



Shulamith school for girls Brooklyn



פרשת נשא -הדלקת נרות 8:03pm

From the Desk of Rabbi Monczyk:

Looking through the Parsha, I can't think of a better message to give over and one of the most famous, if not the most famous bracha that we are all so familiar with. ברכת כהנים is in this weeks Parsha! This is not just a bracha that it said multiple times a day (by an individual or a chazzan). This bracha is a segula for all types of brachot. In Eretz Yisroel and in many Sephardic Shuls, the Kohanim go up every day to give over their special ברכות. When Rav Aharon Leib Shteinman זצ"ל, was visiting New York a few years before his petira, he requested to be brought to a Sefardi shul just so that he wouldn't miss out on the opportunity to be blessed by the Kohanim.

Our job is to listen and stand with awe and fear, ready to receive their ברכות. I have fond memories of when I was a student learning in Eretz Yisroel and my Rebbe, Rav Aryeh Rottman זט"ל would walk up from his seat to the closest possible point so that he could be right in front of the Kohanim to receive the brachot from close proximity, so the Brachot could literally be showered upon him from "the best seat in the house".

Every single Friday night we are also privileged when a parent or grandparent gives over this special message to the next generation. The bountiful ברכות are more than just the words that we are all familiar with, but it is rather a much deeper and detailed bracha that we all wish upon those we are giving the bracha to.

In the first bracha when we say יברכך, Hashem should bless us and watch over us. The meforshim tell us this includes giving over the bracha for a long life and increasing wealth. By the second bracha of יאיר, we hope and pray that Hashem turns his face towards us and gives us extra help when it comes to learning and understanding the Torah and mitzvot. In the last part of ברכת כהנים, we request that whatever gifts Hashem gives us should not be tampered with or taken away, and we should have complete and total Shalom throughout our lives.

We read פרשת נשא after Shavuot to indicate that after קבלת התורה, we reinstate our sincere acceptance and devotion to the performance of Torah and mitzvot, and will hopefully have a new level of elevation from the level we were on before the Yom Tov. This grand ascent is the entire purpose of קבלת התורה.

Have a great Shabbos!

Rabbi Moshe Monczyk
Judaic Studies Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Atara Schwartz– June 6

Ronit Shafir- June 8

Sara Iskhakova– June 10

Lielle Butbul– June 20

Sara Khallouf– June 21

Dates to Remember!!

Israeli Day Parade	June 4
Grade 8– Holocaust Museum	June 7
8th Grade Graduation	June 18
Last Day of School	June 21



<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>
Mac n Cheese	Sliders / Buns	Fish Nuggets	Cheese Pretzels	Pizza
Plain Pasta	Corn on the Cob	Potato Knishes	Garlic Green Beans	Corn
Sliced Veggies	Pickles	Sliced Veggies	Sliced Veggies	Sliced Veggies
Tuna	Sliced Veggies	Tuna	Tuna	Tuna
Fruit	Egg Salad	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit

Pre-1a News

Dear Parents,

In this week's Parsha, פרשת נשא, we learned about a *nazir*--a person who wants to be extra holy and so agrees to keep away from certain things, even though they are allowed. For example, the *nazir* is not allowed to cut his hair, drink wine or grape juice, or become unclean through contact with a dead person.

We also learned that Moshe Rabbeinu told Aaron HaCohen and his sons that they have a special mitzvah to do, that is to give a ברכה to בני ישראל. Even though we don't have the בית המקדש today, we still do this in *shul* at the end of *davening* on the חגים—this mitzvah is called *Birkhat Kohanim*.

Your daughters have now put the finishing touches on the books they have authored and we are preparing for our end of the year Authors' Party. We are very proud of each and every girl and they are eagerly looking forward to our gala event. At that time our parents will have the opportunity to view an exhibition of their work based on the specific authors we have studied over the past months. They, in turn, the girls will be able to read their stories to their parents.

We sent home the girls' Hebrew “א-ב שלנו”. The “א-ב שלנו” is a collection of some of the Hebrew words that we have learned over the course of the academic year. We completed learning the א – ב with the קמץ and פתח sound and have now started learning the היריק sound. Over the next few weeks we will be playing various games to reinforce the Hebrew language we have learned and we will be continuing to read with the girls. Incidentally, we will be sending home a summer Hebrew and English homework package at the end of the year.

Wishing you a שבת שלום,

Morah Caroline
Morah Ahuva

A huge Mazal Tov to Shifra Levy's son Yedidya on his engagement to Cynthia Kushner!

Shulamith Snapshots



Morah Shirel's 1st Grade Taking Their Hachtava/ Spelling test!



Happy Birthday to Nitzvet Soble in 6th Grade!



The third grade prepared a Shemoneh Esre Exhibit of the brachot they learned!



3rd Grade Leeza Vaisman, won the Chinese Auction prize and baked delicious cupcakes with Ms. Pomerantz!



7th Grade Philadelphia Trip!



