kitah Daled!! I will miss my girls so much over the summer!! May they continue to bring their families much Nachas!! Have a great Shabbos and a relaxing summer!! 😊

A special treat was rewarded to the students that submitted all the assignments in Ivrit.



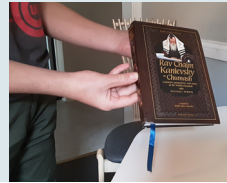
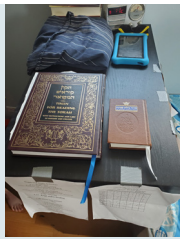
Kindergarten News

The Kindergarten teachers in K108 have been enjoying Zoom chats with their students. "We miss the children greatly and are thankful for a platform that allows us to see their smiles and talk with them.



6th Grade News

In honor of Shavuot and Matan Torah, Rabbi Sherman's class took the opportunity to beautify the Torah. Supplies were mailed to each student so that they could create ribbon bookmarks for their sefarim. Please enjoy the results!



A Poem For Our K104 kiddos! ❤️

We Are So Proud Of You!

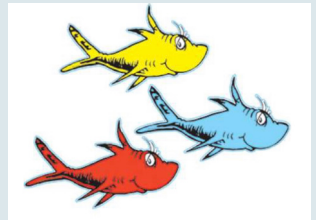
You have worked so hard this year,
We want to give a little cheer!

To all the students we love so much,
You really are a special bunch!

We will miss you lots next year,
We want to give a great BIG cheer!

BRAVO! AND CLAPS! AND MANY HUGS!
Our Tootsie Rolls and lollipops!!

Love,
Ms. Riley and Morah Nadine



Edible flowers project made by Mrs. Dubovick's 4th grade girls in honor of Shavuot.



Early Childhood News

The entire Early Childhood came together this week to learn about Community Helpers! Each day, the children were introduced to someone who works and helps in our community, including an EMT, dentist, police officer, occupational therapist, veterinarian, and more. They enjoyed behind-the-scenes video tours that showed where and how our Community Helpers work. They participated in many extension activities, including exercise, sorting, fingerplays, and creating beautiful thank-you notes to Hatzalah members. Thank you to Mr. Tzvi Needleman, Dr. David Margulis, Mr. Eli Yovits, Officer Nate Basner, Dr. Daniel Jankovits, Mr. Jake Jakofsky, Mrs. Yael Cohen, Mrs. Sarah Nussbaum and Ms. Laura Partington of the Skokie Public Library. More to come next week!



Kindergarten News

Did you ever wonder how many Mezuzos you have? The Kindergarten children went on a Mezuzah hunt this week, as they learned about this special Mitzvah. Look at our graph to see the wide range of Mezuzos they found! An accompanying activity was to build something corresponding to the number of their Mezuzos!

Be a **חוקר** detective!

Count your **חוקר**, inside and out,

That's what a Mezuzah hunt is all about!



Construction week in the Silver Room Stay and Play!! Morah Alexa



Peach Room News

BY MORAH NESHAMA AND MORAH RACHELLE

The Peach Room Yeladim have been very busy this week !!! We have been learning in conjunction with the Nursery classes and Moros. The Yeladim are learning all about safety and health and taking care of themselves. We learned about the ambulance / EMT / Hatzalah and made them all thank you notes to show them our Hakaras Hatov! We learned about dental hygiene and policemen 🚓 and were even given a tour of a police squad car!!!! We are learning a lot more !!!! Thank you to all of our community helpers who help our community every day!!!! Thank you 🙏 from the Peach Room!!! Morah Neshama and Moran Rachelle ❤️❤️



Plum Room Stay & Play News

BY MORAH MICHELLE RUBIN

We're having a blast in Stay & Play learning all about Construction! To start the week we made our own toolboxes!



6th Grade News

BY MRS. AUSBAND

Parsha Pearl's Project

Mrs. Ausband's 6th grade girls enjoyed making beautiful necklaces together on a live zoom. The girls earned this special activity by doing an excellent job on their Parsha Pearls program throughout the year.



★ MIDDOS MATTER CORNER ★

Congratulations to the Middos Matter winners from 2 weeks ago!

Bracha Altman • Benny Aronson • Iosi Barnatan
Chaya Bracha Cohen • Rivka Fox • Chanie Fried
Leah Garden • Asher Gelerinter • Yitzi Goldstein
Michael Goldwag • Rutie Heifetz • Aviva Miller
Ahuva Peikes • Shira Perl • Chaim Samberg • Atara Zimmerman

Congratulations to the Golden Ticket Winners

Dr. Gerber and and Mrs. Rivky Greenberger

Mazel Tov to the following students who were winners in this year's RZC Yom Yerushalayim Art Contest:

Eliana Levitt - Elementary School - Division 1
Aharon Zisook - Elementary School - Division 1
Libby Bleichman - Elementary School - Division 2
Tani Kraft - Elementary School - Division 2
The theme of the contest was "Ein Lecha Yofi K'Yofi Shel Yerushalayim", "There is no beauty like the beauty of Jerusalem". Mazel Tov!

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 sponsors for dedicating Friday's learning, May 22 - 28 Iyar in memory of Aaron Dovid Weinberger a"h, loving Tzaide of Shmuel and Yogi Friedman.

Thank you to the Simkovich Family for sponsoring Wednesday's learning, May 27 - 4 Sivan, in loving memory of our mother and grandmother, Naomi Ruth Zeiger, z"l.

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

Births

*Mr. And Mrs. Jeremy and Leah Glickman on the birth of their daughter. Mazel Tov to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky and Sharon Glickman.
*Rabbi and Mrs. Meir and Yehudis Miriam Goykhman on the birth of their son. Mazel Tov to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. David and Svetlana Goykhman.
*Mr. and Mrs. Meir and Eli Meystel on the birth of their daughter. Mazel Tov to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay and Cindy Meystel and Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Ruth Roth.
*Arie Crown's Principal, Rabbi and Mrs. Eli and Ahuva Samber on the birth of their grandson, born to Mr. and Mrs. Binyamin (class of '07) and Nava Samber.
*Mr. and Mrs. Gregory and Lena Titievsky on the birth of their daughter. Mazel Tov to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Zakhar and Jane Titievsky and Mr. and Mrs. Borris and Anna Vikdorchik.

Engagements

*Mrs. Rivki Reiss on her engagement to Mr. David Kamish.

Bar/Bas Mitzvahs

*Rabbi and Mrs. Aaron and Ayelet Leibtag on the Bar Mitzvah of their sons, Naftali and Sruli. Mazel Tov to the grandparents,

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie and Susan Leibtag and Dr. and Dr. Shalom and Karyn Feinberg.

*Rabbi and Mrs. Yona and Mindy Reiss on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Yishai. Mazel Tov to the grandparents, Mrs. Marion Reiss and Mr. and Mrs. Howard and Renee Spear.

Honorees

*Mrs. Sarit Abowitz (Hakaras HaTov Award), Mrs. Naomi Bayever (Hakaras HaTov Award), and Mrs. Aviva Lopin (Mother of the Year Award) for being honored at the Hanna Sacks Virtual Spring Soiree for their dedication and service to Hanna Sacks.

The Arie Crown Family would like to express condolences to:

*Mrs. Shani Schultz, Mrs. Malkie Goldstone, Mrs. Shira Joseph, Mrs. Vivi Brotsky, and LE Margolis on the loss of their mother, Mrs. Phyllis Needle, a"h.
*Mr. Alan Halpert, Mrs. Donna Atkin, and Mrs. Marci Siebzener; Mr. Marvin Loskove and Mr. Morris Loskove on the loss of their mother and sister, Mrs. Shirley Halpert, a"h.
Hamakom Yenachem Eschem B'soch Sh'ar Aveili Tzion V'Yerushalayim



ASSOCIATED TALMUD TORAHS OF CHICAGO NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Twelfth Year of the “E.P.I.C.” Program is completed in ATT Schools

Chicago, IL – June 3, 2020 – The Associated Talmud Torahs is proud to announce the completion of its twelfth year of E.P.I.C. Encouraging Professionalism in Chinuch. E.P.I.C. is an innovative, teacher-driven, professional development mentoring program that enables teachers to grow as educators. This program is a collaboration between the Associated Talmud Torahs, Association for Torah Advancement, and National Louis University.

The 5-month program takes place on the mentee’s school’s site. Akiba Schechter, Arie Crown Hebrew Day School, Cheder Lubavitch Hebrew School, Hillel Torah, Joan Dachs Bais Yaakov, Yeshiva Ohr Boruch, Yeshivas Tiferes Tzvi, Bais Yaakov High School, Hanna Sacks Bais Yaakov, Ida Crown Jewish Academy, Lubavitch Girls High School, and Yeshivas Meor HaTorah have all participated in the program. The individual participant selects his or her own professional goals for the duration of the program. National Louis University provides mentors to meet with principals and teachers before the program commences. The mentors observe the participants bi-weekly during instructional time. Prior to each classroom visit, the mentor and mentee meet to discuss the upcoming lesson. After the lesson, a post observation conference occurs to review the mentor’s observations and the mentee’s reflections about the strengths and weaknesses of the lesson, and to discuss possible alternative strategies to consider utilizing in the future.

Principals had the following to say about the program:

“We are grateful to the ATT for providing valuable opportunities to all school employees to grow and develop within their career paths.

“In your involvement in the EPIC program, the growth that you displayed has been evident to our entire faculty.”

Teachers had the following to say about the program:

“I really gained a lot from the program even when we switched to virtual classrooms.”

I encourage teachers to participate in EPIC because all seasoned teachers can get in a "rut" and having the opportunity to have an independent, personal mentor will allow them to see themselves and their students through a new lens, which might invigorate them in a new way in the classroom.”

Mentors commented:

“...I have bragged about our lesson planning and execution of lessons to not only people in the Epic Program but colleagues in other professional areas. Your lessons were fluid and flawless.”

“I want to let you know how delighted I was to work with you as a mentor for the Epic Program.”

The goal of E.P.I.C. is to raise the bar and expectations for principals and teachers by providing both with the tools to meet the ongoing challenges of preparing the leaders of tomorrow. The strength of E.P.I.C. stems from ongoing supervision and personal reflections which are the cornerstones of the program. E.P.I.C. provides another set of eyes for problem solving and gives positive feedback to the participants.

The Associated Talmud Torahs (ATT) of Chicago serves the greater Chicagoland Jewish community as its Central Agency for Religious Education. Created in 1929, the ATT has provided a quality Jewish education to its Jewish youth through various educational opportunities. Currently, the ATT has an enrollment of 4000 students in its schools and an additional 115 in its summer programs. The E.P.I.C. program is part of the ATT’s Barbakoff Department of Teacher Education and Development.

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