

# Maimonides Community

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## MAZAL TOV RUBINS ON BRIS

Mazal Tov on this week's Bris of Rabbi Yossi & Leye's newborn son in Clifton Park named Yechiel Michel for his great-grandfather.

## MAZAL TOV COHENS ENGLAND

Mazal Tov to MHDS alumna Rivka (Rubin) & Rabbi Mendel Cohen on the birth of a son in Manchester England. Mazal Tov to grandparents Morah Rochel and Rabbi Rubin.



## ANOTHER T.T.N. EPISODE!

Rabbi Michael Caras and the 8th grade boys have a new Torah Times News episode out for this week's Parsha Vayeira. See it online at [www.TheTorahTimes.com](http://www.TheTorahTimes.com) or search for "Torah Times News" on YouTube and look for the Vayeira episode. Good stuff!



## DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

The weather has been changing a lot, but it is getting colder. We do love going outside so please be sure that students are properly prepared with adequate outerwear so they can enjoy the outdoors even as it gets colder.



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## DOCTOR VISIT IN NURSERY

Why did a doctor come to visit our pre-school this week? That's because Avraham recovers from his Bris in this week's Parsha, Hashem visits him (as we visit the sick) and the angel Michael helps heal him. Dr. Roy spoke gently with them about

their experiences at the doctor, they took turns listening to their hearts (& his) through the stethoscope, and he demonstrated and explained other doctor tools as well. Thanks to Chani Simon for arranging this very nice visit!



*This MC Newsletter is dedicated in loving memory of*

**Rivka Losice**

*Yartzeit: Cheshvan 21*



*"Maimonides Middos" was established in her memory and is a tribute to her refined character as a exemplary role model in the Albany community,*



## ADWE KOSHER COSMETICS

Rabbi Rubin invited an Albany visitor connected with Adwe, a multi-generational Kosher cosmetics company (many know their Passover toothpaste) to come into school and tell our students about the company. She went one step beyond that, and brought a lip balm made by Adwe for each of the students and donated a nice Adwe gift basket to our school's auction! She told the company story to our students, about their adherence to the strictest Kashruth from day one (in the 1st Adler generation of the company), and even shared Talmudic principles employed in the cosmetic, drug and supplements industry! She toured our labs and heard of our plans and was excited to see our school's emphasis on STEAM and interconnected learning!



## WORDS FOR JOY & LAUGHTER

In Tehillim class with Morah Raizy, HS girls noticed that **גל** a common word in Psalms for exuberant joy and exultation shares the same root as **גל** which means wave. Happiness can be like a wave, it builds exciting momentum & strength, tiny droplets turn into a powerful wave that sweeps everything along with it. Also this week, with Morah Rochel, they took a look at the repetition of laughter in this week's Parsha, and how each **צחק** is different.



## HIGH SCHOOL CPR/FIRST-AID

As part of the CPR/First-Aid course HS girls learned about various types of shock and how to deal with them, ways to stop bleeding, and about various types of allergies. They learned how to use an Epi-Pen. More training ahead!

## WHEN COLD & HOT AIR MEET

5th grade science learned that when cold air & hot air masses approach each other, the cold air mass will sink and the hot air mass will rise. This creates a big change in air pressure.

## BE SURE ALL FEEL NEEDED

5th grade Yahadus class is now learning the laws of Kiddush HaChodesh (sanctification of the moon) and came across a nice life message. Even if the Beit-Din already heard enough testimony to establish Rosh Chodesh, they would still listen to all the witnesses who came to Jerusalem because of how important it is for

ALL the witnesses to feel needed and valued, even if the Rosh Chodesh was already decided upon.



## TECTONIC PLATES

6th grade science is learning about tectonic plates in the upper crust of the earth, and how they shift over time. While they were learning about this, new research proved that the huge earthquake Mexico had in September 2017 was so powerful that it actually cracked the tectonic plate itself.



## FRENCH, ENGLISH, (P)RUSSIAN

...Kings & Queens! High School world history learned a unit about absolute monarchy, when the rulers had total power.

## SPEAKING (OF) FRENCH...

11th graders in French class with Ms. Brown are reviewing the first unit of their French course. They learned words for family people, animals, places in the house, verbs and how to conjugate them, days of the week, and how to count to twenty. Like Hebrew, French language differs for masculine and feminine!



## DAYS OF CREATION CAKES

Morah Devorah Leah's 2nd graders baked 7 cakes and iced each one decoratively as one of the 6 days of creation (plus Shabbat) that they learned about in the first chapter of Breishis, their first chapter of Chumash, recently completed. They did such a great job, and presented them nicely to visiting classes, and then gave one cake to each class to enjoy! Tasty Torah, indeed! **שָׁעֲמוּ וְרִאוּ כִּי טוֹב ה'**



## FISH ART

Kindergarteners are learning the Hebrew letter Dalet, and Dag (Hebrew for fish) begins with the letter Dalet, so they drew these beautiful fish (full of character!) with guidance from Morah Chani.



## MY HOUSE LOOKS LIKE...

Nursery students are learning "Bet" the second letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Bet stands for "Bayit" (house). Morah Rivka put down a bunch of drawings of different types of houses on the table, from the White House to the Beit HaMikdash, cottages to castles and asked

the students which does their home look like most? After discussing the external features, they talked about

what things turn a house into a Jewish home and then they filled their own letter "Bais" with things like that.



## FIRST GRADE ANIMAL BOOKS

First graders are continuing to work on a combination of sentences and illustration.



## HEBREW FACIAL FEATURES

Morah Devorah's 1st graders each drew faces and labeled them with the Hebrew terms.

## TRYING TO FIND "X"

Our middle school Algebra I students are trying to find "X" and our trigonometry HS students are also trying to find "X" only via more complex and higher level formulas.

## BISECTOR LINES

In a different HS math class, Ms. Coffey and her students are bisecting line segments in geometry class, where one line cuts another.



## FIRST TIME @ RAFFLE-AUCTION

We never had a sewing machine prize before, nor have we ever had an Amazon Echo smart speaker (that does much more than just play music) before this year. This is also the first year there's a air-fryer among a dozen other small appliances in the kitchen package. New for this year is a chance to win 3-month memberships in BOTH the Albany and Schenectady JCC's. Is this the first time we've ever had a gift-certificate to Jean-Paul Salon? It might be the first year we're offering a dual laptop-tablet 2-in-1 flip touch computer. It surely is the first time we've ever featured a stroller, never mind a classic stroller like the Maclaren. Stay tuned! The Raffle-Auction is headed to the printer right after Shabbos and should be mailed (and emailed) shortly after that. Event & drawings on Dec 10th!



## WE'RE NOT CLOWNING AROUND

All the balloons are key everyday verbs that our 2nd graders are learning and reviewing this week. And the heart-words are: want, can/able, need, and love.



## BOX OF DIVREI TORAH

Each week Morah Dini prepares her students with a Dvar Torah (usually on the Parsha) to share with their family at the Shabbos table. This week they each decorated a pretty box in which to accumulate and keep all their weekly Dvar Torahs for this year!

## CHECK YOUR ADVANTEDGE

It should stay from year to year, but some parents checked their AdvantEdge cards at Price Chopper customer service and needed reconnection to Maimonides for our school to benefit, please take a minute to do it!



## NEW "MC" ICON

At the last school dinner it was announced that the classroom Talmud (Mishna and Gemorah) studies at Maimonides are dedicated in loving memory of Salo Steper, obm, who loved learned and teaching Talmud, promoted local Daf Yomi, and believed in our school. Look for this new "Salo Bais Medrash" icon for Talmud studies reported in our newsletter. The logo highlights Talmud studies, which is vital to our school learning. As we look forward to complete the labs project, we will begin work on a physical Salo Bais Medrash, a room dedicated to Talmudic study resources.

## WATCHMEN IN 4TH & 8TH

As it happens, 4th graders are learning the Mishna of Hamafkid (entrusted property, responsibility and negligence) while 8th grade Talmud class is learning the same Hamafkid subject, only in more advanced Gemorah.



## THE BIG SUKKAH TEST

5/6 boys Talmud completed the entire first amud (one side of a double-sided Talmud page) of Sukkah 2a and had a 50+ question test on it, after much review. They learned the opinions of Rabba, Rava & R' Zeira (R' Yehudah, too) on max Sukkah height, Abbaye's 2 questions and the answers, and two ways to understand the wording difference between Sukkah and Movuy. Bonus test points for students who review it with parents this Shabbos.

## DRINK-SALE ON MONDAY

Hot-cocoa is a big hit! They keep on tweaking the recipe. It costs 50 cents per cup and marshmallows are 10 cents extra.

More info, allergy questions, to set up a tab, contact 8th grade boys: MHDSDrinksale@gmail.com



## ESTY LIBRARY ON TUESDAY

Thanks Chani Simon for volunteering to run the library and book borrowing on Tuesdays, twice a month. Esty Library will now be open to borrow (and return, of course!) books each Tuesday. There's lots to read and enjoy!



## BAKE SALE ON WED

Look for a colorful sprinkly theme at Girls Bake Sale this coming week on Wednesday. Contact: 78bakesale@gmail.com Families who'd like to can set up a tab, with limits/conditions, and it is deducted from each week. The funds from these bake & drink sales fund 8th grade graduation trips.



## ROBOTICS, PIECE BY PIECE

STEAM class got some new pieces of engaging fun sets where students can build working pieces of equipment. The Zombonitron sets are modular robotics which can be assembled in different ways and do different things.



## FALL ARTWORK

These trees in art class have recycled paper as the base, students painted black/brown trunks & branches and then glued areas for leaves (they collected) and leaf confetti (they chopped up) to stick to. And no two trees are alike!



## GIRLS HS TALMUD

Avraham & Sarah are big players in this week's Torah portion, so Rabbi Rubin and the girls HS Talmud learned a section of tractate Bava Basra about them.

## KERIAH-METER IN THIRD



Morah Dini's students now have a Keriah-Meter on the wall, which moves higher with every line that they read at home. Practice is the best way!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## at Maimonides and in the Community

**SCHOOL DATES**

11/12: Monday, No School, Parent-Teacher Conferences.  
11/21: Wednesday, half-day, Hebrew Only (before Thanksgiving)  
11/22-24: No School Thanksgiving Break  
12/7: No School on the Friday of Chanukah

### 10/26-27: SHABBOS PARSHA VAYEIRA

Rabbi Rubin will speak on Chafetz Chaim's take on Sarah's denial of her laughter. Kiddush at Shomray Torah sponsored by Sussmans in honor of Yehoshua's grandparents yartzeits, and by Caras for their daughter's 3rd birthday. Big multi-Simcha Kiddush this Shabbos at CBAJ.

### 10/26-27: URBAN SCHOLAR AT CBAJ THIS WKND

Rabbi Dr. Abraham Unger teaches at Wagner College and is a Rabbi in Bayonne NJ. He will speak at CBAJ on urban policy and Jewish thought.

### 10/28: MENDY'S UPSHERNISH

Simmy & Chaya & family are celebrating 3rd birthday Upshern of their son Mendy, Sunday afternoon 4pm at Maimonides. Community is welcome.

### 10/28: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN JEWISH COMMUNITY

Dr. Amy Weintraub of Manhattan (also of Albany) directs Center for Victim Support at Harlem Hospital and will speak on this issue at Beth Emeth, 10am on Sunday. Info? dsokoler@bethemethalbany.org or 518-436-9761 x230

### 11/1: DR. DAN GROSBERG AT COLONIE LIBRARY

Dr. Dan Grosberg on "Genesis Confronts Paganism" sponsored by UAlbany Judaic Studies & Colonie Jewish Community Assoc. 7pm at Colonie Library.

### 11/4: CHABAD SHLUCHIM KINUS BANQUET

Sunday evening, see it streaming live online on Chabad.org

### 11/4: FEDERATION'S GRAND EVENT WITH LIEL L.

6pm at Agudat Achim in Schenectady w/ Tablet Magazine Editor, talented and insightful writer Liel Liebovitz speaking on "How the wise ol' sage of Rock & Roll saved my life". Open to Federation contributors of \$1,000 per family.

### 11/4&8: CLOCKS FALL BACK ONE HOUR

After midnight on Sat night November 3rd into 4th. The first "early Friday" at school will be that week on November 8th. Timely pickup is very important.

### 11/5: VIOLINS OF HOPE—A HOLOCAUST FILM

Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library on Moe Road screens "Violins of Hope: Strings of the Holocaust" 6:30-8:30pm. Yehoshua Sussman will also play violin. Sponsored by Clifton Park Chabad. Info? 518-495-0772.

### 11/6: MIDTERM ELECTION DAY

You have to be registered to vote by now. This midterm election is getting much more interest than usual. It's a regular school day at Maimonides.

### 11/8-9: ROSH CHODESH KISLEV

Two days. Thursday morning 8am Minyan at Maimonides.

### 11/9-11/11: R' HAMMER SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

Rabbi Shalom Hammer of Israel (spoke once at Maimonides) will be scholar-in-residence at Beth Israel in Schen with Lauber Memorial Lecture on Sunday.

### 11/12: VETERANS DAY: PARENT-TEACHER CONF

No School on Veterans Day (observed on Monday) there will be parent-teacher conferences instead. PARENTS stay tuned for meeting schedule. If you can not make it please let office know ahead of time, to adjust schedules.

### 11/14: ABOVE THE DROWNING SEA—KRISTALNACHT

Jewish Federation and UAlbany Judaic Studies present a one-time screening of a film about a different Chinese rescuer of Jews (in addition to Sugihara) who saved Jews in Vienna, helping them escape to Shanghai. 7pm at UAlbany's Page Hall (135 Western Ave) on downtown campus. Free. Open to the public.

### 11/17: FIRST SAT NIGHT PIZZA NIGHT

Stay tuned for the first pizza night of the season! This fundraiser supports extra-curricular activities and the year-end trip for our HS girls.

### 11/17: DAUGHTERS OF SARA MYSTERY CHALLENGE

7:30-10:30pm at the NYS Museum, a fun, engaging annual benefit with proceeds to DOS Senior Community.



### 11/18: LEGO JERUSALEM

10:15am at the JCC with some Hebrew schools participating. Architect Steve Schwartz will lead kids on a Lego reconstruction of Jerusalem. More info call Marci at JFed: 783-7800x239

### 11/18: MEGA KIDS CHALLAH BAKE AT JCC

2:30-4:30pm, contact Chanie Simon coordinator for more info: 439-3310 RSVP by Tues, 11/13 online form at: CapitalKidsChallahBake.com

### 12/9: A JOINT COMMUNAL CHANUKAH EVENT...

Stay tuned for something special for the last evening (& 2nd Sunday) of Chanukah. Still in the works, details soon.

### 12/10: ANNUAL MAIMONIDES RAFFLE-AUCTION

It's not too early to start thinking about prize packages to solicit or donate for this school fundraiser. The event and drawings will be Monday, the 8th and last day of Chanukah. If you'd like help, call Raizy 518-772-7299.

### 12/21-25: JEWISH GIRLS WINTER RETREAT

Contact Nechama Laber for more information on this annual overnight midwinter camp experience: 518-727-9581 / NechamaLaber@gmail.com

### SOME COMMUNAL CHANUKAH EVENTS PLANNED

Stay tuned for updates in upcoming MC Newsletters...

12/2: Sunday night, 1st Night! Chanukah programs at Bethlehem Chabad (south of Albany) and Clifton Park Chabad (north of Albany) and a Menorah Lighting at Troy's Victorian Stroll (to our north-east).

12/3: Monday night, Chanukah event at UAlbany for college students

12/5: Wed night, Chanukah Bowling in Saratoga

12/6: Thursday, Friendship Circle Chanukah Event

12/7: CHANUKAH FRIDAY, NO SCHOOL AT MAIMONIDES

12/8: Sat Night Chanukah on Ice at the YMCA in Delmar, stay tuned for Chanukah Menorah lighting at Colonie Center

12/9: Joint Chanukah event and Car Menorah Parades, stay tuned!!!

12/10: Chanukah Dinner & Raffle-Auction at Maimonides



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