

# English News & Facts



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## The Arie Crown Motto

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## Upcoming Events

- 12-5 Sat. eve. ATT's Parenting Workshop
- 12-7 Mon. Bagel w/ Tuna/Cream Cheese Lunch
- 12-8 Tue. Early Childhood Prospective Parent Open House 9:00-10:15 AM
- 12-9 Wed. Pizza Lunch
- 12-10 Thu. Turkey Sub w/ Veggies/Pickle Lunch
- 12-13 Sun. through Mon. 12-14  
No School – Chanukah Vacation
- 12-15 Tue. School Resumes
- 12-21 Mon. 4G Shiras Devorah (9:00 AM)

## Luach

- 12-4 Candle Lighting Time-4:00 PM
- 12-5 Shabbos Parshas Vayishlach  
Sof Z'man Kriyas Shema-9:23 AM



**Attention Parents: Please do NOT send hot drinks with your children to school, even if the drinks are covered. Thank you for your cooperation.**

**The Administration**



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.

**Chanukah is just around the corner.**

**Don't forget the perfect gift –  
The Arie Crown discount card!  
The gift that keeps on giving.**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual R' Isaac Mayefsky Memorial Parenting Lecture will be held in conjunction with the ATT 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

Great Give/Get Opportunity!!!

Please come this Motzei Shabbos, December 5, 2009 at 8:00 P.M. to Rivka Wax's home at 6035 N. Lawndale to help pack Chanukah treat bags. Questions call Rivka Wax at 773- 583-4885.



A special thank you to Avi & Chavee Gottlieb and Natan & Libi Weiss and families for donating 200 new siddurim for our children to use in loving memory of their grandmother, Jeanette Aron, v'rt o'hj , cks'ha.

Chanukah is around the corner! A cookbook makes a great gift! To purchase a copy of Crowning Elegance, please call Louise at (773)338-5616. Only a few copies left! Pick up lunch tickets at the same time!

The Book Fair Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make this past book fair our most successful ever! Thank you to all of our customers who bought books. We hope you and your family enjoy them together. Thank you to the administration and office staff for all their help and support. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who helped make all aspects of set up, clean up and check-out run smoothly. And of course, thank you to Martin and Claudio for their hard work. It is always so appreciated. We would also like to thank all the parents who purchased books for their children's classrooms. These books are already being used to enrich our children's education. Looking forward to a great Spring fair.

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.

The first lost and found items have been donated. To avoid having your items donated over winter break, please make sure to look at the items hanging across from K109. There are coats, uniform shirts, uniform sweatshirts, sports equipment, and warm weather gear just to name a few items. Many labeled articles were returned to students instead of having to be donated. Help us help you by making sure your child's clothing items have at least their last name on them, and if possible, a first name or phone number. All unclaimed items will be given to charity before winter break.

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

Attention! The library still needs YOU! If you have any time to give, (and earn great give/get credit!) please call Esther Weiner at 773-764-6692.

Attention all Arie Crown Artists: It's never too early to enter artwork for the S.O.A.R. (Student's Outstanding Artistic Recognition Exhibit). You may submit your work to Mrs. Ozmina or Mrs. Pinsky. Please remember: 8x11 unlined paper or a little larger, no 3D artwork. Also, please do not laminate any work. Thank you.

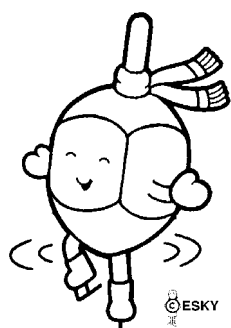
The S.O.A.R. Committee



**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

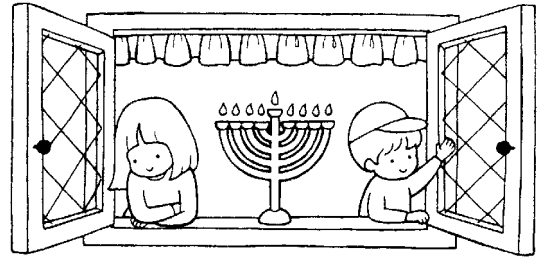
for a pay-as-you-go option. A pack of twenty sessions may be purchased for \$80. For each additional child in the family, a 20 session pack may be purchased for \$70. Contact Ms. Serpico or Mrs. Whisler with any questions or concerns you have regarding this program at [mrswhisler@gmail.com](mailto:mrswhisler@gmail.com); or [njserpico@hotmail.com](mailto:njserpico@hotmail.com).



On Rosh Chodesh Kislev, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders played a special Chanukah Bingo which began to familiarize them with people, places and things for the upcoming Chag of Chanukah. They played five-in-a-row, four corners, and whole card Bingo. There were many winners and everyone received at least one chocolate piece of Chanukah gelt!

A great time was had by all and now everyone is looking forward to the Chanukah Carnival to be held during Chanukah!

# Health Corner



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"Oh Chanukah, Oh Chanukah, come light the menorah...."

There are more house fires in the month of December than in any other month of the year. There are over 10,000 candle related fires in the United States each year. The following recommendations will help you ensure your family has a safe and happy Chanukah.

- \* Place your menorahs on a sturdy, non-flammable surface that is large enough to hold the menorah and catch any wax or oil drippings.
- \* Place the menorahs far from flammable objects, such as window treatments, upholstered furniture, and wrapping paper.
- \* Keep small children and pets away from a lit menorah. Never leave small children and pets alone in a room with a lit menorah.
- \* Store matches out of the reach of children
- \* 40% of candle fires occur when candles are left unattended. Do not leave the house or go to sleep with lit candles.
- \* Make sure your house has working (when did you change the battery?) smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers.
- \* Review your family's fire escape plan.
- \* When shopping for toys for little children (especially kids under 3 years old) it's a good idea to keep in mind that anything small enough to fit through a toilet paper tube is a choking hazard.

Chanukah Sameach!!!

REMINDER: Did you make appointments for your family for the H1N1 flu vaccine? ALL Illinois residents can go to [www.Skokie.org](http://www.Skokie.org) and make their appointments today.

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**MAP Updates**

Keep on implementing and practicing this month's middah of Gevurah showing strength of character. For example, I was made aware about one boy who was publicly insulted and was able to refrain from responding. That is the ultimate example of Gevurah. I will IY"H be running a raffle for all those who earned a MAP coupon for this month.

Rabbi Pomerantz

**Boys Student Council**

**Happenings**

**Chanukah Dreidel and Art Project**

Only 1 week left to bring in your entries. Everyone who brings in a project or an art depicting a Chanukah scene will be entered into a raffle!



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Mrs. Schur's 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls were the teachers this week! As a review for Perek Heh and Vav, they were paired up and asked to come up with 12-15 questions. After writing the questions, Mrs. Schur graded them and returned the questions to different pairs of girls to answer them! This way each girl had a turn to create questions and answer someone else's! It was a great review and we've got some promising teachers in 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Lights, camera, action! Mrs. Dubovick's 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls' class is performing a skit in Ivrit. In Chumash we all learned the Rashi "v'f, vnk" by heart. We are almost going to finish Perek Bais and then we're going to have a Chumash test. We just got our #6 Ivrit test back and we all got great scores! In Chagim, we are learning about Chanukah! Take out the Menorah, get your dreidel ready and take out the candles because Chanukah is coming soon! We also began practicing our Shiras Devorah. We are going to have our 7<sup>th</sup> Ivrit Test on Friday. Mrs. Dubovick is going to have a Chanukah party in her house and we can't wait! In Navi we finished Perek Gimmel. Have a good Shabbos!

By Malkie F., Marli G., and Ziva K.

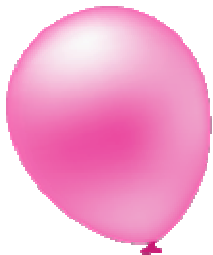


Mazel Tov to Mrs. Levin's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade girls' class for finishing Parshas Toldos! On Wednesday, we had a siyum. We had healthy foods like carrots and apples. We also had donuts, cookies, crackers and chips. We had the donuts first since their bracha is Mezonos. When each person got her food, she made the bracha out loud. Then everybody said a D'var Torah to the class. We are already learning Parshas Vayeitzay!

By Gabriella Bereliani and Chana Shapiro

This week in Mrs. Bohmbach's 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys' class, we've been learning negative and positive in math. It is getting easier by the ways of Mrs. Bohmbach's teaching. We've been having a great time digging deeper in the book of Holes. Even when we have much to do the suspenseful book keeps us going. In Hebrew, Rabbi Spector is teaching us more and more Navi. Recess rocks! Have a good Shabbos!

By Michael and Yitzy



Last week, Mrs. Whisler's 4th grade class was very exciting. We learned about Thomas Edison, Ben Franklin and static electricity. Thank you to Jakey for the balloon and demonstration. We finished our mystery boxes, at last, and began to study Thanksgiving.

We reviewed map skills, labeling the walls and corners of our room. In math, we made positive/negative number lines to help us add negative numbers. In Rabbi Levinson's class we had a Mishnayos test. On Sunday, we started Nach; we also finished a Perek in Chumash and Mishnayos. This week, we learned two Mishnas and started Perek Daled in Chumash. In General Studies, we learned a new story in our reading book. We are going to take a math test soon. In order to prepare us for the test, we will each individually work on a one-of-a-kind math packet with pages to help with what we need to work on in multiplication. We hope you had a good Thanksgiving break. Shabbat Shalom!

By Moshe Berk, Eli Harris, Judah Ripstein, Chaim Starr, and the rest of Mrs. Whisler's 4B class



Last week in Mrs. Stein's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade boys' class, we did a science experiment. We learned how our stomach works. We took a baggie and put bread and soda in it. We pretended the baggie was our stomachs, and squeezed the "muscle", the baggie. We watched how the food dissolves. We had a lot of fun. Next week we are going

to be learning about sharks and we each have a shark to write a report about!

By Gadi Kalman and Elisha Porush

## ARIE CROWN

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

### **C Births**

Rabbi and Mrs. Sam Biber on the birth of their granddaughter born to Rabbi Danny and Shira (class of '97) Kroll

Dr. and Mrs. Gary Hoberman on the birth of their granddaughter born to Ashley (class of '98) and Eli Klapper

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Keller on the birth of their son

Rabbi and Mrs. Michael Rosen on the birth of their granddaughter

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rosenthal on the birth of twin sons

Mr. and Mrs. Aharon (class of '00) Gaffen on the birth of their son. Mazel Tov to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Moshe Gaffen and Mr. and Mrs. David Segall

Rabbi and Mrs. Heschel Weiner on the birth of their grandson born to Yosef (class of '97) and Bryna Weiner

### **Engagements/Weddings**

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brody on the engagement of their son, Zev to Sara Nechama Ackerman

Dr. and Mrs. Michael Siegal on the marriage of their daughter, Dori (class of 99) to Akiva Posen. Mazel Tov to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Siegal

### **Bar/Bas Mitzvahs**

Rabbi and Mrs. Sanford Abramowitz on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Coby

Mr. and Mrs. Shlomi Fedida on the upcoming Bas Mitzvah of their daughter, Sapir

The Arie crown Family would like to express condolences to:

\* Mrs. Yvonne Serota and Zev Serota on the loss of their husband and father, Mr. Barry Serota, a"h.

\* Mrs. Michelle Rubin on the loss of her father, Mr. Maurice Mordka, a"h.

May they be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem and know of no further bereavement.

Happy Birthday, Shlomo Meyers! We're so happy to celebrate another great year with you at Arie Crown!

From, Your Fan Club

Mazel Tov Rabbi Yosef Cohen on being honored by the A.T.T. Your speech was very touching and informative. Thanks for being such an energetic, caring, creative and helpful Rebbe to our sons. Continued hatzlacha and nachas.

Yaakov and Aviva Lopin

P.S. Thank you Bassy!

Thank you to Mrs. Gross, Mrs. Prero and the host families for organizing a beautiful eighth grade girls' Shabbaton. Ayala had a great time.

By Alana and Leah Cohen

Kol Hakavod to Rena Safirstein, Molly and Perel Jacobson! We are so proud of you girls for donating your hair together. What a wonderful mitzvah you did, and your new haircuts look adorable! You girls have brought us all so much nachas. We love you!

Love, the Safirstein, Jacobson, Aaron & Stein Families

Chanukah is coming! Need that special gift for a friend or relative in Israel? Call Nechama Birnbaum, RDD Baskets and Gifts at 773-942-1250 or visit their website at [www.rddbaskets.com](http://www.rddbaskets.com)

SAVE BIG AT KESHER STaM: Chanukah Sale Continues: Artscroll: 30% off ALL Sets, 20% off ALL Books! 20% off ALL Feldheim and Israel Book shop titles. Additional savings at the Antonia Spitzer Boutique this Sunday on books as well as Music and Chanukah supplies

Don't flush your money down the drain! Call Yitzy 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 Yitzy Schwartz at 773-593-9050.

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**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.

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.

**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!**

HAPPY CHANUKAH!!! For the month of December Chava Sara Siebzener is having \$25 wash 'n sets. To book an appointment call (773) 954-9491.

ANTONIA SPITZER JEWISH LIBRARY CHANUKAH BOUTIQUE – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, CONG. K.I.N.S. 2800 W. NORTH SHORE. 12:00 - 5:00. DOZENS OF VENDORS HUNDREDS OF BARGAINS. INFO: 773.315.7255.

Schaumburg's Legoland Discovery Center becomes Chanukah Wonderland! Sunday, Dec. 13, 5-8 p.m. 601 N. Martingale, Schaumburg (in the Streets of Woodfield) \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door (regular admission price is \$12!). Unlimited access to all rides and attractions, Chanukah crafts and activities, Kosher pizza and refreshments, build and light a giant Lego Menorah! Visit [www.chabadillinois.com](http://www.chabadillinois.com) for advanced ticket purchase!

The Center for Torah and Chesed will be offering a CPR class for men on Tuesday, December 29 from 7:30pm - 10pm and a class for women at Adas Yeshurun on Wednesday December 30 from 7:30 - 10-pm. There is no charge for the classes, however you need to register by calling 773-761-4005 or e-mail [chicagoctr@chicagoctr.org](mailto:chicagoctr@chicagoctr.org) to register.

Club Da'Nali's and Bruce Herst invite you and the kids to Kid's Kabaret on Sunday Dec. 6th from 4 - 6 pm. Kids 1 - 16 take the stage! We'll have a keyboard available. Kids bring your other instruments and perform. Performer's table gets a free pitcher of soda and a basket of fries on any table check of \$20 or more. A fun Sunday family activity for everyone and it's right in time for dinner ! (Please...instrumentals only, no singers for this show) Reservations suggested (847) 677-2782.

Join Super Science this Sunday! Team Discovery for Grades 1-3 boys and girls; 10:00-11:30 AM – this week's topic is, "Cells and Microscopes". Team Invention for Grades 4-6; girls-1:00-2:15; boys-2:45-4:00 – this week's project is, "Frog Dissection and Anatomy". "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.

At Studio 2000 by Ramesh, we exclusively design one-of-a-kind designs to meet all your special occasion needs. With alterations on premises. We also carry a very exclusive boutique style jewelry to enhance your wardrobe, including a wide variety of bat mitzvah gifts. For your private showing, call Ramesh at (847) 677-7955, Cell (847) 445-0519 Come see us at the upcoming holiday boutique: @ Antonia Spitzer Jewish Library at Cong. K.I.N.S. 2800 W. Northshore Ave. Dec. 6 11:00-5:00. @ 9101 N. Kenton, Skokie Open House on Mon. Dec. 7-Thurs. Dec.10 9:30 a.m. 3:30 pm. Please call 847-677-7955.

HANNA SACKS BAIS YAAKOV CHANUKAH CONCERT! We will be at the CHANUKAH BOUTIQUE - SUNDAY: 12/6 from 12-5 p.m. Selling Tickets for your convenience!!! TICKETS SELLING FAST! GIVE YOUR FAMILY A GIFT TO REMEMBER! LIPA SCHMELTZER/SHUA KESSIN December 14. Showtime: 7:30 p.m. Srulies Essen Delicatessen for purchase! 6:15 p.m. Thinkin Things - for all your last minute Chanukah Gifts! For tickets: 773-539-4885/ [jewishtickets.com/](http://jewishtickets.com/) Rosenblum's Judaica. For sponsorships, please call 773-338-9222.

Pre-Chanukah Extravaganza! Rachel Gurell of Rachel Wigs (formerly of Chicago) will be in town for 1 day only! On Wednesday December 9th from 10:00AM - 8:00 P.M. at the home of Yochie Press, 2921 W. Jarlath Street. All wigs will be over 1/2 off, prices range from \$549 - \$949. Ladies these normally cost twice as much in New York. Don't miss out on this opportunity to treat yourself to a Chanukah present! Also don't forget to try your luck at the Surprise Box for an even better deal! Call (773) 761-7368 for more details.

JET, Jewish Education Team, the largest college campus kiruv organization in Illinois, is honored to have renowned mechaneches Shira Smiles as a speaker, Monday, Dec. 7, at 8 P.M. 2920 Coyle.

This week, Parashat Vayishlach, Bnei Akiva starts at 2:30 and ends at 4:00 in all 3 Snifim. There will be no snif next week (December 11th) because of the 11th grade shabbaton in Skokie. Also, get ready for a wonderful Chanukah carnival on Sunday, December 13th at K.I.N.S. (in WRP) from 10:30 to 1:00. There will be fun activities and contests between the madrichim and the chanichim! The price for the activity is \$13 mas paid and \$15 non-mas. We look forward to seeing you all there. Shabbat Shalom!

David is arriving on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. He customizes and creates the "wig of your dreams" for the look that's only you! Turn your referrals into cash dollars off your next David purchase wash and sets with mention of this ad. All out of the box wigs, accessories and make-up discounted just in time for Chanukah (throughout December). Call Rochel for appointment at 773-583-1323.

MICHAEL MEDVED WILL SPEAK at Congregation Kesser Maariv, 4341 Golf Rd. Skokie, IL, SATURDAY NIGHT, 7:30, January 9, 2010. General admission \$28.00/adult, student rate with ID \$20.00/student. Sponsorships available for \$100.00 which include a 6:30 pm private reception with Michael. Discounted book sales and great refreshments. Call the office at 847-679-9800 or email [bhhkmal@yahoo.com](mailto:bhhkmal@yahoo.com). Reach event chair Alan D. Busch at 847-894-1001 or at [alandbusch@aol.com](mailto:alandbusch@aol.com). Please visit us at [www.kessermaariv.org](http://www.kessermaariv.org).

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The Arie Crown Birthday Book Club would like to congratulate the following students on their recent birthdays:

Happy 6<sup>th</sup> birthday to Eli Edelson and Avi Zissman!

Happy 8<sup>th</sup> birthday to Gabriella Berliani, Avi Edelson, Baya London, Ateret Miller, and Yonah Steinberg!

Happy 10<sup>th</sup> birthday to Zenna Brandt-Rauf!

Happy 11<sup>th</sup> birthday to Yosef Bereliani, Eliana Feifel, and Sarah Russman!

Happy 12<sup>th</sup> birthday to Dov Garfinkel!

Happy 13<sup>th</sup> birthday to Noam Feifel and Leah Gaynor!

If you are interested in participating in the Birthday Book Club, please fill out the form at the back of this Yediot.