E2K Riddle Contest

Congratulations to Jonathan Tuvy for Winning a complicated algebraic math riddle in the E2K Riddle Contest sponsored by the Center of Initiatives of Jewish Education.
Sponsorships Available **

If you would like to sponsor the Happenings and a week/month of learning in honor or memory of a loved one please contact Elizabeth Beckerman at 732-493-9300 ext. 350 or Rabbi Saul J. Kassin at ext. 304

Annual Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the class winners for the Grades 3-5 Spelling Bee:

3T - Joseph Heaney, Emily Tammam
3R - Adam Heaney, Jakey Botton
4W - Morris Menaged, Jonny Sultan
4E - Rachel Serouya, Alison Labaton
5T - Arlette Cojab, Sophia Rofe

The final winner for this group was Sophia Rofe (5T) whose winning word was "business."

Congratulations to the class winners for the Grades 6-8 Spelling Bee:

6Z - Joseph Leventer, Vito Meghnagi
6N - Abe Mavorah, Jake Bivas
And the Winner is...

6H - Joseph Ades, Melanie Ades
7L - Marielle Averbach, Evyater Kanik
7T - Rena Chaiklin, Gabrielle Dwek
8T - Morris Ades, Pearl Hanono
8H - Dylan Ades, Marissa Cohen

The final winner for this group was Morris Ades (8T) whose winning word was "derogatory." Morris will represent Hillel Yeshiva at the regional spelling bee at Monmouth University (second year in a row) on March 11.

Good luck, Morris!

STEM Survey for 8th Grade
Hillel Yeshiva was selected to participate in the National Pipeline for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Education and Career Development. One of the core missions of STEM connector is to encourage and inspire the best and brightest students to study in the STEM fields and connect them with educational and career opportunities.

STEM has partnered with My College Options, a leader with over 40 years of experience, to help junior high and high school students explore their post-secondary educational opportunities. Together STEM connector and My College Options are filling the national pipeline for education and career development in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Our 8th grade students completed surveys in order to be eligible to participate in this initiative. Students will be notified of leading STEM Education Programs that will help them prepare for an exciting career in one of the STEM disciplines. Additionally, students will be provided with a free personalized college and scholarship report based on their unique interests and career plans featuring careers focused on using their STEM education.

Thank you, Dr. Ruth Katz, for bringing this initiative to Hillel Yeshiva!

**Plant Fruit Trees in Israel**
In honor of the holiday of Tu B'Shevat, New Year for the trees, students in Grades 1-8 participated in an assembly sponsored by the organization, Zo Artzeinu (This Our Land.) Our students watched a video of how trees are planted in Israel.

On the video the students heard the renowned Rabbi Mordechai Kamenetsky explain that "It is a big zechut to plant a tree in memory of a loved one" and that "planting trees on Tu B'Shevat has always been a Jewish tradition."

Last year, Hillel Yeshiva planted over 100 trees. The orchard of trees were planted in memory of Jherin Gorcey A"H. The orchard can be visited by all of us when we visit Israel.

Shlomo Walfish congratulated Ziva Saadia (4W) and Isaac Schweky (9th grade) for planting the most trees at Hillel Yeshiva last year.

The "Israel Fruit Tree Competition" began on Wednesday, Jan 9th. Students were encouraged to ask family and friends to sponsor a tree.

We encourage all of our students to take an active role in promoting this special mitzvah by planting as many trees as possible.

Tu B'Shevat Presentation

On Wednesday, January 16, 2013, Hillel Yeshiva Elementary
School students were treated to a most entertaining and inspirational presentation in honor of the holiday of Tu B'Shevat which was to be celebrated on the second Shabbat of our Mid-Winter Recess.

The children of 3R performed a play in which Hillel students found themselves transplanted in Eretz Yisrael through encounters with farmers, the Shivat Haminim (Seven Species) and Israeli school children, the children came to appreciate the beauty and holiness of Eretz Yisroel.

The amazing songs, dances, drama, props and scenery were the result of the collaborative efforts of Morah Miriam Rosenblum, Mrs. Roberta Thaler, Morah Elisheva Nehmad, Bnot Sherut Leumi, Dganit and Achinoam, Music teacher, Morah Dahlia Menaged, Art teacher, Mrs. Laura Wolpert, and of course the precious students of 3R.

Thank you to Mrs. Bette Pahuskin and Mrs. Marta Meyer for coordinating a myriad of details. Thank you to our Head of School, ELC - 8th, Dr. Ruth Katz whose leadership, support and encouragement ensure the success of our children’s education.

Siyum for 3T and 3R by Morah Chani Treff

Friday, January 11th, Erev Rosh Hodesh Shevat was a very special day for the third graders at Hillel Yeshiva. We celebrated our first Siyum on Parashat Vayera. This is the first Parasha that we completed. We are also celebrating another milestone as we are starting to learn Rashi.
We were invited into the lunchroom to celebrate this momentous occasion. Thanks to our very own party planner, Mrs. Bette Pahuskin, the table decorations and food were superb which added so much to the spirit of the Siyum.

Rabbi Saul J. Kassin's, Rosh Yeshiva - Halachic Authority, opening remarks reminded us all of how beautiful and rewarding it is to learn Humash. He told us about the daily prayer said before learning Torah asking for Siyata Dishmaya, special help from Hashem to understand His beautiful Torah. Now that we have joined the older grades and have our very own Rashi booklet this daily prayer will take on a deeper meaning as we learn to analyze and try to understand Humash with a much clearer view.

Zach Leventer, Steven G. Nasar, and Adrienne Shalom from 3T gave beautiful Divrei Torah with poignant lessons.

We also played a game using our Humash knowledge to unscramble "Chazal," which is a collection of the teachings of our wise Rabbis throughout history.

Each team had to match the "Chazal" to the words of the Pasuk.

Special thanks go to Dr. Ruth Katz for making our Siyum as special as it was!

Shabbat Shalom!

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