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The Arie Crown Motto

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Upcoming Events

- 2-12 Fri. through Sunday, Feb. 14 – No School
- 2-15 Mon. No School – Teachers' Institute Day
- 2-17 Wed. Pizza Lunch
- 2-18 Thu. Chicken Nugget w/ Corn Lunch
- 2-18 Thu. Picture Retake Day – Don't forget to bring your order form/pictures

Luach

- 2-12 Candle Lighting Time-5:00 PM
- 2-13 Shabbos Parshas Mishpatim;
Parshas Shekalim and Shabbos Mevorchim
Sof Z'man Kriyas Shema-9:27 AM
- Rosh Chodesh Adar is on Sunday and Monday



Purim cards are available! Cards are on sale in the school office, or call Sue Dimbert at 773-856-0658. Cards are sold 4/\$5 or 8/\$10. 90% give/get credit given!

Mazel Tov!

63rd Anniversary Banquet

Steve and Malka Miretzky

Guests of Honor

Rabbi Leizer and Debby Robinson

Torah V'Chesed Awardees

Monday, June 21, 2010



Mazel Tov to Mrs. Randi Loskove on being honored by Arie Crown at the 61st Annual Scholarship Woman of Valor Luncheon of the Yeshiva Woman. The luncheon will be held on Sunday, March 7th at the Double Tree Hotel in Skokie. Mazel Tov to the following members of the Arie Crown Family who will also be honored: Mrs. Linda Neiman and Mrs. Yael Ripstein. For more information, please call the Yeshiva at 847-982-2500.

1st Day of 2010-2011 School-Year

Tuesday, August 31

Winter Vacation

Thursday, December 23-Sunday January 2nd

Attention Parents: Please make sure your child(ren) have a change of clothes in their lockers. During the winter months, a lot of children get wet socks/tights while they are playing outside at recess. Thank you.

Early Childhood

This week the Pre-Nursery and Nursery classrooms welcomed the Urban Dance Center for some fun, interactive dancing lessons. This was a lot of fun for the children and we thank the Dance Center for this special visit!!

The Early Childhood Winter Gear Chesed Program is coming to an end....We have collected over 100 coats or jackets plus other warm gear. If you still would like to donate items, there is still one week left. All donations will be brought over to the Chicago Children's Chesed Gemach Friday February 19th. Thank you for your support and for making this tzedakah project a big success!

Early Childhood Book Club Titles/Themes for the past two weeks!

Trees

- "Life Cycle of an Oak Tree" by Linda Tagliaferro
- "Are Trees Alive?" by Susan Miller
- "A Tree for Me" by Nancy Van Laan

Author Study

Various books by Robert Munsch including:

- "Zoom"
- "Smelly Socks"
- "Andrew's Loose Tooth"
- "Get Out of Bed"
- "Alligator Baby"

Books by author Eric Carle including:

- "The Very Hungry Caterpillar"
- "Mr. Seahorse"
- "Pancake, Pancake"
- "The Tiny Seed"

Health Corner

Preventing burns:

First, Second and third degree burns can be caused by fire, chemicals, hot liquids, steam, electricity and sun exposure.

Smoke detectors should be on every level (floor) in your home. Change the battery every 6 months. Smoke detectors EXPIRE after 10 years. Create an emergency escape plan for your family and practice it regularly. Keep lighters, chemicals, irons, curling irons and candles out of reach.

- * Turn pot handles to the side and toward the back of the stove.
- * Never hold a small child while cooking.
- * Keep kids away from hot drinks and hot soup. Don't hold a child while drinking hot liquids.
- * Warm bottles in a pot of hot water – never in the microwave.
- * Cover electrical outlets with child-safety caps.
- * Don't use appliances or extension cords that are worn or frayed.
- * Use a cool mist humidifier rather than steam.
- * Hot water heaters should be set at 120 degrees Fahrenheit (low-medium). Anti-scald devices are also available. They are inexpensive and easy to install.
- * Turn on the COLD water first and turn it off last when filling the bathtub. Test the bath water with your ELBOW before putting a child in the bathtub.
- * Playground equipment can get hot in the sun. Check before allowing a child to play.
- * Remove carseats or strollers from the sun or cover with a blanket.
- * Hide the metal seatbelt buckle between the seats to prevent them from heating up in the sun.
- * Sunscreen SPF 15 or higher should be applied 20-30 minutes BEFORE going outside (especially midday) and reapplied every 2 hours for all children over the age of 6 months. Keep younger babies in the shade.

Health tip:

FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI HOSPITAL.....A VERY SERIOUS WARNING

Never use the cell phone while it is charging in an electrical outlet! If you are charging the cell phone and a call comes in, unplug it from the charger before you answer the phone.

Health tip:

From Georgetown University Medical Center in Washington D.C.

"People who drank two or more soft drinks a week had an 87% increased risk -- or nearly twice the risk -- of pancreatic cancer compared to individuals consuming no soft drinks," according to lead author Noel T. Mueller, MPH.

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Erev Shira is here! We've been practicing so many songs this past week. We've also been going to the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts to practice! A lot of people got awesome grades on their Ivrit test in Mrs. Dubovick's 4th grade girls' class. We can't wait to see you all at Erev Shira. Have a great Rosh Chodesh Adar! Have a great Shabbos and remember to hear Parshas Shekalim.

By Julie Perl and Miri Porush

This week in Mrs. Bohmbach's 5th grade boys' class we learned about the war between the Indians and settlers. We also made baking soda volcanoes. It was very fun. In math we learned how to multiply, divide, add, and subtract fractions. We also are learning how to multiply, divide, add, and subtract mixed numbers. We did a few two-minute mysteries. It was good while it lasted. We did a bit of grammar. IT IS COLOR WAR!!!!!!! The colors are yellow and red.

By Yoni and Shmuel

In Mrs. Pinsky's 3rd grade boys' class we learned about volume, capacity, and liters. We are acting out a play called *Peco's Bill*. It was a very good story. We learned that nouns that end in "y" are changed to "ies" and "ed". We also dropped "e" to "ed" or "ing". We only have one more letter in cursive then we are done with lower case letters! Have a good Shabbos.

By Yaakov Mendelsberg and Doni Miretzky

ARIE CROWN

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

C Births

Mr. and Mrs. Yosi Applebaum on the birth of twins (boy and girl!). Mazel Tov to the grandparents, Mr. and Morah Walter Richtman

R Rabbi and Mrs. Yosef Cohen on the birth of their daughter

N Dr. and Mrs. Robert Friedman on the birth of twin granddaughters born to Mr. and Mrs. Yossi Friedman

R Mr. and Mrs. Dov Peikes and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Schultz on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Daniel (class of '96) and Ronit (class of '95) Peikes. Mazel Tov to the great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Schultz Rabbi and Mrs. Shlomo Pomerantz on the birth of their daughter

R Rabbi and Mrs. Chaim Russell on the birth of their granddaughter

Engagements

R Rabbi and Mrs. Ben Dov Leibenstein on the engagement of their granddaughter, Ahuva Shapiro

Bar/Bas Mitzvahs

Mr. and Mrs. Uzi Kalif and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Aviv on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Osher

Dearest Kitah Daled, Amush: You all sang so beautifully in our Erev Shira Junior Choir! You made me so proud, as always! It was a pleasure working with you all! Enjoy your mini vacation. Keep smiling! Have a good Shabbos and Chodesh Adar!

Love always, Mrs. Dubovick

Dearest Mrs. G., Mrs. L., Mrs. S., Amush: Once again – what a pleasure it was working with you! Mrs. G: Welcome aboard – we love those motions!! Thanks for making our Erev Shira season so memorable! You're all the BEST!! Have a great Shabbos and Chodesh! Rest up!

Love always, Mrs. Dubovick

To my dear 4th grade girls: Mazal Tov on your beautiful performance! Your singing was sweet and amazing! I am so proud to be your Morah! You were all super holy fragalistic spiritualidocious!

Love, Mrs. Litwack

To my mentor, Mrs. Jaffe: Baruch Habah B'shem Hashem! It is an honor and privilege to work with you and learn from you! You are the highest height!

Love, Mrs. Litwack

Dear Leah: Thank you so very much for the wonderful job you did writing that song. If a spoonful of ruach helps the happiness be found, your song should keep us smiling for awhile!

Love, Mrs. Jaffe

Dear Mrs. Litwack: Every year it gets better and better! I mean our friendship! Thanks for all your technical knowledge and everything else!

Love, Mrs. J.

Dear Mrs. Prero, Mrs. Gross, Mrs. Abowitz, Mrs. Gelman, Mrs. Lichtman, Mrs. Schur, Mrs. Jaffe, Mrs. Dubovick, Reb. Levin and Mrs. Greenberger: Thank you for an amazing Erev Shira season. We are a fabulous team! When I grow up, I want to be like all of you! BE"H, we will all be able to "Na'aleh" and have next year's Erev Shira in Yerushalayim!

Love, EL

Dear Moshe, Tzaddok, Yosef, Mr. and Mrs. Katz, Principal, Miri, Dina, Tamar, Rena and Avital (aka: Tiferet Abowitz, Sara Hartman, Devorah Goldwag, Shaindy Lebovics, Hannah Warso, Sarah Mendelsberg and Chaya Bockian): What can we say? You are all amazing and talented! We are so lucky to have an amazing cast like you!

Love, Mrs. Litwack and Mrs. Jaffe

To the 3rd-8th Girls Outstanding Moros: Wow! It's absolutely amazing to see you take on Erev Shira with such zest and enthusiasm! You truly help each and every girl reach "their highest height"! You are a true inspiration! Hashem should continue to give you koach in your "GEVALDIK" Avodas Hakodesh for many years to come!

Chaim and Yocheved Goldwag

To Our Drama "Prince" Yosef Halevi (aka Devorah): OMG! You performed so beautifully – you are such a "cute little boy"! Can we still keep calling you, Sefi?

To Our Dancing Queen, Chumi: You danced so gracefully! I loved watching you on stage "every step" of the way!

To our Sweet Singer, Rena: Your singing was outstandingly superb, especially with all those motions! Wow!

You should all continue to use your Gevaldik kochos in reaching your "highest height". Keep making us so proud of you each and every day! We love you so, so much!

Totty and Mommy

Dear Devorah Leah: You sang so beautifully at Erev Shira! You did an awesome job! We are so proud of you! We love you tons!!!

Daddy and Mommy

Dear Ahuva: Wow! You knocked our socks off! Your long hours of practice really paid off!! Your true talent and grace shined through so brightly, we were practically blinded!! High five for an incredible Erev Shira! Yeyasher koach to all the wonderfully talented Moros!

Abba, Mommy and Co.

Dear 8th Grade Props Heads and Helpers: Ayala Cohen, Aliza Miller, Ayelet Margulis, Ahuva Zimmerman, Leah Gaynor, Rivky Sperling, Rivka Goldmeier, Rochel Greer, Kayla Siebzener, and to our amazing 7th grade helpers, Kayleh Levy-Weller and Naomi Kolsky: Your effort, time, and dedication was super cala fragalistic! Your propers were expialidocious! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Love, Mrs. Litwack and Mrs. Jaffe

To our Ima (Miriam Miller), Abba (Esther Montrose), and Tovi (Chaya Levinson): Your leadership skills are amazing, your acting skills unique, and your disposition superholycala....! We loved working with you, and will always remember your amazing performance, as well as the "funny" moments (you skipped my line, they locked the balcony, don't forget your ticket sub, a chain on the link, oh, Menachem, we know you can't sing... that's irrelevant)! We love you!

Love, Mrs. Jaffe and Mrs. Litwack

In honor of **Shoshana**, our "**Senior Singing Sensation**"! You were a **Star**!! ☺ We look forward to enjoying your **sweet, sweet voice** for many productions to come IYH!

Love, Mommy, Tottie, and all the girls

Tamar: You were amazing!!! Leah and I loved watching you! I hope you keep singing these beautiful songs around the house even though Erev Shira is over!

Mommy

The Bockian family wishes to give Hakaras HaTov to the wonderful Moros who made Erev Shira possible.

Dear Ayala: You did your job more than "PROP"erly, it was great. You were wonderful. And we enjoyed your final Erev Shira so much.

Love, Ema and Ayala

To our dearest Tamar, Rena, Tzadok: Your first "trempe" on the big stage! Sara, we are SOOO proud of your performance, we always knew your dramatic flair and talent would be appreciated by the rest of the world too! LOVE YOU TONS!

Daddy, Mommy, Reuben, Allie and Sonny

Dear Atara B.: You were so fantastic in Erev Shira. Your bouncy energy, enthusiasm and excitement for your first performance were clear to everyone in the theater. We had so much fun watching you and we are so proud.

Love, Mommy, Avigayil and Baila

P.S. Daddy, Akiva, Daniel, Binyomin, Yael and Yosef were so jealous that we got to see your debut!

Yasher Koach to Hannah Levitan and Tamar Dimbert who have so far raised over \$100 to help the earthquake victims in Haiti! The Small Items Raffle will be held on Tuesday afternoon. Last minute tickets can be purchased Tuesday morning (\$0.10 each) and all donations are still welcome!

No Super Science Sunday this week, February 14th. Looking forward to seeing you on February 21st!

Purim is almost here, which means that Pesach cleaning is around the corner. Clean your house this year with products that don't pollute your home. Products that work but aren't toxic are a phone call away. Call Laura Greer for a full line of Green cleaning products that are inexpensive and great, 847-877-0189. Feel good about asking your kids to help clean without giving them toxic chemicals that could hurt them. Shaklee products are 100% money back guarantee. Your home should be the safest place in the world.

Are you tired of scrubbing your son's tzitzit, yet they are still gray? Did you read my ad a few weeks ago and you're still thinking about calling me? For the most amazing stain remover/tzitzit cleaner you've ever seen, call Laura Greer 847-877-0189. You won't be sorry. Money back guarantee!

K-5th graders...Join the BJJCC for our February Vacation Days! February 12th - Make a Masterpiece and February 15th – Unbirthday Party! For more information call Wendy Singer at 773-761-9100 or go to www.gojcc.org.

Boys Club "J" is underway for 6th - 8th grade! Come join us on Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 9pm. Hang out with friends, swim, gym time, game room, air hockey, fooseball, snacks, workout room and more! \$3 for Members/\$9 for non-members. Upcoming Dates: February 4, 18, March 4, 18, April 8, 22, May 6, 20th. For more info contact Wendy Singer: 773 761-9100.

Save the Date for the 2nd annual Girls Club "J" Lock-IN! 6th - 8th grade girls. Come for an overnight adventure at the "J" on Saturday night March 13th - Sunday Morning March 14th. For More information call Wendy Singer at 773-761-9100.

You're invited to come see Marci Fishman Weisel, Judaic Papercutting Artist from Gush Etzion, Israel. Don't miss this opportunity to see Marci's unique and colorful, richly meaningful artwork, exhibited and available for purchase Wednesday, March 10th from 7:30-10:00 pm at The Brauns, 3125 W. Columbia Ave in Parkside Estates. A percentage of the profits will benefit Chai Lifeline's "iShine" Chicago chapter. Visit Marci's website for a preview at www.papercutjudaica.com. For more info call 773-764-2228.

House for Sale – What a buy! Jumbo Georgian in Peterson Park with a newly remodeled kitchen, fireplace in spacious living room and dining room areas, den, 6 bedrooms in all – 3 on upper floor, 3 in finished basement, 2 ½ baths, plenty of extras. Situated on family-oriented, frum block. For more info, please call 773-454-1519 or 773-458-6211. Evenings: 773-267-6001.

Registration is now open for the 2010 Nathan and Shirley Rothner ATT Summer Program. Brochures will be available shortly and registration is now available online at att.org. Click "For Students". We are planning an awesome summer experience for your children. Register before March 15 and qualify for our Free Early Bird Bonus trips! Free hot lunches and snacks for all campers. For more information call Susan Feuer or Shelley Stopek 773-973-2828.

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It's time to think summer and Junior Gan Israel Day Camp, with quality programming for kids ages 1½ to 6. Options include: Tots Club, Expanding Horizons, or Hebrew Immersion Camp, as well as half and full day programs, hot lunches, and transportation. Special features include sports and gymnastics with "Stretch and Grow" certified coaches, for the ultimate in fun and skill building. Go to www.juniorganisrael.org, or call Mrs. Zeesy Posner, 847-679-1684.

Congregation K.I.N.S. presents our annual concert: Uncle Moishy and the Mitzvah Men! Sunday, February 14, 2010, 2:00 PM, 2800 W. North Shore, Chicago. Advance ticket sales, \$12 adults and children. At the door, \$15 adults and children. Sponsorships available. For more information or ticket sales call the shul office at (773) 761-4000 or visit our website at www.congkins.org.

Tired of doing your own taxes? Missing out on deductions, credits, and refunds? Take action now and call Deborah Schwimmer @ (773)856-5554. Confidentiality guaranteed.

CAMP PANIM YAFFFOS!!! A 7 week summer camp for boys currently in nursery and going into Kindergarten. June 23rd - August 11th. 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Located in Skokie. For more info, please call Tzvi Yaakov Pike (847) 721-0818.

CHICAGO YACHAD in celebration of North American Inclusion Month on February 12-13th Shabbos Parshas Mishpatim and, in conjunction with the Jewish Special Education Int'l Consortium proudly presents special guest speaker Judge Daniel Butler who will speak on the theme of "Building an Inclusive Jewish Community". Danny has amazed audiences around the globe with his own life's story and his powerful message. Come laugh, cry, learn and be inspired! He will be speaking at different shuls over Shabbos and at a community wide Melava Malka Motzai Shabbos.

Danny will be speaking at KJBS on Friday night, at an Oneg Shabbos at the home of Jo and Jonah Bruck 6253 N. Saint Louis at 8:00 pm. Emcee and introduction by Senator Ira Silverstein. Catered by Srulie's and graciously sponsored by the Brucks. Shabbos morning before Mussaf at KINS. Shalosh Seudoos at Adas Yeshurun. Melava Malka at Shaarei Tzedek 8:00 pm. No admission fee; catered by Bagel Country. All taking place on February 12-13th Shabbos Parshas Mishpatim. For More Information please contact Chaim Suss at 847 674 9470 or chicagoyachad@yahoo.com.

DON'T MISS, THIS SUNDAY! YU Torah Mitzion Kollel Annual Dinner, 6:30PM Sun. Feb 14th. Mr. & Mrs. Eric Rothner-Yesod Olam Award; Rabbi & Mrs. Shaanan Gelman-Eitz Chaim Award. Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob Synagogue. 6:30PM Shiur-Rabbi Meir Goldwicht "Vision & Perspective: Our Lives & Our Land." 7:30PM-Dinner & Dessert Buffet. Join us! For reservations, call Kollel office at 773.973.6557.

SAVE THE DATE! Sun. Feb 21st at 8:45a.m., YU Torah Mitzion Kollel's Aron & Rivka Friedman Kollel Yom Rishon at Or Torah. Light breakfast. 9AM-Rabbi Zvi Sobolofsky, Rosh Yeshiva, YU-RIETS & Rabbi, Cong. Ohr HaTorah, Bergenfield, NJ: "Drinking on Purim: Parameters and Perils." 10AM-Rabbi Zvi Engel, Rabbi, Or Torah "With Open Arms or Clenched Fists: Could Haman Convert to Judaism?" For info email Kollel office at info@chicagotorah.org.

Bnei Akiva News: Attention all Alef chanichim! This week Snif will start at 3:00 (and not 2:30!) and end at 4:30. Last week we saw beautiful skits about Tu B'shvat. 2nd and 3rd grades will get ice cream for winning first place for their beautiful skit and song. 6th grade received a prize for being the biggest age group. This week again the biggest age group will receive a special prize, so don't forget- come with your friends! This week, all the games and activities will deal with a special character. Come and find out who the person is (a hint- there is a mountain named after that person). Attention Zach (7th & 8th grade)! Look for more information for our next awesome activity which will be on March 3rd- make sure you sign up first to save your spot. Chevraya Alef- get out your best costumes, and get ready for a lot of Purim fun at KINS, on February 21st. More details to follow. Shabat Shalom.



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THE UN4GETTABLE EVENT!!!

This past Monday will go down in school history as un4gettable! At 10:00 AM a stretch Hummer limousine pulled up in front of ACHDS and began to shuttle our Exclusive mEmbers to the mytefillarewards Executive Event at Shallots' Bistro. Members enjoyed the luxury and style of their ride. Upon arriving at Shallots, members were greeted by Rabbi Samber and Mrs. Wigoda, and then seated by the staff at Shallots. Members were served a "black hat" or a double scoop of sorbet. The message was clear: although it may be hard for us to imagine what it means to be בני מלכים, "princes", who talk to the King, Hashem, moments like these can be used to help us feel truly special. We should realize that davening is all about talking... ..talking to Hashem. We would like to thank Rabbi Samber, Rabbi Robinson, and Mrs. Wigoda for helping to coordinate E4, and our driver, Gabe, and the staff at Shallots, for their wonderful service. A very special thank you to the generous sponsor who made this event possible.

