



Message from our Menahel

At the end of this week's parsha, the תורה tells us that בני ישראל settled in גושן.

"וישב ישראל בארץ מצרים בארץ גושן..."

"And Yisroel settled in the land of Mitzrayim, in the land of Goshen..." (פרק מ"ז, כ"ז)

Rav Moshe Feinstein, זצ"ל, asks: "We already knew that ארץ גושן is located in ארץ מצרים so why doesn't the pasuk just write ארץ גושן?"

Rav Moshe, זצ"ל, answers that the pasuk specifies both ארץ מצרים and ארץ גושן to teach us two very important hashkafic concepts. First, even during גלות we strove to live separately from the Egyptians in order for us not to assimilate or even be slightly influenced by Egyptian culture. We must understand how important it is that when we live in גלות we must be on guard against the influence from our popular culture. The second concept that we can learn from the pasuk is that we can learn Torah wherever we are in גלות. Torah will have an impact and an influence wherever it is learned. We must always do our utmost to impart to the next generation, our children, the beautiful rich mesorah we have received from our parents and grandparents.

Together as partners, we have the critical task of showing our children the beauty of our mesorah and the significance of not being influenced by the popular culture we are surrounded by until the arrival of משיח צדקינו. במהרה בימינו אמן.

Have a Good Shabbos

Binyamin Kessler

MAZEL TOV TO:

- ◆ Rabbi and Mrs. Binyomin Kessler on the bris of their grandson.
- ◆ Rabbi and Mrs. Shmuel Adler (2nd Grade Rebbe) on the marriage of their son.
- ◆ Betzalel Grossman on his Bar Mitzvah.

*****Reminder*****
 The Yeshiva's
**Zayde-Father-Son
 Melave Malka** is
 this מוצאי שבת
**December 15th at
 Shaarei Tovah. All
 Talmidim from
 grades 1-5 are
 invited. We are
 looking forward to
 seeing you there.**

**Doors open at
 7:30**



- December 15 מוצאי שבת
 Zayde-Father-Son
 Melave Malka
 Shaarei Tovah
- Sunday, December 16
 10:00 A.M. Start for All Classes
- Tuesday, December 18
 עשרה בטבת
 12:30 P.M. Dismissal for All
 Classes
- Monday, December 24
 4:30 P.M. Dismissal for All
 Classes
No Bus Service

Special Chanukah Mesibos

On Thursday, December 4, our yeshiva boys enjoyed their Chanukah mesibos. The yeshiva was divided into three different mesibos, Grades PreIA –Grade I, Grades 2-5 and Grades 6-8. When the boys entered the shul, they were greeted with beautifully decorated Chanukah tablecloths, plates, festive foods and Chanukah raffles. Grades 2-5 davened Hallel together in a moment of achdus; a feast for the ears as well as the eyes. The Chanukah stories that **Rabbi Perlowitz** related to the Grade 2-5 mesiba and the one that **Rabbi Kurz** recounted to Grades 6-8 were truly inspirational. A joyous time was had by all thanks to our wonderful rebbeim.



Chanukah Treats

The week of Chanukah was replete with treats: To celebrate the letter “m” and the festive mood of Chanukah, the yeshiva hired a marvelous magician, Yehudah Palgon, who had our PreI A students roaring with uncontrollable laughter as he performed tricks with a Diablo and a ping pong ball on his nose that appeared and disappeared as the magician “clumsily” went about his magical business.

Mathematics class became the venue for Mrs. Fuzailov’s second grade students to measure flour, oil and sugar on the way to baking sufganiyot. The boys had a wonderful time concocting delicious doughnuts that were taken home to be deep-fried in lots of oil. Just a momentary lapse in yeshiva’s usually nutritious fare.

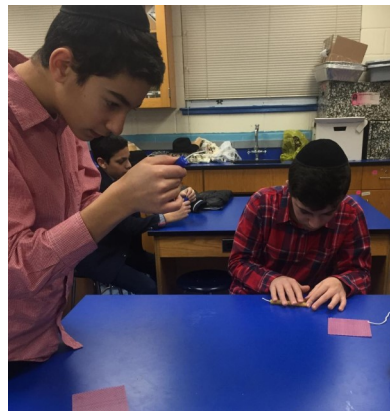
A third delightful activity in honor of Chanukah was Mrs. Ben Chaim’s fourth grade talent show. Staged in the shul next door, we, the audience, were treated to talented performances as diverse as Moshe Samber’s singing, Shaya Aeder’s and Eliyahu Mottahedeh’s guitars and Chananel Rosenkranz’s trumpet. One especially enjoyable act was the play that Simcha Saar and Naftali Tannenbaum performed. Inspired by the story of the Rebbe and the father of seventeen children whose house had become too crowded, the boys had us giggling with their talented improvisation.

We certainly look forward to next year’s talent shows as well as another jab at those doughy doughnuts.



STEM Chanukah Project

In honor of Chanukah, Mr. Markovitz’s STEM class, began a module called ‘The Chanukah Flame and the Chemistry of Combustion’. The class observed and learned about the main components of an unlit candle, which is composed of paraffin wax (made up of hydrocarbons) and a wick. They then lit and observed the three different regions of a flame, learning which were the ‘coolest’ and ‘hottest’. After learning the secret of how “trick” birthday candles re-light after being blown out (and doing their own version with a regular candle), the class utilized a special scale to test their hypotheses for what would happen to the length and mass of a candle that is lit for only 30-60 seconds. Finally, the class used beeswax and wicks to create their own Chanukah candles which they were able to take home.



7K Visits Tiferes Stam

On Thursday, November 29, **Rabbi Kurz’s** class took a trip to Brooklyn to learn how Tefillin are made. The boys are in middle of learning Hilchos Tefillin and the trip was a great way to see hands-on how tefillin are made. The boys saw a presentation from Rabbi Pincus from Tiferes Stam.