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Annual Banquet p. 10

Calendar Update

- Sun, Apr 2** "The Significance of Charoses At the Seder"
Shiur by Rabbi Muller for fathers; 12 p.m. in YTT בית מדרש
- Tues, Apr 4** JDBY 6-8 Pesach Recess Begins
- Wed, Apr 5** JDBY N-5 Pesach Recess Begins
*NOTE calendar change
- Thurs, Apr 6** YTT Dismissal - all grades 12:15
*NOTE calendar change
- Apr 7-19** JDBY-YTT Pesach Recess



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JDBY-YTT KJEF Members	295

The Kehillah Jewish Education Fund promotes communally-supported & affordable day school education

Tuesday's learning was sponsored by Mr. Fred Frankel in memory of his father, יצחק בן חיים יהושע פאליק פרנקל ז"ל



Chodesh Adar 5777 in YTT

What an extraordinary month this has been! On Erev Rosh Chodesh Adar, Rabbi Muller addressed the boys and explained to them Chazal's definition of simchah. The only source of lasting happiness is Torah and mitzvos. The talmidim took the message to heart, and until Erev Purim, they immersed themselves in davening and learning with exceptional enthusiasm. Their remarkable commitment brought much pride to the entire hanhalah.

In the spirit of Adar, the boys were given set times to decorate their classrooms and come up with clever shtick. Yehoshua Bloomenkranz, newly crowned as the Rebbe of North

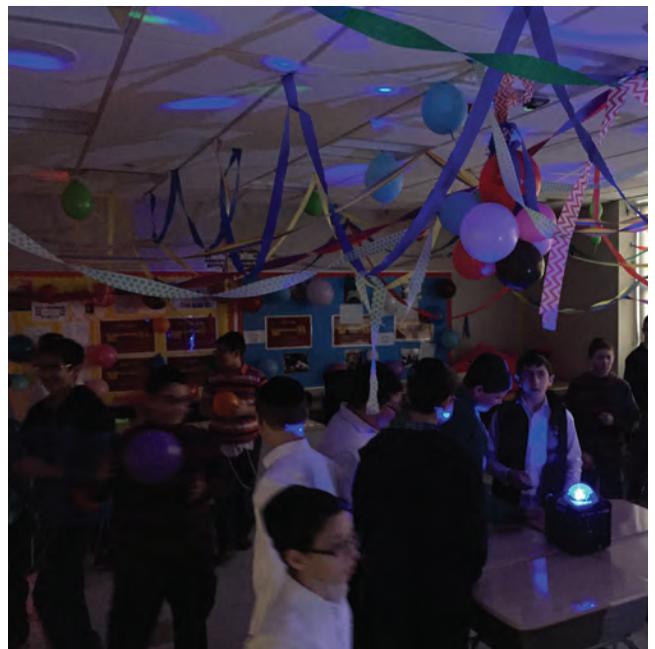
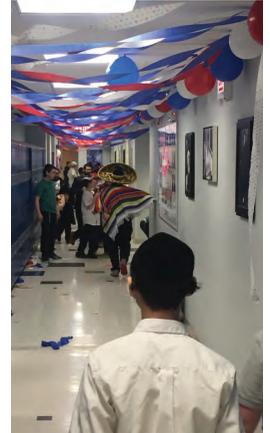




California, delivered witty Purim Torah to everyone's delight. Rabbi Rosenberg, the sixth-grade rebbi, created a most intriguing bulletin board: There were images of all the YTT rebbeim displayed – sans heads! The boys were given the task of figuring out which suit

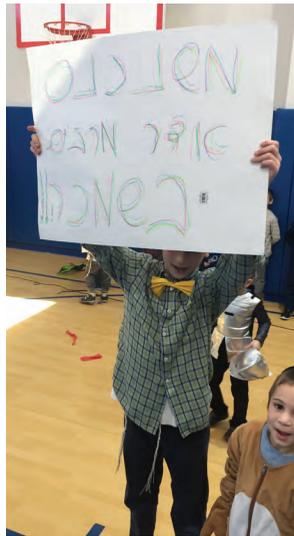
and tie belonged to each rebbi. To confound matters, the next day the rebbeim appeared with swapped ties! The boys had a good laugh, but on Erev Purim the rebbeim had the last laugh: They all wore identical ties, courtesy of Rabbi Muller.

No words can properly express the romemus of simchah felt in YTT on Erev Purim.



The beautiful classroom decorations, the spontaneous kumzitzing of the older grades, and the absolutely magnificent dancing of the entire yeshivah k'ish echad b'lev echad was simply...incredible!

The boys were treated to yummy popcorn and other delicacies. Their faces shone as they sang and danced in unison, reveling in an atmosphere of elevated joy. May the special power of this Yom Tov remain with them always!



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Carnival Brings Simchas Purim to the Next Level

One of our most exciting school events took place this past Friday! Under the capable directorship of Morah Schwartz, Morah Keller, and Mrs. Homnick, our talented sixth graders ran a fabulous carnival for the entire school. Booths, games, nosh, drinks, cotton candy, freshly popped popcorn, and prizes galore generated a genuine ruach of simchah within the school. To add to the fun and excitement, all

students in nursery through eighth grade came dressed in costume. The most impressive aspect was the large sum of tzedakah that was raised at the carnival. The grand total of \$2,471.44



was divided between Od Yosef Chai in Eretz Yisrael and the Chicago Chesed Fund here in our own city, which distributed the funds on Purim day. We'd like to extend a hearty yasher koach to Morah Schwartz, Morah Keller, Mrs. Homnick, and the sixth grade for organizing



such a fabulous carnival. Much hakaras hatov to the Moros for their assistance. We'd like to thank all the parents for dressing the children in costumes and sending in money for matanos l'evyonim.

Presenting: Second Grade Purim Play



The girls in Morah Weil's Kitah Beis produced an enthralling Purim play. They learned the Purim story in Hebrew and English - and they will certainly never forget it. Not only did they learn it, but they actually recreated it! The cast included Haman, Mordechai, Esther, Vashti, Achashveirosh, Charvonah, and officers Bigsan and Seresh. The Hebrew and English narrators were superb! The costumes were gorgeous, thanks to Mrs. Homnick. Special hakaras hatov to Miss Krohn for her musical accompaniment and guidance with the beautiful dance. We thank Morah Weil and Miss Krohn for all the work they invested in the performance. We are so proud of Kitah Beis!



Construction Workers in PM Nursery

The nursery children have begun an exciting and interactive unit on occupations. They had a great time acting as construction workers as they decorated their own hard hats and transformed the classroom into a construction site, complete with a cute construction site



mat. As a final touch to their get-up, they also designed adorable tool belts. They greatly enjoyed building yummy structures out of toothpicks and mini marshmallows.

The action mounted as the children got busy in the dramatic play center, using their new tool set and construction vehicles. It was incredible to see how many complex buildings they were able to construct with their blocks and tools!

Kriah Masters in the Making

"At the beginning of the week I read slowly, and by the end it goes so much quicker!"

"It's not just a song! I see what the real words are!"

"These kriah papers are really helping me become a better reader!"

These are just a few quotes from some of our talmidos who have been practicing the weekly tefillos and pesukim – the same text four times each week, for our kriah fluency program. They have already gained so much from it!



Kol hakavod to all the girls in grades 2-5 who have been diligently working on this worthwhile program. We look forward to 100% participation from all talmidos in the coming weeks, so that each one of them will be empowered to daven and learn even better!

Fifth Grade "Friendship Club" Update

The fifth-grade classes have really enjoyed learning about friendships while eating chips over the last few months in their Friendship Club. Mrs. Shira Berkowitz from Madraigos Midwest and the fifth-grade Moros have been implementing the Madraigos Midwest Steps to Healthy Living Program, once a week, for all three classes. Some of the topics the girls have discussed are "How to be a Good Friend," "Cliques and Including vs. Excluding Others," "Giving Real Compliments to Ourselves and Others," "Recognizing and Resisting Peer Pressure," and "Understanding the Boundaries of Ourselves and Others." The girls had the opportunity to practice these skills through acting and other games while having a wonderful time!

March 2017

		Mar 1	Mar 2	Mar 3
		Hot Dog Bun Fruit Vegetable Juice	French Toast Syrup Fruit Vegetable Milk	Cholent Fruit Vegetable Juice
Mar 6	Mar 7	Mar 8	Mar 9	Mar 10
Bagel Choice of Tuna/ Cheese Fruit Vegetable Milk	Pizza Choice of Toppings Fruit Vegetable Milk	Hamburger Bun Fruit Vegetable Juice	Taanis Esther No Lunch	Early Dismissal No Lunch
Mar 13	Mar 14	Mar 15	Mar 16	Mar 17
Shushan Purim No School	Baked Potato Cheese Cup Breadstick Fruit Milk	Make you own Deli Sandwich Fruit Vegetable Juice	Mac and Cheese Plain Pasta Fruit Vegetable Milk	Bagel Choice of Tuna/ Cheese Fruit Vegetable Milk
Mar 20	Mar 21	Mar 22	Mar 23	Mar 24
Potato Soup Bagel Choice of Cheese/ Jelly Fruit Milk	Fish Sticks Seasoned Fries Garlic Stick Fruit Milk	Chicken Nuggets Rice Fruit Vegetable Juice	Baked Ziti Fruit Vegetable Milk	Cholent Fruit Vegetable Juice
Mar 27	Mar 28	Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31
Waffle/Syrup Yogurt Fruit Vegetable Milk	Pizza Choice of Topping Fruit Vegetable Milk	Schnitzel Sandwich Fruit Vegetable Juice	Baked Potato Cheese Cup Breadstick Fruit Vegetable Milk	Bagel Choice of Egg/ Tuna Fruit Vegetable Milk

WHADAYAKNOW?!? Baked potato/Cheese is the most popular lunch menu. Baked Ziti, French Toast and Pancakes/Yogurt are runner up!

All items are fleishig on meat days

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Financial Aid for 2017-18 School Year

Please watch your email or mail for financial aid information for the 2017-18 school year. There is no fee if complete applications, including all tax documents, are received by May 1.

Please note: JDBY-YTT will not be using FACTS to process financial aid this year. Details and forms are included in the email or envelope and available at jdbyytt.org/financial-aid

Jewish Day School Night

Join us for the JUF's annual Jewish Day School Night. See the flyer for more details.

Register by THIS SUNDAY March 19th for \$50 Give or Get per attendee; be sure to select JDBY-YTT as your affiliate school.

ATT Torah Bowl Challenge

There is still time to register for the ATT Citywide Torah Bowl Challenge, a 3 day event for students in grades 5 - 8 (separate boys & girls programs) sponsored by the Bassman Family Foundation. March 26th - Written Test; April 30th (for qualifying students) - Game Day; May 21st - Trip Day for ALL participants. Pick up a study guide at the ATT, visit att.org or email torahbowl@att.org. Grand Prize: Trip for 2 anywhere in the continental U.S. Other prizes include seforim, bikes, & gift cards!

ATT Educator of the Year

The ATT proudly announces the Eighth Annual Hartman Family Foundation Educator of the Year Awards. Your children have outstanding Rebbeim, Moros, and Teachers in their lives. Show your appreciation by nominating them.

One award of \$18,000 and two awards of \$6,000 will be presented to three outstanding teachers. Easy to complete nomination forms are available at the ATT office or at www.att.org. Nomination deadline: Wed., May 17. For more information, call the ATT 773-973-2828.

Behind the Scenes at the Women's Division

We extend a big thank you to Mrs. Rachel Hildeshaim, Mrs. Avigayil Strulowitz, and Mrs. Liba Cohen for arranging the amazing Tu B'Shevat treats at YTT. Much hakaras hatov to Mrs. Avigayil Burian, Mrs. Alise Gold, and Mrs. Shoshana Berger for all their hard work in arranging the fantastic Pesach chocolate sale. Purim Central was once again a smashing success, thanks to the hard work and devotion of Mrs. Tzipi Margolies and Mrs. Rivkie Pickholtz. Many thanks to Mrs. Sara Fox and Mrs. Shira Frankiel for their assistance. A special thank you to Mrs. Chumi Friedlander.

Thank you to Mrs. Mindi Zissman and our wonderful class mothers: Mrs. Sori Estersohn, Mrs. Julie Lurie, Mrs. Laura Marder, and Mrs. Mimi Mandelbaum for coordinating the fourth- and fifth-grade melavah malka.

The Pre-Pesach Boutique is a great one-stop shop for anything you want or need for Yom Tov. We express our gratitude to Mrs. Stephanie Fields, Mrs. Meira Steinberg, and Mrs. Shoshana Moscowitz for organizing this project.

Best wishes for a chag kasher v'samei'ach,

Avigail and Shana

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Births

Rabbi Mordechai and Mrs. Hindy Chaimovitz, our JDBY Morah, on the birth of a daughter
Rabbi Dovid and Mrs. Shulamis Greenberg, our YTT teacher, on the birth of a daughter



JDBY-YTT Celebrates 63rd Annual Banquet

There had to be a highly compelling reason to draw close to 900 people to the Crowne Plaza O'Hare for an entire evening, less than a week before Purim.

And there certainly was.

The rapt expressions on the attendees' faces throughout the program bore witness that each individual felt that unique pride in being part of the JDBY-YTT family. And when a family celebrates a momentous event – such as 63 years of Empowering Generations – its members rise to the occasion.

We extend an enormous thank you to all of you – the parents who joined us last Tuesday. Your participation in the Banquet, as well as your continued involvement in all aspects of your children's education, is what stands behind us

and creates the successes JDBY-YTT is known for.

Mr. Jeff Cohen, MC, welcomed the crowd warmly, and expressed hakaras hatov to all the dedicated staff and committee members behind the scenes who worked tirelessly over the past few months to ensure the evening's success. He made special note of the record number of almost 600 parents, representing 340 families participating in the banquet.

While dining on the gourmet fare, the audience enjoyed a video presentation which paid special tribute to the school's outstanding preschool Moros who have given 30 years of heart and soul to instill a foundation for life – Mrs. Ronya Friedman, Mrs. Baily Gruber, Mrs. Michal Kranczer, Mrs. Rivkie Levitin, Mrs. Yocheved Miller, and Mrs. Hedy Wechsler.

As an introduction to the first honorees, Rabbi and Mrs. Dov and Debby Leibenstein, a moving video was shown, featuring heartwarming testimonials about Rabbi Leibenstein's monumental contributions to the chinuch world from Harav Zev Cohen, Rabbi Shmuel Tennenbaum, and Rabbi Elli Leibenstein.



In accepting the Amudei Hachinuch Award, Rabbi Leibenstein remarked that this was a fitting opportunity to thank Hashem for enabling him and his wife to utilize their Torah knowledge for the benefit of others over the past five decades.

The board of directors then presented the Young Leadership Award to Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Naomi Nudell, both role models of involved and committed parents. In the Young Leadership video, Mr. Nudell shared his thoughts about what a wonderful partnership the school can achieve with each family, and how this can impact our children's future.

For the final phase of the evening, Rabbi Avrohom S. Brownstein, Executive Vice President, introduced the Menahel, Rabbi Nosson Muller.

Amid his powerful words, Rabbi Muller explained the significance of the Kohen Gadol carrying the names of the Shivtei Kah on his heart and shoulders – so that they remain close to him at all times. Likewise, the name of each student is etched on the hearts of the rebbeim and moros.

Rabbi Muller relayed that Rebbetzin Elyashiv could not interrupt Rav Elyashiv's learning – even during an emergency – because she said that she couldn't bear to stop the pure song of his Torah.

"Rabbosai," Rabbi Muller exclaimed. "We must learn from this to truly appreciate the shiras malachim of our children's Torah and tefillah. Every time we consider taking them out of school, we must think for a moment and ask

ourselves – is it worth missing such precious time for what we are about to do?"

Rabbi Muller concluded with an earnest brachah that the song of our children's Torah continue unabated as we continue, together, to empower generations.

The success of the evening was due to the hard work and efforts of so many people. Thank you to the Presidium Members, Mr. Moshe Davis and Rabbi Moshe Katz for all your hard work on behalf of our mosad during banquet season and all year round. Thank you to the banquet committee, Mr. Shalom Chinn, Rabbi Ari Diena, Mr. Baruch Heinemann, Rabbi Yehoshua Hoffman, Rabbi Moshe Leib Levovitz, Mr. Shalom Lichtman, Mr. Eli Meystel, Mr. Mordy Polstein, Rabbi Moshe Rajchenbach and Mr. Chaim Romanoff, for ensuring the success of the banquet.

The beautiful décor and outstanding menu was thanks to the hard work and oversight of the banquet coordinators – Mrs. Nechama Aronin, Mrs. Elana Davis, Mrs. Shonny Diena, Mrs. Elke Glenner, and Mrs. Debbie Zucker. And of course our devoted administration – a big thank you to Rabbi Avrohom S. Brownstein, Rabbi Yehoshua Pinkus, Rabbi Yehuda Goldstein, Rabbi Simcha Adelman, Mr. Walter Richtman, and the business office and banquet staff: Miss Chaya Miriam Cohen, Mrs. Aliza Fekson, Mrs. Melissa Kaufman, Mrs. Aliza Olswang, Mrs. Roz Oren, Mrs. Esther Rand, Mrs. Chaya Shifra Sadoff, Mrs. Rochel Samber, Miss Reva Weil and Mrs. Brittney Worch. Everyone worked so diligently throughout the Banquet season, we cannot thank you enough.





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Eligibility

- Nominee is a current full-time day school classroom teacher in a school operating under the auspices of the Associated Talmud Torahs of Chicago.
- Nominee has completed 4 full years of teaching in the above capacity by September 2016.
- Nominations can be made by a fellow educator, administrator, parent, or student. No family or self-nominations.

Selection Criteria for Educator of the Year Award

- Exceptional instructional skills in a nurturing environment
- Commitment to his/her students' success
- Positive role model
- Superior communication skills with parents, students, and peers
- Commitment to continued professional development
- Contributes to the school's learning community

MAIL APPLICATION TO:

Selection Committee
2017 EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS
Associated Talmud Torahs of Chicago
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An impartial panel consisting of educational consultants and community members will make the evaluations. No Foundation members will participate.

Site visits will occur in the Fall of 2017. The formal presentation of award winners will be made at the 2017 ATT Banquet.

Nomination forms will be available at www.att.org or in the ATT office beginning January 30, 2017. Submission deadline is Wednesday, May 17, 2017, by 5:00 p.m.



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- Pick up a study booklet at your ATT school or by contacting ATT at 773-973-2828 or torahbowl@att.org.
- All registration information is in the booklet.
- **Day 1**: All participants take the written test.
- **Day 2**: Top 32 scorers of each program (boys & girls) advance to the Torah Bowl, a game show style format with a game host, buzzers and an interactive game board display. Watch your score grow as you answer questions from different categories with different point values.
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- Game Day prizes range from seforim to bicycles to cameras to cash to music CDs to board games and to a variety of gift cards to your favorite stores, restaurants and activities!



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TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017

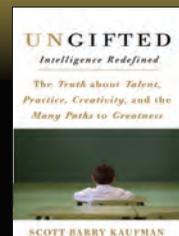
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