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The Arie Crown Motto

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Upcoming Events

- 11-23 Mon. Soup w/ Bagel Lunch
- 11-24 Tue. Boys' Student Council Deli Lunch
- 11-25 Wed. Pizza Lunch
- 11-26 Thu. Through Sunday, Nov. 29th
No School – Thanksgiving Break
- 11-30 Mon. School Resumes
- 12-1 Tue. Picture Day
- 12-5 Sat. eve. ATT's Parenting Workshop



Chanukah is approaching! In order to express Hakoras Hatov to our very devoted teachers, we present them with "Chanukah Gelt" that is collected from each child. We

suggest \$10.00 for full day students and \$5.00 for half-day students (Pre-Nursery and Nursery). Children enrolled in the Nursery Extended Program are considered full day students. Please fill out the attached form and send in one check per family in an envelope marked "Chanukah Gelt". Thank you for your cooperation.

The 23rd Annual R' Isaac Mayefsky Memorial Parenting Lecture will be held in conjunction with the ATT 5th Annual Parenting Conference on Motzoei Shabbos, December 5, 2009, 7:30 PM at the ATT, 2828 W. Pratt Blvd. in Chicago. The theme of this year's conference will be "Navigating the Twists and Turns: Life Skills Our Children Need to Succeed". The keynote address will be presented by Mr. Avi Shulman, noted author and educator from New York. The program will include additional stimulating workshops on inspirational topics. For registration and more information, contact the ATT at 773-973-2828.

80th Anniversary A.T.T. Banquet

"PROUD OF OUR PAST,
FOCUSING ON OUR FUTURE"

Rabbi Dovid Schnell

Community Leadership Award

Mr. Edward Fox

Distinguished Public Service Award

Arie Crown's Rabbi Yosef Cohen

Teacher of the Year Award

November 22, 2009

Westin O'Hare

Luach

- 11-20 Candle Lighting Time-4:06 PM
- 11-21 Shabbos Parshas Toldos
Sof Z'man Kriyas Shema-9:12 AM



Attention parents of 1st-8th grade students:
We are mandated by the State of Illinois that all students have a copy of their birth certificate in the school files. If you have not sent your form(s) in yet, please do so at once. Thank you.



Schoolbelles Annual Winter Sale is going on now through January 3, 2010! Save between 25 and 50%. Visit their website at www.schoolbelles.com for more information.

What was lost is now found and hung! Make sure to take a look at the Lost and Found! Coats, bags, sweatshirts, gloves, school skirts and shirts are just a few items that are hanging across from K109. Help us help you by making sure your child's clothing items have at least their last name on them and if possible a phone number. All unclaimed items will be given to charity.



H1N1 Update

A huge thank you to the Village of Skokie Health Department, our volunteers, staff, parents and teachers, on an unbelievably successful inoculation day. Arie Crown came in at a whopping 634 inoculations, which is 76.8% of the school population (students and staff)! Wow! Congratulations to all on an exceptionally well run clinic!

Please add the following vendor to your A.C.E. Vendor List:

Marlene Murad, Hairstylist and Make-up Artist at:

A Nu Yu Hair Studio
4015 Church Street; Skokie
847-687-0409

The PTA "Iron Chef" Fundraising Auction was a huge success! Attendance was wonderful, the auction prizes were amazing, our Iron Chef competitors were fantastic, the food was delicious, and participation in the Chinese, Silent and Live Auctions was outstanding!

The PTA has many people to thank for making the "Iron Chef" Auction such a smashing success! We are grateful to the many business and individuals who donated or sponsored gift packages, especially members of our Arie Crown family. We also thank the teachers and members of the Administration for donating their own gift packages to the Chinese Auction.

The Iron Chef competitors did an amazing job, preparing delicious sandwiches and being really good sports. Our thanks to *Team Rachel Ray* (Tamar Abell, Shira Berkowitz, Elise Glatz and Rivkie Greenland), *Team Paula Dean* (Ronit Gutnicki, Esther Mashiach and Rochie Porush), *Team Emeril Lagasse* (Baruch Carlsen and Ephraim Loiterman), and *Team Bobby Flay* (Rena Dickman, David Hartman and Mark Hartman).

Our gratitude goes to the Administration and everyone in the business office and front office who helped out with so many aspects of the event; as always, we couldn't have done it without you!

Special thanks to our Auctioneer, Yoel Goldberg, who really helped make the auction fun and very successful! We also appreciate the help of the many volunteers who came before, during and after the event to help with set up, ticket sales, registration, marketplace, and cleanup. You are proof positive that Arie Crown parents go above and beyond the call of duty to support the school.

The Auction Committee deserves our biggest thanks for the hours upon hours (and hours and hours!) of work that went into making the Auction such a success. Mere words cannot adequately express our Hakarat HaTov for your efforts:

Donna Atkin
Roberta Berger
Yehudit Goldberg
Chaya Tova Hartman
Joanie Harris
Estie Israel
Sharon Matten
Shoshana Shabat
Nechama Silver

Thanks to their families who lived with endless phone calls, frequent meetings, a bit of shopping, non-stop emails and a few well-timed panic attacks! Special thanks to Sharon Matten for living & breathing "Auction" for two years, hosting all of our meetings, supplying us with cookies, treats & drinks, and keeping us all on track and moving forward – Remember: It's all good, and TTFN!

Attention Parents: Please note that when you purchase your lunch tickets through the school office, the orders are filled by a parent every evening (not a staff member) and returned to school the next morning by 8:30 AM ready for pick up by an adult. If you need them mailed, please note that on your order, and the tickets will be mailed the next day. Please leave ample time when ordering as the office is not responsible for handing out tickets from your order to your child/children at lunch time. Thank you for your cooperation.

Health Corner



Helping Kids Deal with Stress

Life in general has never been as stressful as is it now. We're also moving, busy doing one thing after another so it's more important than ever to learn to make time to relax. Not "watch TV" relax but true relaxation of the body and the mind.

Parents can help children realize that everyone feels stress and it's normal to feel anxious at certain times.

Parents can be good role models and demonstrate how they handle stressful situations at work or at home.

Everyone can benefit from some relaxation techniques.

- Sit or lie down in a comfortable position
- Focus on breathing in and out, taking slow deep breaths
- Relax the muscles of the body from your head to your toes.
(Kids might need help learning how to clench and relax different muscle groups)
- Finally imagine being in a favorite place. A place that feels good and safe. Imagine what you see, hear and feel in your favorite place.

Many studies show a connection between stress and illness. Learning to relax is another thing that we can do to help our bodies stay healthy. www.worrywisekids.org is a terrific website that offers more information for all parents.

What to Do When You Worry Too Much: A Kid's Guide to Overcoming Anxiety by D Huebner and The Anxiety Cure for Kids: A Guide for Parents by E DuPont-Spencer, RL DuPont and CM DuPont are just two suggested books on the subject.

The Skokie Health Department will be hosting H1N1 vaccine clinics on December 3, 6, 9 and 12, 2009. As of now they will only be vaccinating pregnant women and children at these clinics who are Skokie residents or who go to school in Skokie. Children 9 and under can receive their second dose at these clinics. Please make an appointment for each person by going online to www.skokie.org and following the links. They will NOT accept walk-ins.

The Village of Skokie Health Department will continue to monitor the level of disease activity in all schools in Skokie. They will be collecting information on faculty and students who are absent with Influenza-like Illness (ILI). Please call the school office to inform us if your son or daughter's absence is due to ILI. ILI is defined as fever above 100 degrees and new onset cough or sore throat (symptoms might also include runny nose, and general body aches). I want to emphasize that no names are being given to the Health Department; we are only asked to supply them with the number of students with ILI.

Please remember, students must not return to school until they have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.

Thank you for your help.

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LINK INTO READING

Our second year of LINK INTO READING is off to a good start. We currently have a total of **1774** links. This number represents 1774 books read by students in grades one through four.

The following are the classes that have read the most books so far:

Mrs. Nussbaum's 3rd grade boys - 352 books

Mrs. Berger's 4th grade girls - 274 books

Mrs. Astor's 4th grade boys - 200 books

Parents, grandparents, other relatives and friends are invited to participate. We want everyone to read, **READ** and **READ** some more!

Elaine Steiner, English Librarian

Homework Club

a.k.a. "After School Study Hall"

The Homework Club is held under the supervision of Ms. Nicole Serpico (room 310) on Mondays and Wednesdays and Mrs. Judy Whisler (room 201) on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost is \$5 per session for a pay-as-you-go option. A pack of twenty sessions may be purchased for \$80. For each additional child in the family, a 20 session pack may be purchased for \$70. Contact Ms. Serpico or Mrs. Whisler with any questions or concerns you have regarding this program at mrswhisler@gmail.com; or njserpico@hotmail.com.

Boys' Student Council Happenings

The Rosh Chodesh Project was a smashing success (not talking about the broken glass frames, but a few did break!). The boys of grades 3, 4, 5 all participated in a Chanukah project in the Beis Medrash. It was a pleasure seeing how everyone shared the markers and colored ever so meticulously. Thank you, Mrs. Matanky, for bringing in most of the markers. There was such excitement in the air that even Martin and Claudio joined in the project making. Thank you, Rabbi Spector, for your assistance, and thanks to all the Rebbeim for helping the project run so smoothly.

Rabbi S. Pomerantz

Reminder #1: Grades 3 and up Kiddush Levanah tests will be administered next week. No trick questions! They are the exact questions posted in the hallways.

Reminder #2: One can begin saying Kiddush Levanah; If you say it, bring a note signed by a parent and give it to your Rebbe.



This week in Mrs. Litwack's 4th grade girls' class, we recently learned Hebrew grammar and we always do awesome work in Chayeinu. On Monday we had the wonderful Mrs. Weine; she taught us wonderful stuff. We have a game called popcorn which is so awesome. This is how you play: first Mrs. Litwack calls on someone to start reading the story in our Shah Shel Menucha. Then whenever the teacher wants, she says popcorn and a girl's name. The new girl has to start reading from wherever the girl before her left off and if she does not know where we are she has to start from the beginning. Also, if she says an "S" instead of a "T" then we also have to start from the beginning and it takes a long time to finish the story, but when we do, everyone is so happy! We also learned a few new Rashis that were also very interesting. On Wednesday, we had Hebrew library and most people checked out books. Good Shabbos!

By Kayla B., Sarah W., Mimi M. and Adina A.

"Mekimi, Mekimi..." It's Rosh Chodesh! In Mrs. Dubovick's 4th grade class we just had our 2nd Rosh Chodesh store. There were amazing prizes! In Navi we're already on Perek Beis! Wow! We're going to start Dikduk next week. We're having so much fun in Chayeinu. Rabbi Robinson helped us pronounce words correctly in Shema (for example, V'ahavta and V'achalta). Have a good Shabbos!

By Aniel Goldberg, Adina Drapkin & Julie Perl

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Do you know what the words *vstkd, vtdc, rzdll* have in common? They all start with the letter *d* which we are learning this week. We ate all 3 foods at snack time and guess which one we liked best? Our class wrote a story together about Goofy Gezer and we each made our own Goofy Gezer Guy. Each child added a part of the story. We hope you like it.

By the Yeladim of Morah Malka's Nursery



GOOFY GEZER (CARROT)

Written by: Morah Malka's Nursery Class

Goofy Gezer lived in the carrot section of the store. One day, someone took him and put him in the cart. He was sad because he wanted to stay with his gezer friends. Someone paid for him and put him in the car. The lady drove him home. He hid somewhere because he didn't want anyone to eat him. He hid under the table. The lady looked everywhere because she wanted to eat him for dinner. She went to sleep and Goofy Gezer ran back to the store. Goofy Gezer was happy because he was back with his friends. The End.

This week in Mrs. Bohmbach's 5th grade boys' class, we made balloon rockets. We also finished our timeline in rocketry. Our class has had 2 injuries. We are doing a new thing called Reader's Theater. The plays were called Beware and 3 other plays. The plays are being taped for a CD for each one of us at the end of the year.

By Jesse Hunt and Shmuel Perman

All the first graders had a terrific time at The Grove on Wednesday! We learned how life was like in the 1800's. We visited an old schoolhouse and a log cabin. The pioneers had a difficult life. We're glad we live in 2009!

First Grade Classes

This week in Mrs. Litwack's 4th grade girls' class we learned so much! We learned a lot of Chumash and we learned some Rashis. We also learned about Moshe Rabeinu. Now it is time for English class. Thank you Masha. In Miss Berger's class we finally finished The Hundred Dresses book. We've been doing a lot of 100 Dresses drawings and activities. We are trying to make 100 dresses for our classroom. We've been learning a ton of math. In computers we are making a power point slideshow. We are supposed to do a report about Indians. Have a good Shabbos.

By Roni Bell and Masha Matten

ARIE CROWN

The Arie Crown Family would like to extend a Mazel Tov to:

C Births

Rabbi and Mrs. Peretz Jaffe on the birth of their grandson

R Engagements/Weddings

Rabbi and Mrs. Chaim Sherman on the engagement of their daughter, Itta

Dr. and Mrs. Steven Neren on the marriage of their son, Asher (class of '96) to Adina Wise (class of '97)

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Schayer on the marriage of their daughter, Leora

To Rabbi Y. Cohen: Mazal Tov on being named ATT's Educator of the Year. Your enthusiasm, devotion, and dedication to Torah and to your students is inspiring. Mazal Tov again, on this well deserved honor.

Marc and Pnina Levinson

Dear Rabbi Samber, Rabbi Robinson, Mrs. Feiger, Mrs. Wigoda, Mrs. Worch, Mrs. L. Cohen, Mrs. Levitan, Mrs. Karp, Mrs. M. Seleski, Mrs. M. Kohn, Mrs. T. Alswang, Mrs. L. Horowitz, and Mrs. Bar-Meir: Thank you so much for all your help with the H1N1 vaccine Clinic on November 13, 2009. The day ran so smoothly because of all your hard work.

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To the Amazing Auction Committee: The Auction has never run so smoothly, proceeded so efficiently, or wowed so many! Chefs' Hats off to all of you! Your hard work and dedication made it a fantastic event and fundraiser!

A not-so-secret Admirer

To: Donna Atkin, Roberta Berger, Yehudit Goldberg, Joanie Harris, Chaya Tova Hartman, Estie Israel, Shoshana Shabat, Nechama Silver: Thank you so much for all your hard work and dedication in preparing for the Iron Chef Auction. I truly appreciated your patience, commitment, creativity, and attention to detail. Your efforts really paid off! You are awesome, and this auction wouldn't have been the success it was without you! May we continue to eat cinnamon buns and work together for the benefit of our school. TTFN, Sharon

To: Cheryl, Janice, and Stacy: Thanks so much for your continued support and assistance. Your constant sanity checking made sure that things weren't too crazy! Your help was really appreciated. As Presidents you will always be tops to me – Sharon

Energy Program Updates: The People's Gas attic insulation rebate program has been extended for a limited time, and is now offering an instant rebate option to its customers. A 75% rebate (up to \$750) can be deducted from the total cost of the job at the time of installation. The average home attic out of pocket cost is now only \$350, of which most or all can be deductible as a tax refund at the end of the year. Attic insulation is proven to be the most cost effective way to reduce home energy bills. Call Steinhardt Builders, at 847-677-2299 to start saving \$\$\$ on your heating bills this winter.

Don't flush your money down the drain! Call Yitzzy at Ez Flow Sewer And Drain Corp. Power Rodding, Sinks, Bathtubs, Mainlines, Toilets, Faucets, Pumps, repairs and installations, Licensed, Bonded, Insured. We now are accepting Credit Cards! Call Yitzzy Schwartz at 773-593-9050.

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Do you want more energy? Do you want to lose weight? Are you looking to eat healthier? Mel Greengus, nutrition and lifestyle coach, can help you achieve your personalized lifestyle goals. Mel works with individuals, couples, and families to help them create healthy meal habits. Call Mel at 773-972-6993.

Kesser Maariv's Gold Rush is on!! On Saturday evening, November 21, 2009 from 6:30-10:00 pm at the shul, 4341 W. Golf, Skokie, IL, industry experts and Kesser Maariv members Bob Greenstein (of Harlan J. Berk Ltd.) and Marty Miretzky (of M. Geller, Ltd.) will be buying your unused or unwanted Gold, Silver, Platinum and diamond jewelry and coins for immediate payment. Strongest prices paid! Walk-ins welcome, appointments available via email at bobg@hjbld.com. A portion of all proceeds will go to support the shul. Call for more details: (847) 679-9800, or see our website: <http://bhkmal.freesevers.com>.

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CORRECTION! HANNA SACKS BAIS YAAKOV PRESENTS: CHICAGO CHANUKAH CONCERT LIPA SCHMELTZER! SHUA KESSIN! Orchestra conducted by Yisroel Lamm on December 14th, 2009. SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. (6:15 Sruie's Essen Delicatessen for purchase) Location: Evanston Township High School 1600 Dodge Ave. Thinkin Things selling your last minute Chanukah Gifts! Family and separate seating available Tickets 773-539-4885 www.Jewishtickets.com. For more info. 773-850-9908.

Linda's Headquarters at 3339 W. Dempster is having 20% off all winter hats in store. Also Freeda European headband and hat falls on sale till Chanukah for 495.00. Many Georgie wigs on sale for \$300. Clearance on uniform shirts. Sizes 14&up all \$10. Also carrying shells (Riki Kiki).

Linda's Headquarters at 3339 W. Dempster in Skokie is still taking wigs on consignment. If you have wigs or hats that you are not wearing, please call Linda for cash or credit in store. Also if you are looking for great prices on 100% human hair wigs on consignment or new wigs selling at 159.00. Come check it out. Call for info.847-679-0669.

Please join us at AMIT ANNUAL CHANUKAH BOUTIQUE this Sunday, Nov. 22 at Congregation Or Torah from 11-4pm. We will have many familiar and new vendors including sports attire, Crazy Keepas, books, games, hair accessories, jewelry, art, Judaica and more.

TNT for Boys at the Skokie Kollel this Motzei Shabbos features Rabbi Zvi Engel, Rav of Cong. Or Torah. Boys grades 3-8 are invited each Motzei Shabbos to the Kollel from 7-8 for learning, great speakers, pizza and raffles! Besamim for Girls grades 3-8 meets each Sunday morning from 11:30-12:30 at the Kollel for Torah quiz games, great speakers, pizza and raffles. This week's speaker is Mrs. Roni Lichtman.

This week, Bnei Akiva wants to invites all Chevraya Alef for a fun activity to Monkey Island, on Sunday November 22. We will meet at the Lishka at 10:20, and return to the Lishka at 1:30. The cost is \$13/child mas-paid, and \$15/child non-mas-paid. We hope you can join us. We are also looking for families in the Skokie community to host chanichim for a Bnei Akiva 11th grade Shabaton on December 11th. If you are able to host, please contact us at bach21.il@gmail.com. Snif this week starts at 2:30 in Skokie, WRP, and Lincolnwood, two of the Bnot Sherut are going to be at WRP!!! We look forward to seeing you all!

Bnos News: Please join us for our song, dance, & drama, Sunday Program for grades 3-6. Practice days are Nov. 15, 22, 29; Dec. 6, 13. To sign up please cal Mrs. Aron (773) 539-3036.

25-50% off all merchandise at GROWING UP AND OUT. Winter clearance sale now in progress. Please call for store hours: 847-763-0246.

Free Hebrew reading class for women begins this Tuesday! The Skokie Kollel, in conjunction with NJOP, is offering a 6-session seminar for women looking to gain proficiency in reading Hebrew. The class is led by Mrs. Roxanne Abrams and meets Tuesdays at 2:00 pm November 24-December 29 at 9126 Ridgeway in Skokie. For more information or to register call the Kollel at 847-674-7959 or email info@skokiekollel.org.

Gems by Sarelle Jewelry Inventory Liquidation Sale! Motzoei Shabbat, 11/28/09, 7 pm to Midnight (or call for an appointment) 2846 West Touhy Avenue, Unit H Fantastic Discounts! Everything Must Go! Sterling Silver, Freshwater Pearls, Semi-Precious Stones, Marcasite, Michal Negrin and Lots More!!!! Questions? Contact Sarelle at 773-339-1456 or sarelle@gemsbysarelle.com.

Join Super Science Sunday this November 22nd! Team Discovery for Grades 1-3 boys and girls; 10:00-11:30 AM – this week's topic is, "Astronomy & Rockets". Team Invention for Grades 4-6; girls-1:00-2:15; boys-2:45-4:00 – this week's project is, "Astronomy & Rockets". "Inventions Unlimited" – long term science project for older students with Dr. Art Friedman – girls: 1:00-2:15 PM; boys: 2:45-4:00 PM. All classes held at IDT, 8180 McCormick Blvd. For info, call 847-745-1706.

Attention ladies and teens: It's time to get into shape! Lose weight, burn fat, get strong, get into the best shape of your life! Join my fat blasting boot camps and start your way to incredible results! Offering daily morning classes and now Sunday teen classes, too! **New classes now forming** so call to reserve your spot. Call Marci Siebzener, CPT at 847-722-4788. **No gym! No membership! No excuses!**

