



Shulamith school for girls Brooklyn



Shulamith: A school where
everyone knows YOUR daughter's name

פרשת וישלח: הדלקת נרות 4:10

From the Desk of Rabbi Monczyk:

פרשת וישלח

Allow me to take a moment to thank my colleague and partner Mrs. Mandelbaum for all that she does for the school and for our professional working relationship. In addition to the school day, there is so much that she does behind the scenes. While this is not the forum to delineate all of the details, I did want to thank her for writing the “happenings of the week” in her newsletter article.

In this weeks Parsha, יעקב battles the מלאך של עשו and tells him that he will not let him go until he gives him a ברכה. However, we do not find anywhere that a blessing was actually given; all he did was change his name from ישראל to יעקב. What exactly was the bracha? What was the significance of the name change?

Without a doubt, this was a defining moment in our history. We are named after this event and it gives us our identity. For this reason we must understand what happened. Just imagine meeting someone who wants to kill you and make your life as difficult as possible, and the next moment you're asking him to give you bracha?

The name ישראל reflects the “battle and struggle” with the enemy. Shouldn't we have been named after the victory that יעקב was able to go head to head with the Malach and come out in pretty good shape? We should have been named “ותוכל” which is the word the pasuk uses to say that he won or was able to withstand the enemy?

Perhaps the message for us is that our job is to struggle and to fight to the best of our ability against our enemy, which more often than not the Yetzer Hara. It's not always about the victory but rather how we act and react when we are most vulnerable. The victory is in the hand of Hashem and He wants to see how we go about the difficult interactions we may have. Once the Yetzer Hara sees that his job is done and we defeated him to the best of our ability, then he has to “go back to where he came from” and leave us alone, hopefully for extended periods of time. The job of the Yetzer Hara was only to create the Nisayon, and once the test is over, his job is over.

At the end of the day, the angel was telling יעקב that he has no limitations and no power to the humans except for this job of making others struggle with temptation. As the great speaker Charlie Harary says, “greatness is not when things come comfortably and easy, greatness is uncomfortable”. We the Jewish people are who we are because we're not scared to engage in challenge. If you look at some of the greatest accomplishments ever made, we've always been there. We were always a few people that were not scared of a challenge and from that challenge incredible blessings have come.

Have an amazing and uplifting shabbos!

Rabbi Moshe Monczyk
Limudai Kodesh Principal

Shulamith Happenings!



BH it was an incredibly full week here at Shulamith!

Our 7th and 8th Grade are ready to wow the crowds at Magen David Yeshiva on Monday when they visit for an inter-yeshiva program. They have prepared a dance that they will showcase their talents and then eat lunch with all of the other yeshivot. Other than having fun, this program provides an opportunity for achdut and raises tzedakah at the same time.

Thank you to all the families who donated toys for the Chinese Auction and sent in money for tickets. It was a huge success and will surely help our 8th Graders with their Washington DC trip in May.

This past Friday, our 5th Graders officially joined the middle school for Parsha with Rabbi Monczyk. It was a huge success. Thank you to our Rabbi for incredibly exciting Pashiyot weekly. It certainly enhances each and every one of our Shabbat tables.

Our first afterschool chess program took place this week. We have nine girls in Grades 3-7 who have signed up for this first round. If you, as a parent, have a service that you would like to offer-Sports, Yoga, Baking etc, we would love to add another option to our afterschool program. Please let us know!

We are looking forward to an amazing Challah Braid Event with Morah Tzadikah who came to visit us from Israel! She is here to spend time with our girls. To participate, please send in \$5 per Challah. The students will be braiding and learning in the cafeteria on Tuesday. Please see the flyer below!

We have many exciting activities planned for Chanukah. A huge thank you to Morah Perach for all of the thrilling events for our students. There will be a special concert, and a Chanuka Chagiga amongst many other surprises! If you would like to help sponsor any of these events, please reach out to the business office.

We are looking forward to greeting you at Parent Teacher Conferences on Tuesday, December 13th! Report Cards will be backpacked on Monday. Please be on the lookout!

Shabbat Shalom!

Mrs. Mandelbaum

SHULAMITH WELCOMES OUR SPECIAL VISITOR ALL
THE WAY FROM ISRAEL.....

*Join Morah Tzadika
for a
Shulamith Challah
Braid event!*

DECEMBER 13, 2022

DURING THE SCHOOL DAY-PARTICIPATING STUDENTS WILL ASSEMBLE

IN THE CAFETERIA

ONLY \$5 A CHALLAH

FUNDRAISING TO SUPPORT THE

SHULAMITH FAMILY FUND

ISRAEL NEWS

[Israel Is 5th Safest Country for Tourists; U.S. Is 20th](#) -

Herb Keinon (*Jerusalem Post*)

According to a study by a U.S. insurance comparison website called The Swiftest, Israel is the 5th safest among the 50 countries most widely visited by tourists.

Visiting Israel is ranked safer than visiting the U.S. (ranked 30), Canada (21), Australia (18), France (15) and the UK (10). Only Switzerland, the Netherlands, Denmark and Singapore were considered safer than Israel.



Pre1A News

In this week's parsha, פרשת וישלח we learned that Yaakov decided it was time to return home with his wife and children. He was nervous that he would run into עשו and therefore sent messengers to see what was happening. The messengers came back saying that עשו was planning a war. We learned that עשו prepared for war with ammunition while יעקב used תפילה and davened to Hashem to give him wisdom and strength to deal with his brother. יעקב sent עשו many gifts to calm him down. He told his servants to tell עשו that the gifts were sent from יעקב his servant, as a gift from his master. יעקב realized the importance of trying to be nice to someone even if he is not nice to you. He wanted to make peace with his brother, as he knew the importance of שלום בית and being at peace with one's family.

We learned that Yaakov left his family on one side of the river and he crossed to the other side. Then he suddenly realized that he had left a few small pitchers of oil on the other side of the river. יעקב knew that everything Hashem gives us is precious and that we need to take care of it, so he went back to get the oil. We then learned how a מלאך wrestled with him and that finally the מלאך gave יעקב the ברכה that he would be renamed ישראל. Hashem also told יעקב that all of his father's ברכות would be passed on to him and his children and then on to their children..... until the generations reach us..... and, that is why we are called the בני ישראל.

This week we continued with our Chanukah learning activities. The Chanukiyot that we handcrafted are nearly completed and they are spectacular. But what good is a Chanukiyah without candles? We therefore decided to make candles. We melted plain wax and then added crayons to give the candles color. We took a wick and dipped it first into hot wax and then into cold water. Our candles became taller and more solid with each dip. Our candle making activity led us into a discussion about solids and liquids. Incidentally, we also designed beautiful wrapping paper, which will be used to wrap your daughters' Chanukah sewing project. This was made by dipping a dreidel into paint and then spinning the dreidel on paper - our version of spin-art.

We experimented with different candles to see which would burn longer. On Monday we took a שבת candle, a birthday candle and a Chanukah candle. On Tuesday we lit a שבת candle and a Yahrzeit candle and then on Wednesday we tested a Yahrzeit candle and a simcha candle. Each day the girls made their own predictions and we eagerly awaited the outcome. We concluded that the shape and height of the candle is irrelevant, what matters is the density, or the thickness and consistency of wax in each candle.

We continued to review the Chanukah story both in Hebrew and English, and we decided that that this week's Hebrew letter would be כ for כחל and כתם and in the word חנוכה.

In our Leo Lionni author study, we read his book "Swimmy" which is about a fish who after separating from his family travels undersea alone. Swimmy meets a school of fish that are afraid to swim in the open and teaches them to move together in a way that wards off predators. We spoke about what it means to have a problem and how to solve it. We realized that most problems have a solution and that sometimes you just have to think carefully to find it.

With best wishes for a שבת שלום!

Morah Caroline
Morah Ahuva

★ HAPPY ★ BIRTHDAY!

Naomi Grimberg: December 9th

Celia Khallouf: December 12th



<p><u>12th</u> Baked Ziti Plain Pasta Salad Tuna Fruit</p>	<p><u>13th</u> Schnitzel Sandwiches Rice Salad Egg Salad Fruit</p>	<p><u>14th</u> Pancakes Home Fries Salad Tuna Fruit</p>	<p><u>15th</u> Bagels Scrambled Eggs Cream Cheese Tuna Butter Veggie Slices, Fruit</p>	<p><u>16th</u> Pizza Corn Salad Tuna Fruit</p>
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Shulamith Snapshots



5th and 6th Grade STEM



Grade 5 is now joining us for Friday Parsha!



7th Grade Girls Having Fun in Math



7th and 8th Graders Practicing with Morah Perach for the Chazak Dance Competition at Magen David Yeshiva



Pre1A Pictures



Learning About How Mountains Form and About Rock Layers and Fossils with Morah Amy



5th Grade Play



Jewelry Class



Congratulations to Joseph, our wonderful Custodian, on becoming a father to a baby girl...

Gym Class

Deborah!





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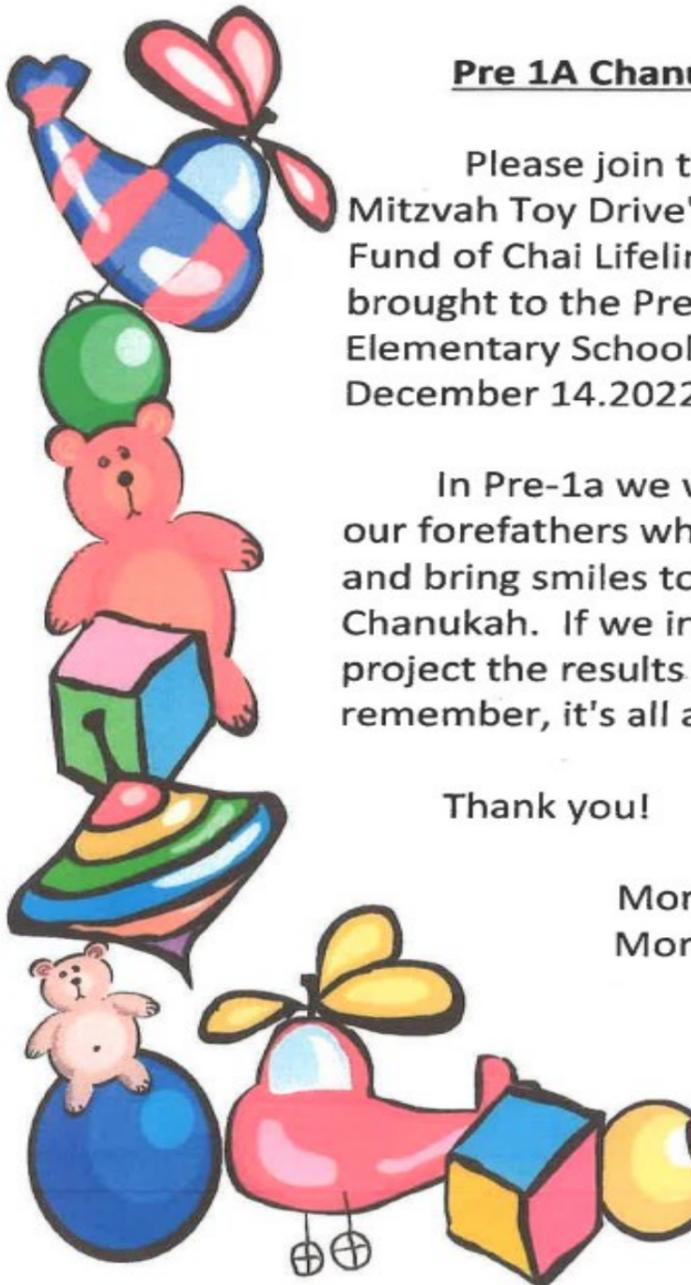
Pre 1A Chanukah Mitzvah Toy Drive

Please join the Pre-1a girls in their "Chanukah Mitzvah Toy Drive" to benefit the Honey Engel Toy Fund of Chai Lifeline. All toys should be new and be brought to the Preschool or handed into the Elementary School office between now and December 14, 2022.

In Pre-1a we want to follow in the footsteps of our forefathers who exemplified the qualities of **תּוֹנ**, and bring smiles to the faces of sick children at Chanukah. If we include the whole school in this project the results can be so much greater..... remember, it's all about teamwork!!

Thank you!

Morah Caroline
Morah Ahuva



Chai Lifeline Honey Engel Toy Fund

This Chanukah,
gift a
smile.



CHAI LIFELINE

toy drive

Brighten a sick child's life by donating a toy today.

Send toys to school with your child on the following days:

When: Now until December 14th



'Adopt a family' and make their Chanukah really special by fulfilling their wish list.

For our amazon wish list visit www.chailifeline.org/toys



Send a gift for a sick boy or girl, infants through teens. In any price range. (new toys only)



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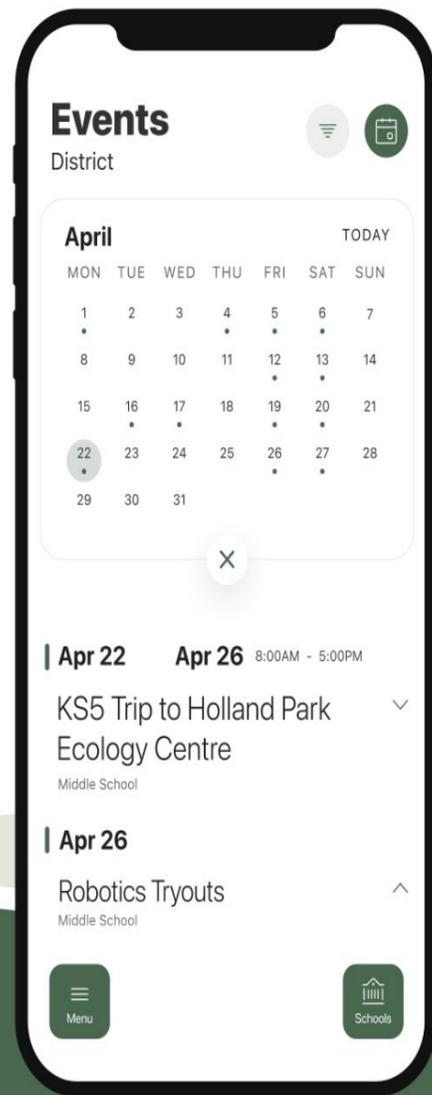
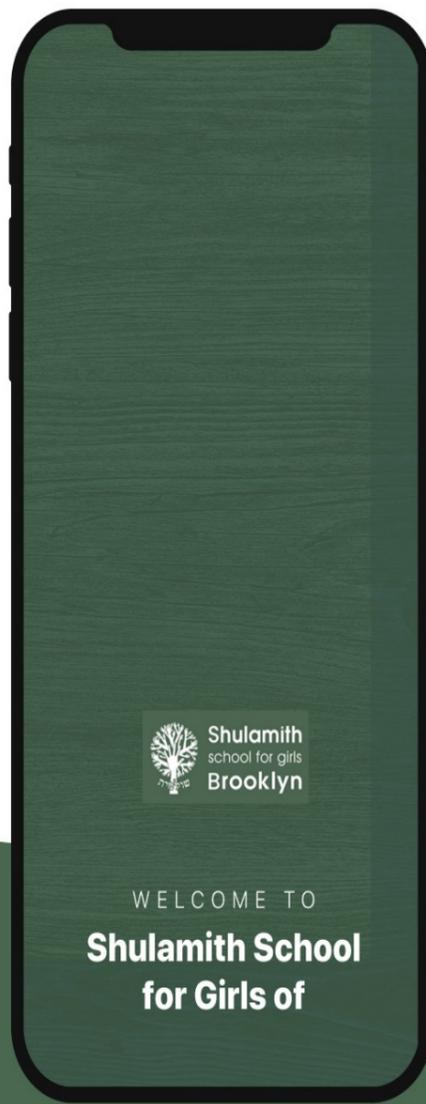
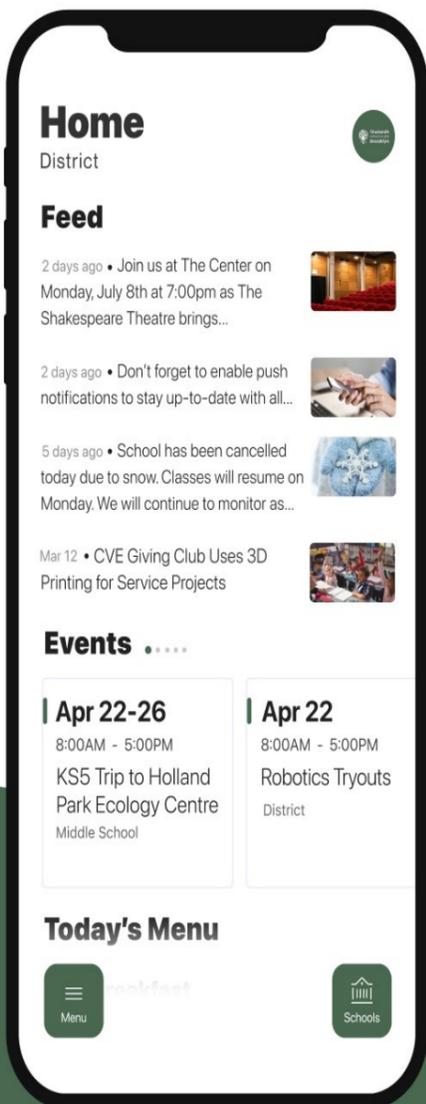
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