



SHABBAT BULLETIN

PARSHA KI TISA ~ SHABBAT PARAH ~ פרשת כי תצא

A Torah Thought on our Theme



Mark your calendars!!!

What counts? Parshat *Ki Tisa* opens with Hashem commanding Moshe to take a census of *B'nai Yisrael* by collecting a half-shekel coin from each adult. The *Midrash* says that Hashem showed Moshe a half-shekel coin made of fire and said, "Like this one shall they give." The *Noam Elimelech* explains that money is like fire; it can be used to create, protect and nourish, or it can be used to harm and destroy. Similarly, the words *Ki Tisa* are often translated as "when you count (the people)," but the literal translation is "when you lift." The elevation of material possessions elevates each of us when we dedicate all that we have to the furthering of righteousness in the world. For a complete *d'var Torah* on this topic, see: http://canfeinesharim.org/uploads/14818Ki_Tisa_Printable.pdf

March 8-12	PTC Scholastic Book Fair
March 10	LS Optional Parent-Teacher Confs.
March 14	Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 15-26	LS Achievement Tests
March 16	Rosh Chodesh ~ Wear Blue & White
March 22	PTC Board Meeting
March 23	8th Grade Toy Presentation
March 24	PTC Sponsored Model Pesach Sedarim
March 27	Shabbat HaGadol
March 28	Search for Chometz
March 29	First Seder
March 30-April 6	Pesach ~ No School
April 7	No School
April 8	Classes Resume
April 9	MS Yom HaShoah Program
April 11	Yom HoShoah
April 13	MS 3:35 PM Dismissal

Chagim Everywhere!!!

We're getting ready for the holiday....we just finished learning all about the fun *chag* of *Purim* and had such a great time making beautiful projects to share with our families. We had a great time at the *Purim* carnival in school this week. Now we have begun to learn about the next important *chag*, *Pesach*. We are already hard at work on our *haggadot*. We have been learning songs to share with our families in a few weeks at our *sedarim*.

Last week we celebrated the 100th day of school. We did fun activities, including doing 100 jumping jacks and taking a 100 step walk, made a class book with 10 each of 10 items, and sorted food items into groups of 10 to reinforce the concept of tens and ones that we are learning about in class.

This week in honor of Read Across America and Dr. Seuss' birthday we got together with our reading buddies from Mrs. Salkin's 3rd grade class and read Dr. Seuss books.

Every day is a great new adventure in pre-k. We can't wait to see what's coming next.

Until next time, Shabbat Shalom.

Morah Fran Friedman and Morah Jill Geiger

MAZAL TOV

Kimberly and Nachum Amsel on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Benjamin (7).

Ricki and Michael Roth on the engagement of their daughter Ariella (RKYHS Alumna) to Juda Zurndorfer.



Susan Bedell on the passing of her mother.

Congregation Israel of Springfield Kids Clothing Sale
Sunday, March 7th 10:00-4:00
339 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ.

Shushan Purim Carnival



With tremendous gratitude, the JKHA LS & MS divisions wish to recognize the support of our Student Council and PTC, in making our 5770 Shushan Purim Carnival an outstanding success.

Mishloach Manot Sinai Mock Trial

Once again JKHA Student Council had a wonderful Mishloach Manot campaign. The Student Council was able to raise funds which will be used for the benefit of the students in the school. We would like to thank all the parents and the members of the school staff who participated in this annual event.

As part of the campaign, we also collected money for the Kobe Mandell Foundation. A substantial check will be sent to the foundation which is instrumental in helping families deal with grief after the loss of a loved one. The program provides emotional, physical and spiritual healing to those families going through grief.

It is also important to thank many people for all their help making this a successful campaign. Jeff Reiss was able to set up and merge all the computer data. The following students were instrumental in chairing the program and in distributing the bags: Noa Bendory (8th), Lindsey Blenden (7th), Melissa Braverman (7th), Jennifer Grad (8th), Rachel Luxenberg (6th), Jerry Miller (8th), Maya Sasson (7th), Eli Schwartz (8th), Jordan Stark (8th), Haley Stiel (7th), and Emily Yarkony (7th).

Mrs. Renee Reiser

Students in the Sinai 5th grade class held a Mock Trial as a culminating activity for a Language Arts story. The class read an Appalachian version of a well known tale. One of the characters was charged with attempted murder and kidnapping. Students were assigned the roles of prosecutor and defense attorney, and others deliberated as the jury.

The defense attorney really had his work cut out for him. Both of the attorneys gave brilliant opening arguments. The jury discussed and debated each of the charges, under the leadership of the jury foreperson, Ms. Karp. Students demonstrated deep critical thinking and soul searching as they considered the meanings of the charges and the fairness of possible sentencing options. Finally, a verdict was found: guilty of 2 counts of kidnapping and not guilty of attempted murder. That criminal won't be seen around here for a long time to come! Good job, everyone!

Ms. Judi Karp

Chai Lifeline monies are due by
Tuesday, March 9th.
Tizku L'Mitzvot.