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IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec 24:** BPY Family Day (9:00am-11:30am) **NO BUSING**
- Dec 27-28:** ES & MS Achievement Test (LIMUDEI KODESH)
- Dec 28:** Rabbi Angel Adult Education @8pm
- Dec 31:** New Year's Eve, No Sessions
- Jan 3:** Rosh Chodesh Shevat, wear blue and white
- Jan 3-4:** MS Achievement Test (LIMUDEI KODESH)
- Jan 4:** 4th Grade Mesibat Navi (5:30pm)
- Jan 16:** 2nd Grade Mesibat Chumash (9:00am 2A, 11:00am 2B)
- Jan 17:** Tu BiShvat & MLK Day
- Jan 20-30:** Winter Break, NO SESSIONS

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. FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THIS AND OTHER SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE CONTACT DEVELOPMENT AT [GIVING@BENPORATYOSEF.ORG](mailto:giving@benporatyosef.org) OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.BENPORATYOSEF.ORG

Parnas HaYom | Dedicate a Day of Learning

- 12.13** has been dedicated by Malka Hendlish in memory of her father's yahrzeit, Pinchas Gold, ז"ל (פינחס בן אברהם ז"ל) great grandfather of Lia, Eva, and Selah Hendlish-Lemberger.
- 12.14** Learning is dedicated in honor of the 1st yahrzeit of Miriam Sprintza bat David, Great-grandmother of Selah (4th), Eva (8th) and Lia (Class of 2021)

REMINDER! Please remember to submit your Scrip order by the 1st or the 15th of the month. Please note that we have revised our vendor list. For more information, please contact Ruth Wiseman in the business office at ruthwiseman@benporatyosef.org Thank you!

PARASHAT VAYECHI - SHABBAT BPY BY JESSICA KOHN EARLY CHILDHOOD DIRECTOR

Each year I wait in anxious anticipation for Parashat Veyechi because this is a very special Shabbat for BPY. Did you know that the source for the name of our school is in this week's parashah?! This week Yaakov Avinu knows that he is about to die so he gathers his twelve sons, the roots of our nation, to give each one of them a special blessing consistent with his nature. Zevulun will have commercial success, Issachar, diligence and scholarship, Yehuda, leadership and so on. Yaakov blesses each of his sons with success by recognizing what he's good at. We can learn from this that one should not try to be someone s/he is not, but rather focus on being the best YOU that YOU can be. This is a lesson that is taught every day at BPY where we are raising individuals with high self esteem, confidence, and independence.

After Yaakov blesses each son individually, he also repeats the private blessings for all of his sons to hear. In doing so, he shows that while we each have our own areas in which we excel, it is important that we engage in all mitzvot, not only those within our natural comfort zones. The businessperson needs to set aside time for Torah study, just as the Torah scholar needs to be charitable. Yaakov wants his children to enjoy all forms of spirituality and greatness. His blessings, which enable his sons to

transcend their limitations, endow us and our children with that wonderful ability as well. All Jews, regardless of background and level of observance, are equal heirs to Yaakov's blessings. No mitzvah is beyond our potential.

When Yaakov gets to Yosef, his favorite son, he declares,
"Ben porat yosef, ben porat alei ayin..."
"Yosef is a charming and beautiful son, a fruitful vine by the spring...." (Beraishit 49:22)

Because Yosef was protected from the envy of all creatures and was a person unharmed by others, his name became synonymous with abundance, protection, fertility, beauty and splendor. The blessing that Yaakov gave Yosef, which embodies the ultimate wishes that a parent would want to bestow upon a child, is what inspired the founders of our school to choose the name Ben Porat Yosef.

I also find it extremely interesting to learn that the Baal HaTurim points out that the gematria (numerical value) of the words Ben Porat is 732, equal to the numerical value of Ephraim and Menasheh, also 732.

We can learn from this that the berachah of Ben Porat Yosef is the fulfillment of every parents dream for their children, the realization of the blessing "Yesimcha Elokim k'ephraim v'k'Menasheh." –"May Hashem make you like Ephraim and Menasheh." I cannot think of a more fitting message to send to our children learning and growing here at Ben Porat Yosef. Each and every one of their precious neshamot is the fulfillment of Yaakov's berachah to his beloved son Yosef and an essential link in the chain of Am Yisrael.

So, on Friday night, when you bless your child, reflect on what is wonderful and unique about him or her as an individual and when you hear the baal koreh read the words "Ben Porat Yosef" from the Torah on Shabbat morning, give a little cheer for BPY!

Shabbat shalom and chazak chazak v'nit'chazek!

Parashah Corner

פינת הפרשה

Questions to ask your children about parashat hashavua on Shabbat

By: Rav Acoca - Any questions or comments please email Rav Acoca

1. What is the name of this week's Parashah?
2. How long did Yaakov live?
3. What did Yaakov ask Yosef to not do?
4. Whom did Yosef take when he heard that his father was sick?
5. What were their names?
6. What did Yaakov do when he saw his grandchildren?
7. What else did Yaakov do?
8. How did Yosef place his children in front of Yaakov?
9. What did Yaakov do?
10. Where did Yaakov want to be buried?
11. Why did Yaakov want to be buried there?
12. What did Yosef ask Pharaoh?
1. For how many years did Yaakov Avinu live in Mitzrayim?
2. How old was Yaakov Avinu when he died?
3. What was special about Yaakov Avinu illness?
4. What did Yaakov ask Yosef to do for him after he died?
5. Why didn't Yaakov want to be buried in Mitzrayim?
6. Who were Yosef's two sons? Where were they born? Which son was the oldest?
7. While blessing Yosef's sons, what strange thing did Yaakov do with his hands?
8. What was the Berachah that Yaakov gave Yosef's sons?
9. Why did Yaakov gather all of his sons together?
10. What did Yaakov give each of his sons?

Parashah Answers

1-17 years 2-147 years old 3-He was the first person in history to get sick before he died. Until Yaakov Avinu, a person would simply sneeze and his Neshamah would leave through his nose. Yaakov davened to Hashem that people should first get sick so they have an opportunity to bless their children before passing away. 4-Yaakov wanted Yosef to bury Yaakov in Me'arat Hamachpelah. Yosef swore that he would do so. 5-Rashi gives three reasons. 1) Yaakov knew that the dust of Mitzrayim would one day turn to lice 2) when Techiyat Hametim comes and the dead come back to life, people buried outside of Eretz Yisrael will have to roll through the ground to come to Eretz Yisrael 3) Yaakov didn't want the Egyptians to make him into an idol.

6-Menashah was the oldest and Ephraim was the youngest. They were both born in Mitzrayim to Yosef and his wife Osnat. 7-Yaakov crossed his hands so that he could put his right (stronger) hand on Ephraim's head and his left (less important) hand on Moshe's head. Yaakov did this because Ephraim would be greater. Yehoshua was a descendant of Ephraim. 8-He blessed them that Bnei Yisroel should bless their children that they should be like Ephraim and Menashah. Fathers still bless their sons with their berachah even today. 9-Yaakov wanted to tell them what would happen Be-acharit hayamin, at the end of days. However, the Shechinah left him and he could not reveal the future. 10-a Bracha

1-Vayechi 2-147 years 3-Not to bury him in Mitzrayim 4-his 2 sons 5-Menashah and Ephraim 6-He hugged them and kissed them 7-He blessed them 8-Yosef put Menashah on the right side of Yaakov and Ephraim on the left side of Yaakov 9-He switched his hands and placed his right hand on Ephraim's hand and his left hand on Menashah's hand 10-In Me'arat Hamachpelah 1- Because his grandparents were buried there, his parents were buried there and his wife Leah was buried there 12- To give him permission to go and bury his father

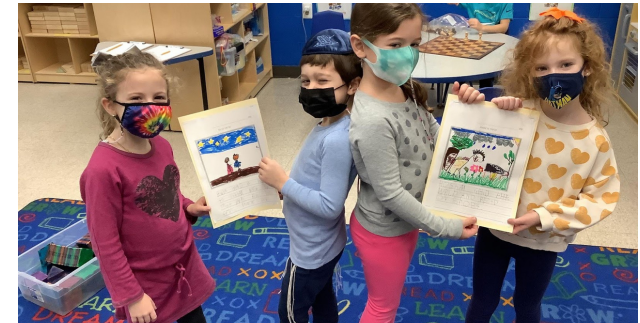
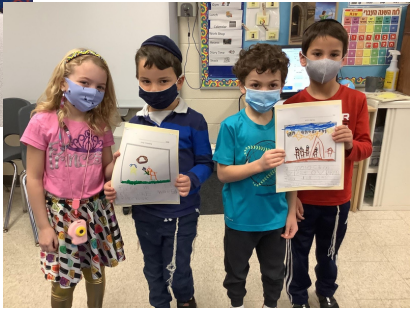
EARY CHILDHOOD TODDLER

Gan Shemesh has been learning about shapes this week. Did you know that you can find shapes everywhere that you look? We learned the names of the shapes in Hebrew too! We had so much fun creating a class mural by stamping circles in different color paint.



EARY CHILDHOOD KC

Being able to work cooperatively with someone is an important life skill. As part of our Sefer Bereisheet review, each child in Gan Keshet was partnered with another child. Together they reviewed a Parsha, and wrote and illustrated a summary. We are so proud of the children. They displayed lots of maturity as they discussed the Parsha and came to an agreement about what they would write and draw. We also enjoyed an epic chazak party, decorating cookies with blue and green frosting, singing the Ben Porat Yosef song and dancing along to Avraham Fried's Chazak!



THIRD GRADE MESIBOT



This week, we were so excited to finally perform our play for Mesibat Toshba in Kitah Gimel. It was incredible! The students performed, danced and sang so beautifully. They acted out the story of when Yaakov ran away from Esav, about the argument that the stones had about where Yaakov should rest his head and about Yaakov's dream of the ladder with angels going up and coming down. They performed a few Rashi explanations and sang a song about Rashi.

Students also performed the first two mishnayot that they learned in class: "Moshe kibel Torah miSinai.." and "Rabbi Shimon Hatzadik haya omer al sheloshah devarim haolam omed" through song and dance.

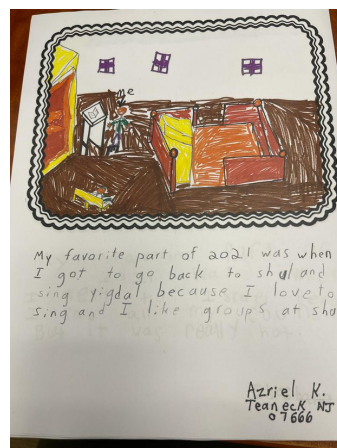
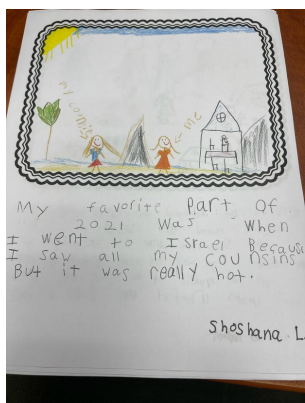
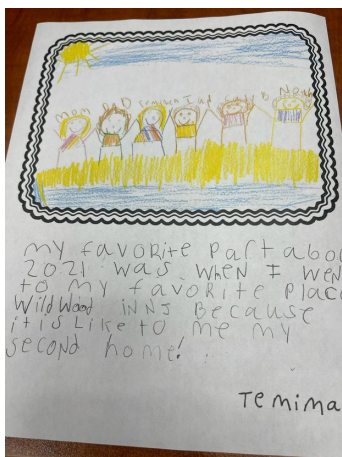
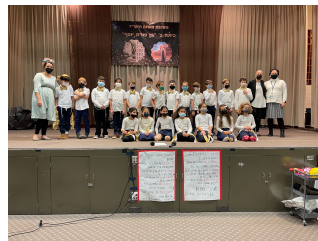
At the end of our mesibah, parents and students, together, played a game of Blooket, which summarized all of the concepts presented in the performance.

Each student received a bag of goodies to sweeten their Torah learning as well as a Rashi letter memory game that they prepared in class.

A special thank you to all the parents for coming and joining in our simchah of learning mishnayot, Rashi and Chumash.

We would also like to thank the BPY admin led by Rabbi Zucker and Dr Hadar, Chazan Roe for teaching us the Te'amin of the Chumash, Morah Sharon, our incredible music teacher for working with us on the Rashi song and for her beautiful musical accompaniment. Thank you to Evan and Yonah for their hard work on the technological piece of our mesiba. Thank you to Robyn for all of her printing and extra work in preparation of the mesiba and to the wonderful teachers Or and Osnat for their organization, assistance and attention to detail which made the mesibat Toshba such a success!

We bless all our students that they should always learn Torah happily and with much excitement.



THIRD GRADE

This past week, the third grade students participated in a creative writing prompt with the question of, "What did you love about 2021?" The students brainstormed some beautiful ideas and then began writing their memories and drew an illustration to accompany their memory. Some of the memories the students wrote about were the Rashi play, weddings, births, lobster fishing, traveling, and being able to go to Shul and say Yigdal.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Morah Syma- 5th Grade General Studies Teacher

Interviewed by:
Allie Zisholtz and Tali Papir

1. WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE FOOD TO EAT ON SHABBAT?

MY FAVORITE FOOD TO EAT ON SHABBAT IS ROASTED CHICKEN.

2. WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING TO DO ON SHABBAT?

MY FAVORITE THING TO DO ON SHABBAT IS TO READ ON MY COUCH.

3. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN TEACHING?

I HAVE BEEN TEACHING FOR TWENTY - TWO YEARS, BUT I HAVE BEEN TEACHING AT BPY FOR SIX YEARS.

4. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT TO TEACH?

MY FAVORITE SUBJECT TO TEACH IS READING.

5. HOW MANY SIBLINGS DO YOU HAVE?

I HAVE THREE SIBLINGS, 2 SISTERS AND 1 BROTHER.



6. HOW MANY PETS DO YOU HAVE?

I HAVE ONE CAT, ONE DOG, AND ONE HAMSTER.

7. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE GAME TO PLAY ON SHABBAT?

MY TWO FAVORITE GAMES TO PLAY ON SHABBAT IS RUMMIKUB AND MANCALA.

8. WHEN DID YOU DECIDE YOU WANTED TO BE A TEACHER?

I JUST ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A TEACHER.

9. DID YOU LIKE SCHOOL GROWING UP?

YES, I LIKED SCHOOL GROWING UP.

10. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE NAIL POLISH COLOR?

MY FAVORITE NAIL POLISH COLOR IS RED AND ANYTHING THAT SPARKLES.

BOOK FAIR

After an absence of a few years, we are so happy to have an in-house Book Fair once again! We must share Hakarat HaTov, for this was truly a team effort. Thank you to the fantastic office staff, the wonderful PTO, to alum parent Yael Rabitz, new parent Jaclyn Rosler, all the volunteers, the custodians, and to the student and parent shoppers, in person and online, who are the reasons we do this. Our Scholastic Book Fair continues online through 12/23/21.



Please note: The original schedule states that this would be the final week of Afternoon Adventures for the first trimester (December 13-December 16). However, due to early dismissals from Chanukah, next week will be used as a makeup week (December 20-December 23). Therefore, the FINAL WEEK of clubs will be NEXT WEEK DECEMBER 20-DECEMBER 23.

Tuesdays Afternoon Adventures (Choir, Gymnastics, Speed & Agility) will have an extra makeup day due to the early dismissal on the fast day (December 14). The makeup day will take place on December 28.

MIDDLE SCHOOL JUDAIC STUDIES

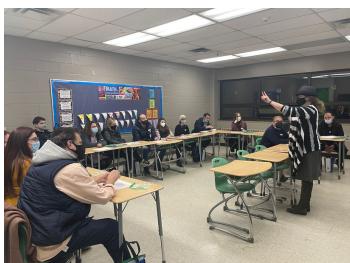
The 6th grade is focusing during Moledet class about Eretz Yisrael, history, sources from the Torah, navigating on the map and mostly feel the connection to Am Yisrael and Eretz Yisrael.

In 6th grade one of the skills that we are focusing in Ivrit classes is speaking Hebrew, oral expression.

Our Morah Adi the Shlichah from Yisrael created connection with a school in Israel, and they started a twinning school program where students in Jerusalem and in BPY talk about similarities and differences between the places they live. The first step was for BPY students to make a video for students in the school in Jerusalem. Our students spoke in Hebrew, focusing on conversational skills, and introduced the town they live in and focused on comparing similarities and differences. The twin schools sent us a video back and the students could hear, speak and feel the Ivrit and the taste of Yerushalayim.

Rav Roei is teaching 7th grade Chumash Devarim Parashat Ekev. The focus in Chumash in 7th grade is analyzing Mefarshim in depth and not reading only the Peshat. Rav Roei taught the students the Berachot and the Shevach- praise of Eretz Yisrael, and introduced the Perush of Sforno about the Shevach of Eretz Yisrael. The students had to analyze the 5 parts of the Shevach and identify the category of each Shevach and how it appeared in the Pesukim. The analysis of the Mefarshim and the connection to the Peshat is an amazing skill that the students are experiencing this year in Chumash class.

MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE



Our 4th and 5th grade parents really enjoyed being middle school students at our annual middle school info night!

They were busy making ice cream in the science lab, playing Civil War vocabulary games, dissecting an essay, working with math manipulatives to solve 7th grade level math problems, and learning Chumash. Our parents got a feel for how our middle school teachers teach everyday and how the students learn each day. Thank you to our dedicated faculty and administration for all the efforts and preparation to pull off this interactive program and especially for all the hard work they put in every day. Thank you to our parent volunteers and alumni for joining us for the evening.



AFTER SCHOOL ADVENTURE CLUB

2nd Trimester



MONDAY

SOCCER (KINDERGARTEN-1ST) AND BASKETBALL (PRE-K)

TUESDAY

SOCCER (2ND -4TH), YOGA (PK-K),CHOIR (2ND-4TH)

WEDNESDAY

DANCE FITNESS (PRE-K-KINDERGARTEN)DANCE FITNESS (1ST-2ND),CODE BREAKERS (4TH-5TH), BASKETBALL (KINDERGARTEN-1ST BOYS), BASKETBALL (2ND-3RD BOYS)

THURSDAY

CHESS (KINDERGARTEN-2ND), CHESS (3RD-4TH),INTRODUCTION TO STRENGTH TRAINING (3RD-5TH), BASKETBALL (KINDERGARTEN-1ST GIRLS), BASKETBALL (2ND-3RD GIRLS)

FRIDAY

BASKETBALL (4TH-5TH GIRLS),BASKETBALL (4TH-5TH BOYS)



UPCOMING EVENTS



Join our monthly Tanakh adult education program featuring

RABBI HAYYIM ANGEL

MOSHE: THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HERO



Tuesday, December 28, 2021 @ 8 PM
Join us on Zoom, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5413950938>



7 JANUARY 6th Grade Shabbat-IN

11 JANUARY SNOW TUBING 10am-12pm

15 JANUARY MELAVA MALKA MOTZEI SHABBAT

7 FEBRUARY 7th Grade Shabbat-IN

11-12 FEBRUARY 8th Grade Shabbaton

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