

# English News & Facts



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## The Arie Crown Motto

Where Middos & Learning  
Are Linked Together



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## Upcoming Events

- 3-21 Sun. through Mon., April 12<sup>th</sup>  
Conference Sign-Up Days (on-line only)
- 3-22 Mon. Bagel w/ Tuna/Cream Cheese Lunch
- 3-24 Wed. Pizza Lunch
- 3-25 Thu. through Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>  
No School – Pesach Vacation
- 4-8 Thu. School Resumes

## Luach

- 3-19 Candle Lighting Time-6:42 PM
- 3-20 Shabbos Parshas Vayikra  
Sof Z'man Kriyas Shema-9:56 AM



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## Save the Date!

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Chumash Play  
Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> 9:15 AM

## Mazel Tov!

63rd Anniversary Banquet  
Guests of Honor  
Steve and Malka Miretzky

Torah V'Chesed Awardees  
Rabbi Leizer and Debby Robinson

Monday, June 21, 2010



## ATTENTION PARENTS: LICE ALERT

Numerous cases of lice and nits have been found. They seem to be related to a Skokie area shul playgroup. Please be vigilant and check your childrens' hair. Arie

Crown lice checkers are available to help you if you need guidance. If a case is found please be considerate and follow school policy by reporting it to the school so that classmates can be checked and infestations can be avoided. Thank you.

The Hygiene Committee,  
Naomi Bayever, Zevi Ashkanazy,  
Aviva Vilenski, Devorah Greenfield

For those parents interested in applying for Financial Aid for the 2010-2011 school year, please be aware that the student aid form is now available and **must be sent to PSAS by April 15, 2010**. If you need a form or have any questions please call Rivkah Leah Friedman at extension 613.



## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Please see attached flier regarding information on conference sign-up which begins this Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 AM.

Are any of your children missing their jackets, sweatshirts, scarves, boots, gloves or nightgowns?! Lost and Found is overflowing with items waiting to be claimed. Items will be donated in the next few weeks so please come and take a look for your missing items. Remember to label all items before sending them to school so they can be easily returned to their owners.

## Library News

### NATIONAL READING CONTEST

(Sponsored by Parent's Magazine and the International Reading Association). Help our library win \$5000!!! Log on to

[www.parents.com/reading/ariecrownhebrewdayschool/skoil](http://www.parents.com/reading/ariecrownhebrewdayschool/skoil) and record the minutes read. Contest dates:

March 8 - May 31, 2010. Contestants: Kindergarten - 8th grade girls and boys. (Parents may read to children and record minutes)

Rules: The winning school will be chosen based on DAILY reading and MINUTES READ. (Minutes do not have to be recorded daily - you can record for previous days when you log in).

\*Nationally, the 50 students who read every day and record the most minutes will be eligible to receive Barnes & Noble certificates from Parent's Magazine.

\*The top Arie Crown students who read every day and record the most minutes will receive Subway certificates from Arie Crown.

Questions?? See Mrs. Steiner in the library

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**USED BOOK SALE:** Arie Crown's English Library is seeking donations of **USED BOOKS** for its FOURTH Annual **USED BOOK SALE** to be held in April. We are looking for children's Paperbacks, Hardcover, Scholastic Book Fair Books, Fiction, Nonfiction and Easy. The **USED BOOK SALE** is a great way to recycle books you have read and enjoyed and **SHARE THEM WITH OTHERS**. The **THREE** classes that donate the most **USED BOOKS** will win an **EXTRA RECESS!!** Bring your books to the Arie Crown English Library **NOW!** (Be sure to label your donation with your teacher's name so your class will get the credit).

Thank you, Elaine Steiner, English Library

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### LINK INTO READING

Students in grades one through four are participating in the second year of our LINK INTO READING program. Students fill out a paper strip (link) for each book read. These "links" are connected into chains that provide a visual representation of the children's reading. Congratulations to the following classes who have turned in the most links to date:

Miss Berger's 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls 969 links

Mrs. Nussbaum's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade boys 560 links

Mrs. Zuckerman's 1<sup>st</sup> grade boys 543 links

Thank you to all of the parents, relatives and friends who are also sending in links. We want everyone to Read, READ and READ some more.

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### EARN GIVE/GET CREDIT

Three volunteer opportunities are available in the English Library to earn give/get credit:

\* Help is needed to set up the **USED BOOK SALE** on Tuesday April 20th from 2:30 until 4:00.

\* Help is needed on Wednesday April 21st and Thursday April 22nd from 12:30 until 4:00 at the **USED BOOK SALE**. You choose your days and hours.

Help is needed on Friday mornings from 11:30 A.M. until 1:10 P.M. Duties include checking out books and shelving books.

\* Help is needed with the implementation of a special reading program called Book Adventures, sponsored by Sylvan Reading Center. Duties include checking availability of books in our library and marking these books with a special sticker. **DAYS AND HOURS ARE FLEXIBLE**. YOU choose your available times. This program cannot begin until we do the initial start-up procedures. Please help!!

## Health Corner

Poison prevention week happens to be March 14- 20, 2010 and the timing couldn't be better. Here are some important reminders for kids and adults as we get into some serious pre-Pesach cleaning. Kids can and should help with Pesach cleaning with adult supervision and in an age appropriate manner. This way the kids feel valuable because they are contributing to the preparations for the holiday. It's also an excellent opportunity to praise their efforts and for some quality together time.

\* A poison is something that makes you sick or hurts you if you eat, drink, touch or smell it. Poisons can be SOLID like batteries, plants, and berries. Poisons can be LIQUID like bleach, antifreeze for the car, cough syrup (if you take too much), and lamp oil. Poisons can be SPRAYS like furniture polish and bug spray. Poisons can be INVISIBLE like carbon monoxide or fumes.

\* A poison can come in pretty colors. It can come in many shapes and sizes. A poison can smell good or taste good. A poison can even look like something good to eat or drink. Some things, like medicine, can make you sick if you take the wrong kind, or if you take too much.

\* Poisons are everywhere. They can be found in your garage, in your kitchen, in your bathroom, or in any room in your home. They can even be found in Grandma's purse! Poisons can also be found outside, like some plants, berries and mushrooms.

\* Keep potential poisons in their original containers.

\* Store food and household cleaning products in separate areas to decrease chances of confusion.

Read and follow the directions and caution labels.

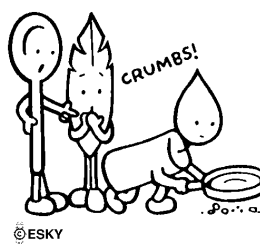
\* Never mix any household cleaners or chemical products together.

\* Read and follow the directions and warnings on the label before taking any medicine. Never take or give someone medicines in the dark. Old and outdated medicines should be emptied into the garbage (not the toilet). Never share prescription medicines.

For more poison prevention and first aid information call 1-800-222-1222. Keep this number next to every phone in the house.

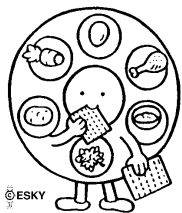
Wishing everyone a Chag Kasher V'Sameach!

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In Mrs. Jaffe and Mrs. Schur's 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls' class, we're having a blast learning about the past with Pesach. In Mrs. Jaffe's amazing Chumash class, we're learning about the different korbanos. Rolling along to Mrs. Pauker, we are soaring with S.O.A.R. The winners from our class are...Shalhevet Argamon, Eliana Arnet, Shoshana Lefkowitz, Mala Lipson, and Mandy Rubin. Wow! We also have a new social studies project where each girl has to research an explorer and put the information together on a poster. Some explorers are so interesting! In math we're doing a lot of geometry with shapes, angles, map scales and more! Boy, we are busy! We have a writing assignment for a descriptive essay about our favorite places and our "wow word". This week is "procrastinate" (we'll talk about that later...). Well, enough for now, we could go on, but you'd be here all day reading this. So, bye!

By Shalhevet Argamon and Avital Bergman



Wow! Mrs. Litwack's Kittah Daled has been so busy! From our illustrated Haggadot to our Machberet L'Divrei Torah to our Pesach time line to our cookbooks – we have been hard @ work. B"H we are free to do all of this work! ☺ (ha, ha, ha).

We are also reviewing for our test on all 10 makkot, and an Ivrit test with words teaching us about going to sleep! Looking for a new recipe for Pesach? Ask a 4<sup>th</sup> grade girl – she has a brand new cookbook! We are so excited for Shabbos Hagadol and Pesach!

Love, The Pesach Loving Crew

This week in Mrs. Greenberger's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class, we finished the Perek and played, "Around the World" with new shorashim. We made sentences with our Lashon words and then made a final copy. We are working hard on our haggados and they are very beautiful. We are all trying to finish our sticker line on our desks. We are getting very close! Have a good Shabbos!

By Shayna Vadnai and Baya London



Is it a mitzvah to **find** the Afikoman? If you don't know the answer, you can ask any 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> grader and they will tell you. While it is a mitzvah to **eat** the Afikoman, it is not a mitzvah to find it. It is, however, a mitzvah to find chametz and to get rid of it before Pesach.

This point was brought across at our Rosh Chodesh activity for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in our Chametz and Matzah Hunt, led by our very own, Morah Matanky. On Thursday, when the weather really seemed like Chag HaAviv (the holiday of Spring), hundreds of pieces of "matzah" and "chametz" were put outside in the recess play area by Mrs. Feigenbaum, Mrs. Zuckerman, Ami Atkin and Dovid Aron Rubin. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders all went out to find the pieces; chametz (because of the mitzvah to find it) was worth 5 points a piece, and the "matzah" was worth 1 point a piece. The winner was Rabbi Goldwag's class with 652 points! Not only did all the yeladim have fun, but they're all ready to help clean for Pesach by cleaning their rooms and also looking for chametz in their toys! Chag Kasher V'sameach!

This week in Mrs. Bohmbach's 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys' class, we went on a field trip to the I.D.T. Center in the WiFi Building. We did a ton of math and we are going to Mrs. Stein's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade boys' class to do a pet show for them. In Hebrew we did Chumash, Rashi, Navi, and Pesach. That's all from our 5<sup>th</sup> grade class.

By Coby Garfinkel



This week in Mrs. Popper's 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls' class, we had a band concert and it was amazing! We had a measurement test on Wednesday. On Thursday, we had a spelling test with different kinds of compound words. We had a fun week. We'll write again soon.

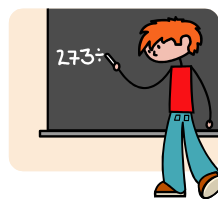
Reported by Malkie Frank, Marli Gutman, Shayna Holman and Mrs. Popper's 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls' class

This week in Miss Berger and Mrs. Litwack's 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls' class we had an amazing day. We had a Makkah Siyum at Yael Leon's house. Thank you to the Leons! On Monday, we had a spectacular amazing day! Don't forget to study for our BIG Chumash test on Monday! In English we started to write checks! We have our own checkbook! On Tuesday, we went to Mrs. Steiner's band concert...it was so classical. On Wednesday it was Masha Matten's birthday. Mazel Tov. On Thursday we had a student council activity! It was so fun! On Friday we had our Ivrit test! Good luck! Have a good Shabbos!

By Talia Domsky and Masha Matten

In Mrs. Whisler's 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys' class, we finished a book on ocean life. Then, we went to the computer lab for an ocean hunt. We would like to thank Mrs. Steiner for the concert on Tuesday. In Rabbi Levinson's class, we are learning about Passover. Rebbe gave us a Rosh Chodesh treat. Have a good Shabbat!

From Jakey Rosenzweig and Judah Ripstein for Mrs. Whisler's 4B class.



### World Math Day

World Math Day was March 3, 2010, and Mrs. Whisler's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys and Mrs. Zisook's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys participated in this international Internet event.

In total, there were 235 countries represented, with 11,456 cities or towns, 56,082 schools and 1,133,246 students participating. A total of 479,732,613 questions were correctly answered during the event. The boys had the opportunity to participate in school during computer classes and in Mrs. Whisler's classroom and at home during the evening. They enjoyed the challenge. Each competition lasted for 60 seconds, and the boys had to answer as many mental math questions as they could in the allotted time. (Our school "high" was 42 correct answers in 60 seconds.) They played against other students in their age category who were also participating at the same time. Some of the boys played against students from countries they had never heard of. All in all, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys answered 24,772 questions correctly out of the 27,345 they attempted for an almost 91% accuracy. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys correctly answered 3820 questions out of 4230, reaching 90.4 % accuracy. Last Friday afternoon, Mrs. Feiger and Mrs. Wigoda handed out participation certificates to each of the boys. Special thanks go to Mrs. Whisler for finding out about this extraordinary activity.

## ARIE CROWN

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

### Births

Rabbi and Mrs. Micha Greenland on the birth of their son

### Engagements/Weddings

Mr. and Dr. Abe Sova on the engagement of their son, Aryeh (class of '96)

Rabbi and Mrs. Dov Leibenstein on the marriage of their granddaughter, Ahuva Shapiro to Chaim Asher Kramer

The Arie Crown Family would like to extend condolences to:

\* Mrs. Pnina Levinson on the loss of her father, Mr. Shmuel Katz, a"h. Shiva is in Maryland until Wednesday morning, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Pnina can be reached at 224-392-1879.

\* Mrs. Eli-Tzur on the loss of her father. Shiva is in Israel. May they be comforted among the mourners of Tzion and Yerushalayim and know of no further bereavement.

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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.

Would you like a botanical garden in your backyard? Would you like your outdoor space to be living space? Let us design your garden now, in the winter, so that come spring, we can plant! Contact Smadar Strauss, Chicago Botanical Gardens certified, at: (312) 301-7680, or e-mail her at [SSOStrauss@yahoo.com](mailto:SSOStrauss@yahoo.com).

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](http://www.juniorganisrael.org), or call Mrs. Zeesy Posner, 847-679-1684.

Don't miss out on outstanding Oneg Pre-Pesach promo at select Jewel stores featuring: Oneg 8oz shredded and all sliced cheeses at 2 for \$6. Oneg new family-sized 2 Pound Shredded Mozzarella and Pizza Cheeses at \$9.99, Oneg deli chunks and Oneg gourmet oven-smoked deli chunks. Prices are subject to change. While supplies last. No rain checks.

Looking for Volunteers!! Chai Lifeline now has a new & exciting program. The Simcha Davis i-Shine Midwest needs warm, energetic girls & women who are available 2 Wednesdays a month from 4-6pm. We are also in need of those of you who may not have 2 hrs but want to be part of this amazing program & can carpool at 3:45 and/or 6pm. For more info & details call Chasi Davis 773-505-5905 or Malkie Kohn 773-410-0661.

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.

Falling behind in school? Don't wait until the summer!! Tutor is available NOW! Experience at the elementary, high school and college level in both Limudei Kodesh and Limudei Chol; specialization in Math. Excellent References. Call Devorah (Naiman) Goldberg at (773)540-3523.

Babysitter available for the summer! I am a 19 year old girl, returning from seminary. I would be happy to babysit this summer, day or evening, full or part time. Please call 773-465-1891 or email [margulis8@comcast.net](mailto:margulis8@comcast.net). Thanks!

THIS SUNDAY MORNING! Join YU Torah Mitzion Kollal's monthly Aron and Rivka Friedman Kollal Yom Rishon. Sun. March 21 at Or Torah, 8:45AM: Light Breakfast. 9AM: Round-Robin mini – shiurim on Pesach topics led by our new Chicago RIETS Musmachim--*Rabbi Aaron Leibtag, Rabbi KJBS; Rabbi Daniel Kroll, Asst. Rabbi KINS & Rabbi Ira Wallach, Kollal Fellow.* 10AM: "Rabbi Eliezer's Seder Table: Exploring the Halakhic and Philosophical Underpinnings of this Gathering" *Rabbi Kenneth Brander, Dean, YU Center for the Jewish Future.*

Last chance! Player evaluations and last chance sign up for Skokie Youth Baseball will be on **Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** at the Skokie Weber Center gym on Church Street. We will be open from 5 PM - 7 PM but individual evaluations will only last 15 minutes, so come by any time during this session. The Saturday time has been cancelled. Only kids in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> need to participate in the evaluations in order to make balanced teams. Other arrangements can be made if you are unable to attend at that time. Skokie Youth Baseball is the only Shomer Shabbos baseball league in the Chicagoland area serving kids K - 9th grades: T-Ball through Pony leagues. Participants need not live in Skokie. Games start right after Pesach. Please contact Ezra Jaffe at 312-502-6014 for more information.

Linda's Headquarters at 3339 W. Dempster in Skokie has beautiful hardly worn European wigs at great prices. Many colors and styles in the store now. Come in soon. Don't miss out on these great deals. Also mention this ad and you will receive 20% off on any new spring hat in the store (until Passover). If you have any hardly worn wigs sitting in your closet please call me for info. at 847-679-0669.

Bnei Akiva Highlights: The Chevraya Alef Chodesh Irgun Shabbaton is here! We have prepared so many nice games and activities for all the chanichim; it is going to be great B"H! We would like to thank the parents for the positive feedback we have gotten regarding snif the past few weeks. The Madrichim put a lot of energy into planning and running the peulot about Hertzl, Rav Kook and Ben Gurion, and the kids learned so much and also had a great time! We look forward to continuing the educational and fun programs. Listen up Zach! The date for the next activity will be publicized in next week's highlights. An important reminder to all parents and friends of Bnei Akiva: The annual Bnei Akiva Yom Ha'Atzmaut Dinner honoring the heroes of the IDF will take place on Monday, April 19th at 6:45 PM at Skokie Valley. Reserve and pay by April 9th to get the reduced price. We hope to see everyone there! Next week is the last snif before Pesach, and during Pesach there will be no snif activity. Shabat Shalom!

Save the Date! The 10th anniversary celebration of Beis Medrash Mikor Hachaim will IY"H take place on Sunday May 30th, 2010. Please make plans to join us as we pay tribute to our founding Rav, Rabbi and Mrs. Moshe Schecter, and one of our founding members, Mr. and Mrs. Zvi Schayer, for all they have done in helping Mikor positively impact so many in our community over this past decade. Additional details to follow!

Join Super Science this Sunday! Team Discovery for Grades 1-3 boys and girls; 10:00-11:15 AM – this week's topic is, "Get Turned on by Electricity". "Generators and Motors" for Grades 4-6; girls-1:00-2:15; boys-2:45-4:00 – this week's project is, "Inventions Unlimited" – long term science project for older students with Dr. Art Friedman. All classes held at IDT, 8180 McCormick Blvd. For info, call 847-745-1706.

Pre-Pesach Camp Chaverim is back at Hanna Sacks. Thurs., 3/25, Fri. 3/26, & Sun. 3/28. \$18 for 1st child and \$16 for siblings per day. For more info call Elianna @ 847-977-7618 or email [campchaverim@yahoo.com](mailto:campchaverim@yahoo.com). Registration ends Tues. 3/23.

Tired of Pesach preparations? Need a break? Get a **taste of freedom** this year with a delicious meal from Tein Li Chow. With our special **value menu** and free delivery within 2 miles, Chinese food has never been so convenient, affordable, or delicious.