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IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 24: Toddler/Nursery Parent Mingler

Oct 26: Pre-K Parent Mingler

Oct 28: Mommy & Me begins

Nov 1: In honor of Election Day - Students should

wear red, white, and blue

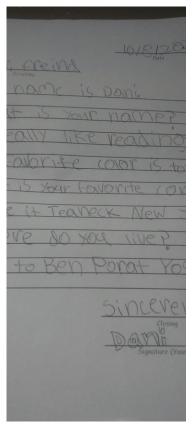
Nov 2: Election Day - No Sessions - in service day

FAMILIES CAN DEDICATE A DAY OF LEARNING IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE, IN HONOR OF A SPECIAL OCCASION, OR IN THE MERIT OF A SPEEDY RECOVERY THROUGH OUR PARNAS HAYOM PROGRAM. DEDICATIONS ARE PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED IN SCHOOL AND NOTED ON THE DAY OF THE DEDICATION AND THE WEEKLY DIVREI YOSEF. FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THIS AND OTHER SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE CONTACT DEVELOPMENT AT GIVING@BENPORATYOSEF.ORG OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.BENPORATYOSEF.ORG

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Our BPY Nursery friends had an absolute blast reenacting the story of Noach complete with umbrellas and spray bottles to make for an incredibly genuine experience!!! They absolutely loved avoiding the raindrops, trying to stay dry, and protecting all of the animals. This, together with water experiments, and animal explorations, made for a very special week!









THIRD GRADE PEN PALS

Every year Morah Yael's 3rd grade students look forward to learning letter writing and discovering that they will have pen pals! This year the the students have been paired up with a class in Jerusalem and a class in Toronto, Canada. This past summer, one of Morah Yael's former students, Maytal Popper (5th Grade) had the opportunity to meet up with her pen pal. This is a perfect example how a valuable writing lesson has turned into a years-long friendship!

RACHEL EMAINU

Rachel Emainu passed away on י"א בחשוון
This past week, ES students learned
about Rachel Emainu and how she was a
great role model for Am Yisrael. Each
grade focused on one of the Middot that
Rachel practiced. The students learned
about Tefillah, Vatranut, thoughtfulness,
caring, and chessed. The students saw a
powerful video about all of the Middot
they learned about.

Our Shlichim also preformed an entertaining play about ושבו בנים לגבולם and the power of Tefillah of Rachel Emainu!





DR. SAMANTHA KATZ

Our eighth graders' short story unit kicked off with an analysis of Stockton's "The Lady or the Tiger." A barbaric king, enigmatic princess, and love-struck prince combine forces to present an ethical dilemma. Rather than resolving the central conflict, Stockton asks his reader how his tale ends. Up to this challenge, the eighth-grade authors penned the ending themselves. It was amazing to see the many different resolutions that the students envisioned to the very same tale.

Once the students got into the groove of responding to literature, they turned their focus to Jacobs's "The Monkey's Paw." This time their writing focused on formal literary essays. With the goal of using textual evidence to prove an argument, the classroom was transformed into a courthouse. The eighth-grade prosecution and defense teams used the same text to argue the guilt or innocence of one of the story's characters. After their heated debates, the students used the textual evidence they presented to support their theses in the essays that they wrote.

With the short story unit now behind us, we can't wait to see how the eighth-grade literary critics analyze Taylor's Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Ruach day is always a special time at BPY. After missing last years' Ruach Day, all of the Middle School students were happy to celebrate together. This year, the 8th graders made sure their last Ruach Day was one to be remembered. The energy and excitement could be felt all day long. We had team building activities such as human foosball and relay races. We also planted flowers outside the BPY entrance for all the students and teachers to enjoy. And what better way to finish off the day, but with a Middle School talent show and ice cream party!

It was very meaningful to all of us to have the opportunity to be together at our first big middle school event this year!

Benjamin Mitrani is an 8th grader and has attended BPY for the past 8 years and is excited to be graduating with a great group of classmates who also happen to be his best friends. One of the many things that Benjamin loves about BPY is the sense of community, ruach, and the great friends that he has made.





Parashah Corner

פינת הפרשה

Questions to ask your children about parashat hashavua on Shabbat

Vayera - פרשת וירא

1st-3rd Grade

- What is the name of this week's Parasha?
- What does Vayera mean?
- · Who appeared to whom?
- Why did Hashem appear to Avraham?
- Which Mitzvah did Hashem teach us about when He visited Avraham?
- How do we do the Mitzvah today?
- What happens if we cannot visit someone who is sick?
- Who came to visit Avraham?
- Which Mitzvah did Avraham and Sarah do?
- What did Avraham do when he saw the three men?
- · What do we learn from Avraham?
- What was the good news that Avraham and Sarah got?
- How did Sarah feel about that?

4th-5th Grade

- Where was אברהם אבינו sitting after his ברית מילה
- Who came to visit him?
- What message did they deliver to אברהם אבינו and
 שרה אמנו?
- What is the מצווה of הכנסת אורחים?
- What special food did אברהם אבינו served them?
- Why did ה' want to destroy the cities of סדום and
 עמורה?
- Who prayed that the cities should be saved?
- Who did the מלאכים save from סדום?
- What happened to לט's wife when they were running away from סדום?
- Why?
- Which nations come from לוט's daughters?
- What was the name of the king of פלישתים `
- Who did אבימלך take captive?
- What did ה' do to אבימלך and his people?
- How old were יצחק when אברהם when יצחק was born
- What does the name יצחק mean?
- What did ישמעאל see יצחק?
- What did 'ה tell אברהם to do?
- What happened to ישמעאל in the desert?
- What was the אברהם?
- What was the עקדת יצחק of עקדת יצחק?

PARASHAT VAYERA BY MORAH JESSICA EARLY CHILDHOOD DIRECTOR

This week's Parashah, Parashat Vayera, opens with Avraham waiting at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day for the potential to do the mitzvah of hachnasat orchim, welcoming guests. As soon as he sees three men in a distance he jumps up, runs to greet them and offers them water, a place to wash, rest, and food to eat. This serves as a valuable lesson to each of us as Avraham and Sarah epitomize the concept of welcoming newcomers into our homes and into our community. Avraham didn't just wait for guests to come to him, but when he saw people in the distance he actively jumped up and went to greet them, invite them, and welcome them. There is much to learn from this small story and the Torah gives us lots of details on purpose to teach us a valuable lesson about taking an ACTIVE role in doing mitzvot in general, and the mitzvah of hachnasat orchim in particular.

On Monday we welcomed a record number of new families at our annual Open House for prospective parents. The energy, excitement, engagement, and interest were incredible and the ACTIVE participation of our current parents and teachers was beautiful and inspiring. The rooms were packed! As a result, a majority of those families who visited have already scheduled personal tours. We have also gotten many requests from families who weren't able to attend the Open House to schedule visits as well. We look forward to welcoming many more new families and to our increased enrollment from this year reaching an all-time high.

This doesn't happen by accident. Our BPY family, BPY community, BPY teachers, and BPY staff are some of the most amazing and hospitable that I have ever met. It is because of each of you extending invitations, and spreading the BPY love that we are meeting with such success. Talk up BPY at your shabbat tables, in shul, at birthday parties, and in the park. Our BPY community is one like no other. A place filled with warmth, love, excitement, dynamic energy, creative learning, and Torah, visitors can just feel the difference from the moment they enter our doors. After a full school year of a closed campus due to COVID, we are now THRILLED to once again be welcoming guests in our BPY home away from home. Please continue to spread the word to your friends and family so that we can open our hearts and home to them and welcome them into our BPY world and hopefully our BPY family.

This week, when Rabbi Zucker and I dress up as Avraham and Sarah and re-enact this famous Torah story, we are also modeling the mitzvah of hachnasat orchim and bringing it to life in an experiential way for our youngest BPY'ers and our entire school community. May we all be zocheh to welcome many guests into our school home and our personal homes!

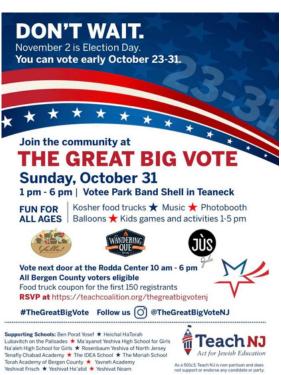
Shabbat shalom!





UPCOMING EVENTS









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