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# Torah Prep Lights



September 18, 2020 Erev Rosh Hashana 29 Elul 5780 Candle lighting: 6:47 p.m.

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**CHARIDY MATCHING CAMPAIGN**

**PREPARING**  **the FUTURE**  
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★ *Mazel Tov to...* ★  
★ ☺ Mrs. Victoria Bonvento and her ★  
★ husband on the birth of a son. ★  
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**PARNAS HAYOM**  
September 14-18 25-28 of Elul  
The learning in  
**TORAH PREP**  
was dedicated in memory of  
**FEIVEL BEN YITZCHOK MEIR, z"l**  
**PROF. FAVEL COZER**  
on his 50th yahrzeit tomorrow  
  
By his great granddaughters  
Julia, Nina and Maya



**PARNAS HAYOM**  
September 17 28th of Elul  
The learning in  
**TORAH PREP**  
was dedicated in memory of  
**MATTIL TZIRIL BAS MOSHE, z"l**  
**MRS. MATILDA ZEFFREN**  
on her upcoming yahrzeit  
  
By her children  
Dr. Dov & Mrs. Tziona Zeffren

**PARNAS HAYOM**  
September 15 26th of Elul  
The learning in  
**TORAH PREP**  
was dedicated in memory of  
**RIVKA MIRIAM BAS AHARON, z"l**  
**MRS. REGINA EDELSTEIN**  
on her yahrzeit  
  
By  
The Edelstein Family

**PARNAS HAYOM**  
September 17 28th of Elul  
The learning in  
**TORAH PREP**  
was dedicated in memory of  
**YOSEF LIPA BEN**  
**BARUCH YITZCHAK, z"l**  
**MR. JERRY AXELBAUM**  
on his upcoming yahrzeit  
  
By his children  
Mr. Dov & Mrs. Orli Axelbaum

**PARNAS HAYOM**  
September 15 26th of Elul  
The learning in  
The 5th grade boys' class  
was dedicated in memory of  
**MR. MAX B. ANTON, z"l**  
**MORDECHAI BEN YESHAYAHU,**  
**HALEVI**  
on his yahrzeit  
  
By his great grandson  
Mordechai Anton

**PARNAS HAYOM**  
September 15 26th of Elul  
The learning in  
**TORAH PREP**  
was dedicated in memory of  
**RIVKA ROCHEL BAS ZECHARIAH, z"l**  
**MRS. REDA WISEMAN**  
on her 9th yahrzeit  
  
By her children  
Rabbi Larry & Mrs. Shari Glestein

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ◆ Friday, September 18 Erev Rosh Hashanah No School
- ◆ Monday, September 21 Tzom Gedalia 12:00 dismissal for 5-8 Girls & 12:05 dismissal for 7 & 8 boys
- ◆ Wednesday, September 23 Tehillim Asifa Virtual Middle School students 12:00 p.m.
- ◆ Monday, September 28 Yom Kippur No School
- ◆ Thursday, October 1 -
- ◆ Monday, October 12 Sukkos Break No School

## MESSAGE FROM THE MENAHEL

This year our first day Rosh Hashana experience will be missing the mitzvah most central to the great Yom Hadin, the mitzvah of tekias shofar. Since the first day occurs on Shabbos, Chazal were concerned someone may inadvertently carry a shofar in a public domain and violate the melacha of hotza-ah, carrying in a forbidden manner. Therefore, they chose to cancel this most beloved and valuable mitzvah to prevent this potential mishap and Shabbos desecration.

This decree of chazal can give rise to some anxiety. The gemara in Rosh Hashana states in the name of Rebbi Yitzchok, “any year on which they do not sound the tekia (blow shofar) at its beginning (on Rosh Hashana), will, in the end, sound a teruah amidst sorrow.” The meforshim explain that the shofar provides powerful zechusim and plays an integral role in our ability to achieve a positive judgment on this awesome day. Most notably, the shofar is credited with invoking the incredible merit of the akeidas Yitzchok and the remarkable mesiras nefesh displayed by our Avos, which they bequeathed to us, their descendants. Shouldn't we be concerned during a year such as this one, where we will be lacking this precious mitzvah?

Tosfos citing the Baal Hilchos Gedolos, tells us not to worry. Our situation is an exception to the dire prediction for the year that does not sound the tekia at its beginning. How can the B'hag be so confident? What is our assurance?

The Meshech Chochma offers a beautiful explanation. A year when Rosh Hashana coincides with Shabbos presents Klal Yisrael with a dilemma. On one hand, we cherish and wait for the extraordinary zechus of the tekios shofar to rescue us and help provide for us a successful Yom Hadin. On the other hand, we are concerned for the kedusha of Shabbos and the possible desecration that may occur on the day when we testify to Hashem as the creator of the universe. When Chazal instruct us, and we choose to sacrifice the shofar for the sake of protecting the kedusha of the name of Hashem and Shabbos, that display of mesiras nefesh serves to replace the shofar and fills the

## ZOOM REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS

If a student will be out for a COVID related matter for a **week or more**, the parent must contact the front office of either school to let them know. The secretaries will then email the relevant teachers, reminding them that they have 48 hours to collect materials for the student in question and to set up their Zoom classes with links posted on Parent Locker.

The teacher will bring the materials to the office and the office will contact the parents to let them know when everything is assembled for pick up.

### Material Request for a short absence:

If a student will be out for less than a week, the **parent should email the teachers directly** if they want materials sent home for their child. This should not go through the front office.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD REQUEST

Do you have an electric keyboard that is gathering dust in your house? If so, the Early Childhood Department would appreciate your donating it to them. Please contact Mrs. Chanie Wasser—[cwasser@torahprep.com](mailto:cwasser@torahprep.com).

## NEW CALLING HOURS

Please keep the following information regarding the health coordinator in a handy place for easy access.  
Mrs. Jennifer Lake's phone number is: 314-445-8833  
Her email is: [jlake@torahprep.com](mailto:jlake@torahprep.com)  
She is available by phone the following hours:  
7:00-7:55 a.m. Monday-Friday  
9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday  
3:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday  
Mrs. Lake will respond to calls and emails by the end of the day sent. She will no longer be answering calls or emails from 8:00-9:00 p.m.

void that is left in its absence.

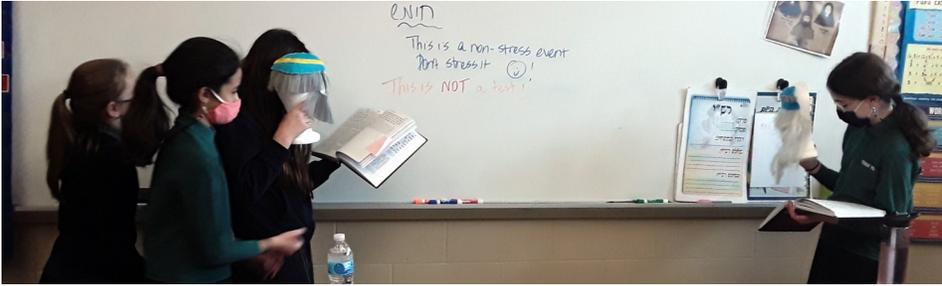
The theme of Rosh Hashana is to declare Hashem our King. When our decisions are based on performing the ratzon Hashem under all circumstances and for what would produce the greatest Kiddush Hashem, we are being mamlech Hashem at the highest level.

May the zechus of Shabbos, as well as our sincere desire to seek and carry out Hashem's will, provide our families, our community, and Klal Yisrael a K'siva V'chasima Tova!

Good Shabbos and Shana Tova!

*Rabbi Yoni Golombek*

# GIRLS SCHOOL NEWS



Mrs. Sentell's sixth graders, Zahra Sasportas, Shira Wachsmann, Emuna Hermelin, and Esty Golombeck act out a Rashi in Parshas Yisro.

Yasher Koach to the girls from Torah Prep for all their help with the Farm to families program This week the girls filled 162 cars at their station! Beating their previous record of 112. They have taken more responsibility on each week in organizing their team! The team consists of Leah Anton, Bluma Dina Botuck, Esti Botuck, Huvi Botuck, Chava Chase, Chana Leah Elefant, Miriam Perlman, Sara Schuss, Nili Schuss, and Leah Tendler.



Above are pictures of the students who participated in the summer kriah, davening and chesed programs receiving their prizes.

Pictured at left are the first grade 2 having story time with Mrs. Jakubowski and Mrs. Morgenstern's fourth grade doing calendar and parsha.



# BOYS SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. Lingua's **FOURTH GRADERS** did an explosive experiment! They were each given half a lemon and sprinkled it with Kool-Aid (just to add color). Next they poured baking soda on top to create carbon dioxide through a chemical reaction with the citric acid. Then they stirred it around and the lemons began to bubble over like a volcano. It was very exciting. Pictured are: Avi Golombeck, Shmuli Kula, Dovy Kowalsky, Nesanel Howley, Menashe Eskenazi.



Rabbi Chona Muser, and his shofar wear matching masks. Rabbi

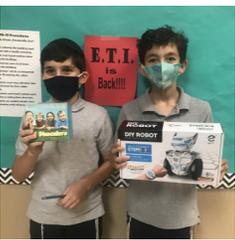
**THIRD GRADERS** Dov Ber Mazer, Yosef Wachsmann, Yochanan Wasser, Chaim Yaakov Glazer, Akiva Perlman, Chananel Gutovich, Shimmy Goldenhersh, and Kasriel Gildener in front of the bulletin board with the Elul-Tishrei Initiative kabbalos.



Muser davens with the fourth graders each morning.



Y'yasher Koach to the boys who participated in the **SUMMER HASMADA** Learning Opportunity: Dov Ber Mazer, Nathaniel Del Castillo, Shimmy Jacob, Chaim Yaakov Glazer, Menashe Eskenazi, Nesanel Howley, Chananel Gutovich, Yehoshua Freund, Eliezer Berkowitz, Avi Golombeck, Joshua Vorobeychik, Mordechai Anton, Aharon Glazer, Naftali Sentell, Shlomo Dov Berkowitz, Noach Jacobs, Yair Klein, Yehuda Gutovich, Baruch Chaim Mazer, and Yosef Freund.



Rabbi Bromberg's **FOURTH GRADERS** get their first taste of chavrusa learning in the Sabol-Serlin Bais Medrash this week. Shmuli Kula & Menashe Eskenazi, Yehoshua Freund & Eliezer Berkowitz, Dovy Kowalsky & Shemaya Bloom, Akiva Glazer & Naftali Zachai, Shimmy Swidler & Dovid Friedman and Avi Golombeck & Nesanel Howley are shteiging away in fourth grade.



## MATH CHALLENGE

This column will appear periodically in the Chai Lights and is compiled by Mr. Alberto Cozer in memory of his father, Professor Favel Cozer, who was a math professor. Please send answers, by Wednesday evening, to: mathchallenge@torahprep.com The correct answers and the names of those who responded correctly will be in next week's Chai Lights.

### Easy

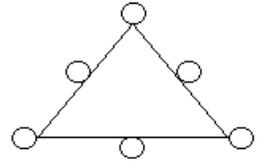


Triangles are fascinating geometrical shapes. Many hard problems in mathematics, engineering, architecture and even medicine can be easier solved with the help of triangles! There are different types of triangles. One of these types is called an "equilateral" triangle. Equilateral is a funny word which has its origin in the latin word *aequilaterus*, where "aequi" means "equal" and "laterus" means "sides", so an equilateral triangle is a triangle that has all of its three sides of equal size. When triangles are put together, they form other shapes.

The Magen David is one of these shapes. How many equilateral triangles can you count on the Magen David above?

### Medium

Place the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 inside the circles around the magic triangle to the right. The sum of each of the sides must be equal to 9.



### Difficult

A triangle receives this name because it has three internal angles. The "sum of all three internal angles of any triangle is always 180 degrees", no matter what the sizes of the sides of your triangle are. Can you demonstrate that this statement is always true?

## Need Help With Your Sukkah? The Torah Prep 8th Grade boys

are happy to help.

To arrange for a  
**U. City crew,**  
please contact:

**Merahem Bloom**  
**314-721-8875**  
**merahem29@gmail.com**

**\$20 per hour for a crew  
of 3 or 4 boys.**



To arrange for a  
**Chesterfield crew,**  
please  
contact

**Yitzy Wasser**  
**314-594-2997**  
**yitzywasser@gmail.com**