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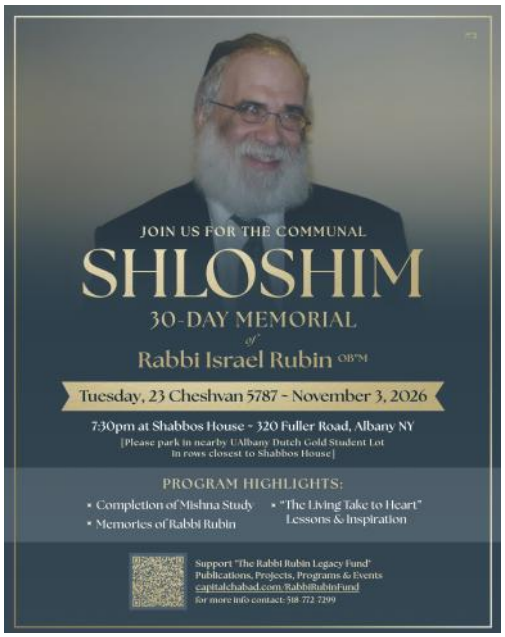
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RABBI RUBIN'S SHLOSHIM

This coming Tuesday evening, Nov 3, 7:30pm at Shabbos House for the communal Shloshim (30 Days) memorial event for Rabbi Rubin. Event includes Siyum of Mishnayos, and a spectrum of community, family, alumni etc sharing short memories & life-lessons of Rabbi Rubin. There will be reprints of 2 early Rabbi Rubin mitzvah-promotions from the 1970's available for this Shloshim event, (the 1974 Shabbos candle-lighting matchbook and Enjoy Torah stickers) as well as (hopefully) a booklet of letters and memories sent over this past month. To add your memory/condolence please email: rabbirubinmemories@gmail.com (for the booklet by Sunday night).

MAZAL TOV TEITELMANS

Mazal Tov to Mrs. Joyce Teitelman on the recent birth of a great-grandson Noah Rafael to his parents Sara & Dovid Braverman, his grandparents Rabbi Larry & Nehama Teitelman. Much happy, healthy Nachas!

MIKVAH CEMENT POURING

The cement footings have been poured this week for the new Mens Mikvah behind Shteeble. Much more needs to be done, and more funds to be raised to be able to continue and finish this long-awaited project: albanyminyan.com/mensmikvah/ or thechesedfund.com/shomraytorah/albanymensmikvah More to go! $50K match!

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RABBI RUBIN AVOT ART

Rabbi Caras made this digital art for Rabbi Rubin years ago (which hangs in their home) and now reproduced this canvas for school. It highlights one of Rabbi Rubin's best-known Pirkei Avot innovative interpretations that celebrates Small Town Jewry and highlights their tremendous transformative potential!

PARENT-TEACHER CONF. FORM

Parents: Please see the online signup form for Parent-Teacher conferences on the MHDS Announcements whatsapp chat. The complex schedule for the Parent-Teacher conferences on Nov 11th (no school that day) will be based on this input. Thank you!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MHDS alumnus Rabbi Zalmy Kudan now runs a school in California and regularly does professional development training for camp staff and schools. He'll be doing a professional development for our staff midday on Wednesday Nov 4th during the lunch-recess hour, thanks to parents for helping supervise recess to allow teachers to participate.

ANOTHER WATER FOUNTAIN

The downstairs water fountain has now been replaced with a combination water-fountain and water-bottle-filler, matching the upstairs machine, both with built-in filters. *Hydrate!*

This MC Newsletter is dedicated in loving memory of a beloved, generous, and respected pillar of the greater Capital Region community

Morris Massry

Moshe ben Yitzchak
- Yartzeit: 20 Cheshvan -

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Rivka Losice

- Yartzeit: 21 Cheshvan -
"Maimonides Middos" was established at our school in her memory and is a tribute to her refined character as a exemplary role model in the Albany Jewish community.

COALITION BUILDING

Some classes wondered about the (still to be determined) outcome of the Israeli elections. They learned how getting the most votes is only half the story in Israeli elections—complex coalition building (with people who may disagree with you) is the other half of it. This is a good lesson in working with others and the need for good teamwork and joint group efforts, you can't do it alone!

FALL BACK MINYAN CHANGES

There's a few Minyan changes with clock falling back an hour this Sat Night: 6:15am Minyan will start closer to 6:15am as Tallis and Tefillin start time is earlier. Shteeble's schoolday Mincha will be 3:20pm at school, with Maariv at 8pm back at Shteeble.



THE WISH

7th grade is reading this short story by Roald Dahl.

SAMSON TAPE

Morah Raizel's 5th graders listened to a animated story tape on the Shimshon story they've been learning in Navi Book of Shoftim, to get a richer picture.

SUNSCREEN REPORT

7th graders were assigned to look up various types of sunscreen, see how they are advertised, record their SPF #, divide their retail price by the number of ML in the bottle, & find one misstated or overstated description of it on the bottle or in an advertisement.

DR. ED JACOBS W.O.W. GUEST ON HEALTH

Rabbi Rubin loved bringing W.O.W. (Wide Open Windows) guests into school to share their expertise or experiences. For Avraham's Bris healing & Sarah's good news of a child in this week's Parsha Vayera, Dr. Ed Jacobs (a retired OB/GYN after 40 years of practice, and approx. 10K births!) came in to speak to middle & HS girls about health. He discussed good sleep habits, good hydration, daily exercise (at least a mile walk daily) and better posture (no slouching!). He answered a number of student questions. He also shared his own background: Born in England, he & family moved to US as an infant, raised on Upper West Side, went to college at Syracuse (a founder of popular social Jewish engagement there). He first did cardio research after college, but once in Albany Med he saw his first baby birth and decided that was his calling. And he's been working & living in Albany area ever since!



AVRAHAM & SARA'S TENT



Morah Mussie's Kindergarten set up a tent inside their the classroom for students to graciously reenact the open hospitality of Avraham and Sara's tent.

WHERE ON STORY-MOUNTAIN

Morah Bassie's 6th grade are learning to map a story-mountain: the build-up to the climax and the leading away from it to the ending. They were discussing where they are on the story-mountain in their current reading of "Masterminds", are they at that climax peak now, or slightly before or just past it?

CHEMICAL VS. PHYSICAL

6th grade science learned the difference between these two types of change.

REHEATING COOKED FOOD

Rabbi Caras 6th grade Halacha class learned about what can/can't be reheated on Shabbos, in what manner, and lots of other variables.

YIDDISH NUMBERS

Morah Rochel's 7th grade Yiddish class is now learning numbers in Yiddish.

SHINSHINIM ELECTIONS

In honor of the elections in Israel this week and all the continuing buzz about it, the Shinshinim ran a pretend election process with the classes they meet with.

KNOWING THE SIX ORDERS

Rabbi Shmuly's Mishna classes learned a lot about the Six Orders of the Mishna and the tractates inside them. Someone brought in her late husband's Daf Yomi Talmud books to school and Rabbi Shmuly had the 6th graders work to put in in order, and learn more about the Orders as they placed the books in order.



CHUMASH CHAVRUSA REVIEW

Second graders studying in pairs, too!

REMEMBERING RABBI RUBIN



ISRAELI OFFICIALS IN ALBANY

In a week with so much buzz about Israeli elections here's a throwback photo of Israeli elected officials in Albany for a meeting or conference, and Rabbi Rubin had them come to school to speak to our students.



OPEN & CLOSED SECTIONS

Last week's MC had a picture of Rabbi Mendy Mathless coming in to explain 2nd graders the "Peys" and "Samechs" in a Chumash, and how they represent the spacings in a Torah scroll between Torah sections. Here's a picture going back to 5771/2011 of Rabbi Rubin doing the same thing using a "Tikkun Korim" which Torah readers use to practice their layning.

CAN YOU BEAT MOSHE A?



Moshe A. and his family come all the way from Manchester Vermont each day... and yet they are often at school before many local nearby families. Not only that but Moshe gets down to his classroom as soon as possible, he gets right to it, no diddle-daddle along the way. Now a big question in 3th and 4th davening class is: Can you beat Moshe A?

ACUTE TRIANGLES

5th graders loved the very cute sound of that!

CUNEIFORM IN CLAY

After learning about ancient Sumerian writing Morah Bassie made her own clay and her 6th graders enjoyed making Cuneiform out of it.

CHANUKAH CARDS ALREADY?

Several classes made Chanukah cards for soldiers to be sent in a special package to R' Tzvi Holt (father of Maimonides students) now serving overseas. We hope the package gets there on time! Thanks to Morah Daniella for spearheading this thoughtful initiative.

PIRKEI AVOS CHAPTER TWO

6-7 Boys Gemorah class has been learning Pirkei Avos as Mishna in memory of Rabbi Rubin (who loved Pirkei Avos and wrote commentary on it) and they've now finished the 2nd chapter. They look forward to a Siyum on it this coming Monday, and into chapter 3 next week. They've had lots of good life discussions on many of the Mishnas.

MONTHLY COST OF THE CAR

HS Girls studying Personal Finance had to calculate the monthly cost of their family car (car cost, insurance, repairs etc) and also write a paper on why bankruptcy is the last resort.

4TH GRADE PEMDAS IN MATH

Our 4th graders are now learning Order of Operations in math class.

THE SHUK IN HS HEBREW

Morah Rivi's High School Hebrew language class lined up their desks like a Shuk with each student "vendor" describing their wares in Hebrew using all 5 senses.

IMMIGRATION IN EARLY 1900'S

Ms. Maddie's 7th grade history is exploring and researching immigration to the United States in the early 1900's.

TRADE ROUTES FROM ASIA

5th graders with Ms. Carreno are learning about Marco Polo and Zheng He and the trade routes established over land and by sea connecting resources and cultures.

YOAV, OSNIEL, AVNER, MICHAL

Morah Rochel's 7th grade learned one more chapter of Navi this week and this week's project is to write about two of the characters they learned about in this chapter.

RESPECT FOR TEACHERS

4th grade Yahadus class learned about this with Rabbi Caras.

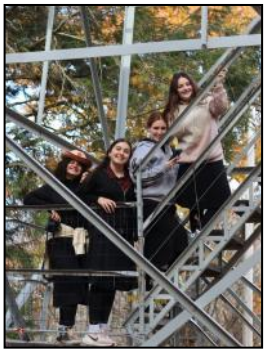
MIXED UP SIGNALS

4th graders were intrigued by the deliberate sabotage of the Rosh Chodesh bonfire signals and how the system evolved.









FIRE TOWER HIKE

On a gorgeous Fall day this week, HS Girls went on an afternoon hike in Grafton Lakes State Park up to the Dickinson Fire Tower. Thanks to Morah Bassie and Morah Leyee for chaperoning, and to Varda and Jeff LeMonds for leading (and cheerleading) the hike. Middle School girls will be going on a (different) nature hike this coming week, also with Bassie, Morah Leyee and Varda.





SIX DAYS OF CREATION

Morah DL Mathless' Chumash class finished the Six Days of Creation and now learning about the 7th Day—Shabbos! *Top:* Each made a hanging set of decorated circles for all 7 Days. *Above:* Their Siyum on this section.

8TH GIRLS SOUR DOUGH SALE

8th grade bake-sale will be selling $14 sour-dough loaves deliverable at dismissal on Friday Nov 13th (by order-only, use their form by Nov 6th) This will be a once-a-month sale.

LOCAL ERUV-CHATZEIROS

5th grade Yahadus followed up with a practical local application of their learning!

JOINT SHABBOS PARTY

In the spirit of *Hachnosas Orchim* welcoming guests at the start of this week's Parsha Vayera, Nursery invited the Kindergarten in to be their guests for one big joint Shabbos party!



TISSUES

They are back in need again! It would be helpful to send a box in for use in the classrooms. More kids need it now.



AVRAHAM'S "STARRY NIGHT"

In connection with G-d's promise to Avraham his descendants would be likened to the stars of heaven, Morah Rivi's art classes did "Starry Night" artwork this week in Van Gogh's style.

STARTING JEREMIAH

Morah Rochel's 8th grade Navi class is now starting Sefer Yirmiyahu.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SIGNUP (FRIENDS/FAMILY) TO GET WEEKLY "MC"! tinyurl.com/MCNewsletterSignup

at Maimonides and in the Community

10/30-31: SHABBOS VAYERA

The Angels visit, the good news for Sara, and bad effect in Sodom, Lot, his wife and his daughters, and the Akeidas Yitzchak—all in this week's Parsha. The Haftorah is the famous story of the Elisha and the widow & the blessing of the Empty Vessels.

10/31: CHAF (20TH OF) CHESHVAN

Rebbe Rashab's birthday is on Shabbos this year. Speak to R' Michael Caras to contribute towards Kiddush/Farbrengen at Shteeble—perhaps a tidbit from Rashab's profound Maamorim as well!

10/31-11/1: CLOCKS FALL BACK

This Sat Night we gain an hour (of sleep) as the clocks fall back an hour at 2am. And Shabbos is ending earlier, too! Attendees at 6:15am Minyan no longer need to wait to 6:30am to put on Tefillin, so hopefully that Minyan gets earlier start. Mincha gets much earlier, so Shteeble Mincha Minyan will meet at school dismissal 3:20pm, and Maariv will be 8pm each night back at Shteeble.

11/1: RASHAB STUDY-BREAKFAST

Sunday morning at Shomray Torah after 8:10am Shachris (Sunday Shachris changes to 8:10am once clocks switch) a study-breakfast of analogies illustrating Rebbe Rashab's "V'yadayta Moskve" a classic Maamar on the power of parable.

SCP: LAWS OF MEAT & MILK

New Semichas Chaver Chabad Program covers laws of meat & milk in an in-depth format, Sundays after Maariv. This should be a very useful and practical study! Contact Rabbi Motti for more info.

AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL OFFICE:

If you didn't get your useful and beautiful new Jewish Art Calendar from Capital Chabad in the Jewish World Newspaper mailing, please pick up at the school office. MHDS Candle-Lighting Magnets are also available at the school office.

SHTEEBLE MORNING MINYANS

Since Rabbi Rubin's Shiva, now two morning Minyans at Shteeble 6:15am and 8:10am each weekday morning. CBAJ 6:40am Minyan.

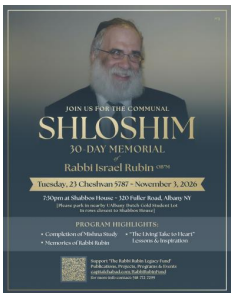
MINCHA-MAARIV WINTER MODE

Shteeble's Mincha moved to 3:20pm at school before dismissal, and Maariv at 8pm at Shteeble.

Each Minyan (Mincha/Maariv, too) can use a little extra support, sometimes one person coming a few minutes earlier (or coming at all!) makes all the difference. Even if you can only come 2x a week!

11/1: FESTIVAL OF NATIONS

11:30am-5pm at Empire State Plaza Convention Center. Israel represented on stage at 12:15, among 27 nations!, Jewish community is asked to take part and show support. To volunteer/get free tickets contact Jewish Federation or Amidah. *(Fun fact: for years Rabbi Rubin's Kosher Pizza & Falafel ran Israel Kosher food booth at this Festival of Nations, other local Jewish groups did the performances representing Israel)..*



11/3: RABBI RUBIN SHLOSHIM EVENT

Tuesday evening, 7:30pm at Shabbos House for a Shloshim (30 Days) event for Rabbi Rubin, obm. Please park at nearby Dutch Quad Lot in rows closest to Shabbos House. Program includes both video and live (short) presentations, completion of Mishna Study, reprints of Rabbi Rubin's "Enjoy Torah!" sticker, the 1974 Shabbos Candlelighting matchbook, and a booklet of memories & condolences collected over the past month since his passing.

11/3: ELECTION DAY

Don't forget to vote!!! Exercise your civic duty and help ensure our community is represented!

11/4: STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Regular school day, but we're looking forward to have (MHDS alumnus) Rabbi Zalmy Kudan do some professional development sessions, especially during the lunch-midday-recess. Parents who can help supervise midday recess that day helps more teachers attend the workshop. Thanks!

11/5: THE SHOE IN THE DANUBE

Clifton Park Chabad hosts Peter Balint, author of "The Shoe in the Danube" as a Kristallnacht speaker, 6pm at the Clifton Park Library. For more info: 518-495-0772/9.

11/6: NO SCHOOL FRIDAY

No School on first Friday in November. Friday off.

11/8: SHLUCHIM KINUS BANQUET

1pm. Watch online at Chabad.org/Kinus

11/11: PARENT-TEACHER CONF.

Veterans Day. No School. Stay tuned for (complex) schedule for parents to meet one-on-one with their students teachers. A schedule is drawn up matching teachers and families. *Parents:* please fill out the form that was sent on Whatsapp so school knows your availability—the complex schedule is based on responses to this form. Thank you!

11/14: FIRST PIZZA NIGHT

HS runs Pizza Night at MHDS for eat-in/take-out once-a-month during wintertime early Sat nights It's their year-end trip & extra-curricular fundraiser.

12/6: CHANUKAH OFF JAY

Change of location this year for this large-scale communal Chanukah event to a hall at Union College. Stay tuned for more info!

12/8: SCHOOL'S RAFFLE-AUCTION

Raffle-Auction with A-Z Prize Packages will be mailed earlier for by-mail & online ticket orders, but the event and drawings will be on Chanukah.



ALARM FIX DELAY

We're under contract, company has the permits, now awaiting all the parts and supplies to begin the long-awaited total replacement of school's fire alarm system. The annoying beeping will hopefully end soon!!



HELP KEEP OUR SCHOOL CLEAN!

Dr. Sweet noticed that some classes are being especially good with keeping their classrooms clean. We can all help with this—inside and outside the school! Let's each do our part!

A-Z PRIZE PACKAGES

Now is the time to finalize prize packages (A-Z plus split-the-pot & mystery) for this year's school raffle-auction to be held on Chanukah, (but mailed and emailed earlier). Got an idea for a prize package? Contact Raizy, raffle-auction coordinator. 518-772-7299

KOLLEL YISRAEL ELIEZER

There's an effort to increase study programs in memory of Rabbi Rubin. Rabbi Motti is starting with these two study programs: (A) Project Lekutei Sichos after weekday Shachris on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays. (B) "Basar V'Chalav" Halacha SCP after Sunday Mincha-Maariv.

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