

Ki Savo - Candle lighting at 7:01 pm

Hillel Hilights



This Week at Hillel Academy

Our Kindergarten students began their journey through the Alef-Bais using different modes of writing the letter.



Kindergarten pictures continued



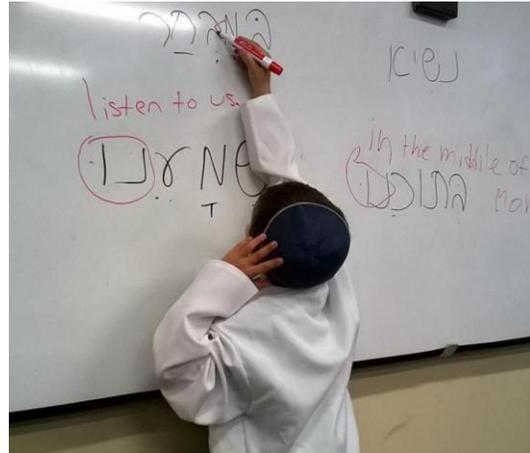
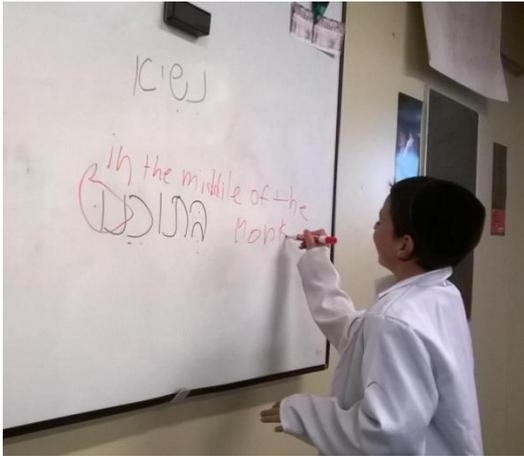
The 3rd grade boys do the "Caterpillar Challenge" in PE! Looks like it might have been a lot of very hungry caterpillars working their way across the gym for something to eat!



This week the 5th grade girls learned how to be story detectives. They examined the essential parts of a story and tried to figure out the characters, setting, plot, and conclusion of a story. They are becoming very adept at their detection!



Dr. Moshie Seligman and Dr. Yehoshua Abrams, with great expertise, performed "surgery" on their Chumash words as they helped the 3rd grade boys translate the day's Pesukim..



Rabbi Sher and his 6th grade boys got into the Shabbos mode with a pre-shabbos oneg filled with stories and songs.





As school began, our teachers walked into an updated Teachers' Lounge. New carpet and window treatments, new and re-positioned cabinets and countertops, freshly painted walls, new computer desks and chairs and a new table to sit around and enjoy their few moments of respite during their very busy day. All this was accomplished under the dedicated direction of Mrs. Naomi Erlanger and funded by the former Ladies Auxiliary. The redesign came by way of Mrs. Linda Levin, a well-known interior decorator. We want to offer a tremendous thank you to Mrs. Erlanger for taking on this project. We love it!



D'var Torah - Ki Savo

The first mitzvah mentioned in this week's Parsha is the mitzvah to make a specific declaration when presenting Bikurim in the Beis HaMikdash. This declaration recounts the history of our nation from its most formative roots and the many kindnesses bestowed upon us by HaShem on our way to nationhood, culminating with the gift of Eretz Yisrael and its bountiful yields, which the first fruits represent.

While this special mitzvah seems to be the province of the agricultural community alone, it is highly likely that when the Beis HaMikdash will be rebuilt many Jews will endeavor to purchase plots of land for small scale agriculture development in order to reap the benefits of the many mitzvos available to one who farms the Holy Land. This desire to create the circumstances by which we can accrue the benefits of mitzvos is the reason why Jewish men go out of their way to wear four-cornered garments to obligate themselves in the mitzvah of tzitzis. It should also be one of our motivations in acquiring a residence, for by living in a home we become responsible for mitzvos such as mezuzah and ma'akeh (building a fence around a usable roof or ledge).

A primary rationale for the commandment to pronounce the Bikurim declaration is that by articulating it we will instill within our hearts and minds the trait of appreciation, as we train ourselves to never deny or overlook the great and "small" gifts that HaShem bestows upon us.

By so doing, we will strengthen our sense of obligation to HaShem and will learn to better appreciate and acknowledge the good done by others on our behalf. This is the reason why the declaration must be made in a loud, strong voice, the better to infuse its essential message into our consciousness.

Later in this week's Parsha we encounter the mitzvah of "following in His ways". The Gemara (Shabbos 133b) teaches us that this mitzvah requires us to strive to emulate HaShem's qualities of mercifulness, compassion, righteousness, holiness, etc... Since HaShem wishes for us to mirror His traits, it stands to reason that if he wishes to train us to be thankful and to acknowledge the good done for us, He also possesses the trait of gratitude. Rabbi Yechezkel Levenstein, zt"l, develops this idea and demonstrates the degree to which HaShem represents the very essence of gratitude in His interactions with us.

HaShem in His absolute perfection lacks for nothing! We cannot give Him anything, for everything is His. HaShem's kindness in creating us to be recipients of His largesse is totally altruistic, and yet HaShem wished to create an illusion in our minds that we have earned our keep and are due a reward for our efforts, by placing us in a world of good and evil and allowing us to make the correct choices in the form of mitzvos. By making the correct choices we feel that we deserve some reward and we can save face and maintain a sense of self-respect as we receive the overwhelming kindness HaShem will confer upon us in the World to Come in acknowledgement of our efforts.

When we do wrong, we deserve immediate and strict censure, yet HaShem withholds His judgment to allow us the chance to repent. When we do a good deed, HaShem repays us in full and does not deduct an iota from our reward on account of our misdeeds. Judgment will come eventually, but not at the expense of rewarding us for our good deeds, no matter how imperfect they may be. So here we have it: HaShem, Who wants for nothing, Who grants us the means by which to serve Him, Who overlooks our shortcomings so that we can continue to exist – this same HaShem, in His infinite kindness, still makes sure to reward us for every good deed! Can there be any greater example of acknowledging and reciprocating another's "kindness" than this?

If this is the way of HaShem, He certainly expects us to emulate His ways. We must, therefore, strive to notice, acknowledge and repay every good deed – no matter how small or seemingly insignificant – done for us by our fellow man. We must not let slights – real or imagined – serve as an excuse to ignore the good done for us by others. By so doing, we will be training ourselves to better appreciate the good HaShem does for us, and this will motivate us to strive to live up to His expectations of us. By so doing, we will be doing Teshuva – returning HaShem – in the most fundamental sense of the term and will be preparing ourselves for a verdict of good life on the rapidly approaching judgment day of Rosh Hashanah!

Rabbi Yisroel Goldbaum

Hillel Updates

Schedule Reminder

- Selichos begins motzei Shabbos, Sept. 16th. Boys shacharis on Sunday will begin at 9 am.
- No school due to Rosh Hashanah, Wednesday, Sept. 20-Friday, Sept. 22. There is school for boys on Sunday, Sept. 24

A belated mazel tov to Rabbi Yechiel and Esti Erlanger on the bar mitzvah of their son, Moshe, which took place at the beginning of the summer.

This week's Ami magazine features an article about the Lawrence family and their participation in a class action suit against a hair product company. Here's a link to read the full article https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gM9y5XOmoz0ZZYI8PFhi585jJR_NDN-xRYyOtn9U1r0/edit?usp=sharing.

Community Events

Sunday, Sept. 10 - The Newme Store from LA brings a modest clothing line for women, teens and girls to Denver. The sale will take place from 12pm till 4pm at Bais Menachem, 400 South Holly St. Denver, Co. For more information contact Inbal Shraiber 303-847-1253.

Sept. 10-12th - Rabbanit Yemima Mizrahi Video -*Elul: Days of Teshuva, Tefilla and Tzedaka*. **Sunday, Sept 10** at the Jacobs home, 53 S. Hudson St ; **Monday, Sept 11** at Aish Denver, 9550 E. Belleview Ave.; **Tuesday, Sept 12** at Beth Jacob High School, 5100 W. 14th Ave.

Wednesday, Sept. 13 – Keshet of the Rockies Annual Dinner at 6 pm at BMH/BJ Synagogue, honoring Mrs. Elise Zakroff, with special guest speaker Tricia Downing, 2016 Paralympian. Keshet of the Rockies is an essential part of Denver's Jewish educational community. Please show your support by making your reservation with Lola Zussman, 303-961-4186, lolashe@aol.com.

Sunday, Sept. 17 - Yeshiva Toras Chaim invites the community to its Legacy Building Dedication Ceremony. This historic celebration will commence with a Hachnosas Sefer Torah at the M.B. Glassman Foundation Social Hall, at the Yeshiva, 1555 Stuart Street. The Torah procession will begin at 11:30 am. Harav Aryeh Malkiel Kotler, dean of Beth Medrash Govoha, Lakewood, NJ, will be the guest speaker. There will be outdoor children's entertainment. A dessert reception will follow the program. For more information on Building Dedications, please call 303.629.8200 or email yticinfo@ytc.edu.

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a happy and healthy
New Year!



September 8, 2017

Dear Parents,

As the new school year has begun I am excited to meet all the girls in grades 3-8 and all the children in the younger grades!

I will be making my rounds of the classrooms to get to know every class. I will also be observing classes in the classroom, as well as at recess, to see any particular areas that should be addressed.

As the year progresses, I will be working with teachers, parents, entire classes, smaller groups, and individuals at different times, to enable the entire Hillel family to have the best year possible. I will hopefully be there to aid them in various areas, including, but not limited to low self-esteem, poor academic performance, relationship troubles, friendships, emotional intelligence, social skills, and emotion regulation.

As a school counselor, I look forward to meeting with the students, listening to any concerns about academic, emotional or social problems. I will act as an advocate for students' well-being, assisting students to process their problems and plan goals and action. I will attempt to mediate conflict between students. I will be in contact with parents when appropriate; to keep you informed of relevant information and to discuss next steps if necessary. **Before meeting with any student on a regular basis, I will need to have a signed consent letter from you.** This letter will be sent home from the school for your knowledge and signature.

Working with parent, teachers, and students, I will strive to enable your child(ren) to be the best they can be and thrive in all areas of their lives. Should further assistance be necessary, I can start the process of referral to a psychologist or mental health counselor for further treatment.

Looking forward to a successful school year,

Shoshana Ort, LSW