



Newsletter for Friday, June 10, 2022

Parshas Nasso

### **Dates To Remember**

- **Wednesday, August 31:** First day of school year 22-23!

### **Announcements**

**Give Get:** As the school year is coming to a close, please make sure you have logged all of your give/get through our website: <https://www.scdayschool.com/giveget-tracker.html>. We will be sending out balance statements at the end of June.

### **Thank you**

- to Hashem, for everything!
- to our incredibly dedicated, loving, and hardworking staff! We are so grateful for each one of you.
- to you, our Shaarei Chinuch family, for entrusting us with your children, and working with us as a team to help facilitate a year of learning and growth for everyone.

### **Primary Newsletter**

Dear Parents,

This week we interviewed the children, as they reflected on their favorite parts of school this year. Here is what they told us:

Tehillah - My favorite work is the putty work, because yesterday when I was done changing I got out my floor table and I got it out first. I liked it when Morah Hadassah gave me a lesson in the grating work. I liked it when we did picture day at school yesterday.

Almah - I like to do works. Like the playdough work that I can be after someone. And the coffee one. I like to get water. I liked learning the parsha.

Noam - I like to play outside because it's so fun. I like coffee grinding and playdough and putty, because I like those works. I liked getting a lesson in coffee grinding. I like to play matching games with my friends. I'm going to miss playing with toys and going outside.

Shammai - I like to play tag with Aryeh, and I want friends to come to my house. I like to do markers and dressing frames and kriyah and metal insets. I liked having a lesson in the scrubbing work. Something special that happened was when Aryeh's birthday was at school.



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Sarita - My favorite work is the marker work, because I like coloring with the marker work. I liked having a lesson in Bob books, because it has Mac and Can and Mat and Dot. I liked having two Morahs and a lot of best friends.

Rivky - My favorite work is the coffee work, because it makes a lot of coffee. I liked mastering Bob books because then you get to read Pete the Cat. I remember when Morah Frieda came to visit with her baby.

Eli K. - I like table scrubbing. I like playing with my friends. I like to be the chazan at circle time.

Aryeh - I like to play outside, and I play tag. My favorite work is coffee grinding because I want to make coffee. I liked that we got a new bench by the door. I liked having a lesson in colors.

Shmuly - My favorite works are the tying work and Bob books, because I like to do it every day. I liked having a lesson in the nine tray. I like to play Batman with my friends.

Ari - My favorite works are snack and Bob books and Kriyah and handwriting and math and putty. Also one of my favorite works is playdough, and gluing and painting. I liked having a lesson in Kriyah, because I want to be up to Chumash. I also like the big level 1 books from the elementary. Today is special because I got my graduation hat.

Menucha Ora - The work that I mostly enjoy doing is a puzzle. I liked having a lesson in how to do the 100 board. I liked mastering kriyah. I remember when I was 3 and I first came to school and I learned so much. I like to play outside on the tire swing with my friends.

Yosef - My favorite works are putty and playdough, ABC's, and coloring. I like ABC's because it's a have-to. My favorite lesson was cleaning the table, because I like cleaning tables and cars. I like to play cars with my friends. I am excited about the graduation.

Moshe - My favorite work is coffee grinding, because I like to give coffee to my parents. My favorite lesson is Alef Beis. I remember playing outside with Mordechai.

Avraham Zusya - My favorite work is puzzles because they are fun. I like to have a lesson with a friend. I remember playing with friends at school.

Talya - My favorite work is bubble beating because I like using the beater. My favorite lesson was Alef Beis because it is very fun for me to read. My favorite thing this year was playing with putty.

Ami - My favorite work is coloring because I get to write stuff. I liked getting a lesson in the tool work. I loved going outside.



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Rosie - Drawing is my favorite work, because I am an artist. I really loved getting lessons in the Chanukah works, they were so fun! I really love my Morahs, they are my favorite.

Nili - I love the coffee grinding work because I get to make coffee for my Mommy. I liked getting a lesson in the toothbrush work. My favorite thing to do this year was play with Racheli.

Saadia - I love building puzzles and I loved getting a lesson in Bob books. I loved playing with big legos at playtime.

Racheli - I love the bubble work because I love making bubbles. I also like the coffee work, because it smells good. I loved that my Morah was my neighbor and I got to see her every day.

Yehuda - I love the playdough work because it has playdough. I loved getting a lesson in the dressing frames. I really loved that I got to do puzzles this year.

Ephraim - I like the bubbly work because I like making bubbles. I also like my work plan, and eating snack. I loved the holiday works and I love coming to school.

Yair - My favorite work is Bob books because I love reading. I also love doing puzzles and art. I really loved getting googly eyes to fill up my jar when I did my have-to's.

Chana - I love to do the markers because I love to color. I also loved getting lessons in the Shabbos works. I love being with my friends.

Eliezer - My favorite work is playdough work, because I like making shapes with it. I like when Morah Naomi gives me lessons in the medium Alef Beis works. My favorite memory was the first time Morah Shira came into the school.

Shifra - I love doing the leaf puzzle, especially when I did it with my friends. I like all the works that I got lessons in. I love going to school to be with my friends and Morahs.

Eliyahu - I love using markers because I love coloring. I also really love doing puzzles. When the lady buys hatched it was so cool and fun.

Menucha H. - I like coffee grinding because I like grinding things. I really loved learning pesach works. I loved doing singing and dancing on the playground.

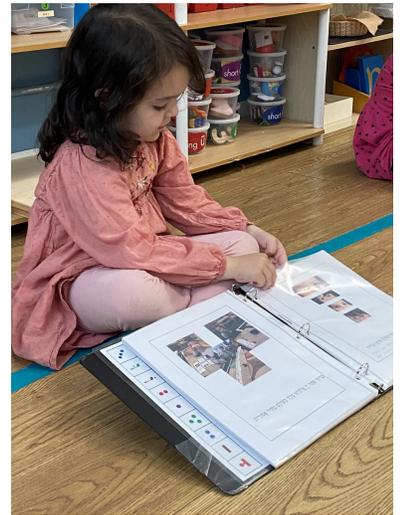
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Thank you for a wonderful, productive, growth-filled year together. We wish everyone a fun and safe summer. We will miss you!

Morahs Mushky, Naomi, Julie, Hadasah, Shira, and Frieda

*Primary Photos*





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### *Elementary News*

Dear Parents,

It is with a bittersweet feeling that I write this final newsletter of the 2021-2022 school year. So much has happened this year and the children have grown a ton! In looking back at this year there are so many fun and interesting things that our students have learned and experienced, that it felt fitting to do a recap of some of its highlights.

**September** brought with it new and returning faces. Everyone came in fresh and excited for the new school year. We learned and reacquainted ourselves with the rules of the school and classroom and came up with our class constitution, ensuring that we all agreed with the guidelines that would help our classroom be a safe and comfortable place for the year. We started developing our “attitude of gratitude” by adding our end of the day “rose and hakaras ha tov.” At the beginning children expressed gratitude primarily toward the teachers (a much “safer” direction to test out allowing oneself to be open and a little vulnerable). With time and trust this grew into acknowledging their appreciation toward one another. It became a way for us to gauge the cohesiveness of the group, knowing that if friends were uncomfortable expressing gratitude toward one another we needed to increase our community building activities and address any issues that might be brewing.

In **October** we returned from the chagim and delved into all areas of the curriculum. We had our first “wow” lesson in geometry, learning about how the study started. This lesson opened the children’s eyes to this area of learning and sparked interest that lasted throughout the year. We started researching and learning about different areas of science as well as increasing use of spoken Hebrew. We introduced our peace activities and began our use of the Positive Discipline method’s approach to “class meetings.”

In **November** we started having regular spelling tests. Some children were apprehensive at first, feeling like a test sounded scary. They quickly learned that testing oneself was interesting and could even be fun. In geometry we learned about the different types of triangles and went on a walking field trip to find these in our neighborhood. We learned about The 3 Sisters, a Native American story, in honor of Thanksgiving, and learned about where the holiday of Thanksgiving originated. We enjoyed learning about Channukah and got to go on a walking field trip to the bakery to get delicious treats. Fred rejoined our classroom once we were ready to start taking care of her. We welcomed Morah Geula into our classroom.



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**December** was exciting because we began a series of art classes with Mrs. Rosenbaum. She taught us about different artists and their unique methods of expression. We got to experiment with the different styles of art, and enjoyed honing our own creative skills. Our Chumash curriculum was in full swing and friends were translating, breaking apart pesukim and delving into the meaning of what they were reading. We continued growing our Hebrew vocabulary and words began to be part of the children's active language experience.

In **January** children began focusing on the study of Rashi's commentary on Chumash and how to understand his way of explaining things. Children became more adept at working together and functioning independently in the classroom. Although the teachers were always there when needed and to give new lessons, children required less and less direction and helped one another learn and grow (this is the goal). We had a wow lesson on fractions that sparked many of the children's interest and understanding as to what the concept is about. Many of the friends began working on their editing skills.

**February** brought with it a whole bunch of snow and the children reveled in it! Snow pants, mittens, hats and scarves were needed to go out and play in the beautiful white fluffiness. We began implementing our "have to's" rule to ensure that all friends were accomplishing what they needed to. We explained to our class that it is important to strengthen the foundation of our learning in order to ensure the ability to learn for years to come. We discussed the need for school and learning in the context of a human lifespan and becoming a successful adult. Although this concept may not have been completely understood, giving voice to this idea planted seeds of it in our children's consciousness. We began learning about graphs, pie charts and surveying. In language children were finding new and interesting ways to implement word study skills. Two friends decided to alphabetize the Bob Books...no small feat!

**March** was when we started having Siyums for those who had finished learning a section of Chumash, mastered all the Kriya Boxes, or mastered MFCW (Most Frequent Chumash Words). Purim was on its way and we had a lot of fun learning about it and getting ready for the holiday. We dressed up and took fun and very dramatic photographs of our class. We got to see a really cool performance and some very interesting animals.

In **April** we focused primarily on Pesach and enjoyed doing projects and learning about the holiday. We started feeling the beginning of the end of the school year. We welcomed Morah Anna into our classroom!

**May** brought with it nicer weather which allowed us to go out and play more. We got to go on a field trip to the Chicago Botanic Gardens and enjoyed seeing all the beautiful flowers and a very unusual and interesting castle. The children enjoyed the beautiful weather that we had on that day. Our school had "Pizza in the Park" in honor of Lag BaOmer, which was so much fun! All the families got together and we had food,



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played in the park, heard the story of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai and had a scavenger hunt. We got to take home s'mores ingredients, since we could not have a bonfire at Indian Boundary. In science we got to plant Bonsai tree seeds and were very excited about watching them grow. Nechama Lubin came to our classroom and taught us some skills for dealing with worry.

Now it is **June** and the last two weeks have been both fun and challenging. The end of the year brings with it so much excitement. We continued our learning, did some assessments, worked on a final project about our school year and discussed our feelings about change. As with any school, the end of the year brings change and there are always children who move on to new and different paths in their lives. This is the first year in Shaarei Chinuch's history that children have "aged out" of our elementary school. The class is feeling the change and this has caused some big feelings all around. Change is not an easy thing, and we have worked over the past weeks on how to handle the feelings that come with this transition. We urge our families to keep in touch with the children and families that are leaving the school in order to help minimize the feeling of loss some might have. We also invite friends to stay in touch with our class and feel free to send letters, come visit to say hello on occasion (best to touch base with the school first) or call and say hello. We also wish to remind our friends that are leaving that although they will not be at the school, they are always part of our school. Each of the students knows the following: "Once you have a Morah Daniella, you always have a Morah Daniella...even when you are 105!"

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer, we wish those who are moving on good luck and lots of positivity. We will miss everyone and look forward to the next school year, the incoming first graders and the new and exciting experiences and learning that will take place. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the families for entrusting us with your children and with the awe inspiring task of helping each one of them work toward their true and full potential, not only in the educational sense but also as complete and whole human beings.

Have a great summer,

Morah Daniella, Morah Anna, Morah Geula and Morah Mushky

Elementary Photos

