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V'ahavta... ואהבת

May 3, 2019 28 Nisan, 5779

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This week's V'ahavta is sponsored by Dr. & Mrs. David Galpern in Honor of Mrs. Williams, for bringing Saxon Math and teaching financial responsibility to the 3rd grade.

Petting Zoo Comes to RTA

On Tuesday morning, our playground was turned into a petting zoo. It was hands-on learning at its best!

Our entire school had an opportunity to visit, and the students (from young to old) loved petting and holding the one week old baby goats and feeding the two week old baby lambs, goats and sheep! We all loved petting the adorable bunnies and holding the tiny baby chicks!! The alpaca was also a favorite. It was a great experience learning all about the animals and how they are cared for. Students in every grade and staff really enjoyed this exciting hands-on part of our Science curriculum!



(more photos on page 9...)

Thank you to the RTA PVA for sponsoring this wonderful event!!!



Candle Lighting

Friday, May 3
7:43 p.m.

Saturday, May 4
8:47 p.m.



Tuesday, May 7

3rd Grade Trip to Grand Caverns
8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 9

Yom Ha'atzmaut

Kindergarten "Trip" to Israel with Morah Perel
12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Computer Coding
3:40 - 5:00 p.m.

Soccer
3:40 - 5:00 p.m.

Reminder
Thursday is Yom Ha'atzmaut – Israel Independence Day.
Don't forget to wear your blue and white!

 **Better Together Project**
Community Event:
Wednesday, May 22 @ WJCC

SAVE THE DATE - RTA ANNUAL MEETING
Wednesday, June 5, at 5:30 p.m. at RTA
Please see page 6 for the proposed slate of the 2019-2020 Board of Directors and Officers.

Our condolences to Mrs. Perel Sherman on the passing of her mother, Ruth Katz.
May the entire Sherman family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Mazel tov to Avrummie & Ettie Klestzick on the birth of a son, Calev Aryeh.
Mazel tov to the grandparents, Rabbi Hal & Noa Klestzick, and to the entire Klestzick family.

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Double YOD Honoree



Mrs. Lin Hardy
Double YOD Honoree

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END OF YEAR

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W E D N E S D A Y
MAY 22
 11:00 AM - 1:15 PM
 WEINSTEIN JCC

WORDS OF INSPIRATION BY CHARLIE HARAY ESQ. VIA LIVE WEBINAR

LUNCHEON RECEPTION FOLLOWED BY PROGRAM

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Slated Officers and Board 2019–2020

President	Mr. David Hecht
Vice President, Administration	Dr. Karen Wharton
Vice President, Ways and Means	Mrs. Robyn Galpern
Vice President, Finance	Mr. Josh Goldberg
Secretary	Mrs. Ann Eisenberg
Treasurer	Mr. Avi Gunzburg
Immediate Past President	Mr. Eric Shoenfeld
Past President	Mrs. Rebecca Kalman-Winston

BOARD MEMBERS (One year remaining)

Mrs. Helen Griffin
Dr. Tino Habib

BOARD MEMBERS (To be elected to a one-year term)

Mrs. Susie Adolf
Dr. Bob Weisberger
Mr. Todd Weinberg

BOARD MEMBERS (To be elected to a two year term)

Rabbi Michael Aronowitz
Mrs. Ira Korshin
Rabbi Elliot Plotnick
Mr. Josh Silverman

Nominating Committee:

*Mr. Eric Shoenfeld, Mr. David Hecht, Mr. Josh Goldberg, Mrs. Robyn Galpern,
Mrs. Helen Griffin, Mrs. Ira Korshin, Mrs. Ann Eisenberg, Mr. Josh Silverman*

Article V, Section C of our Constitution and Bylaws states:

“Any Regular Member shall be entitled to make additional nominations provided that the nomination is seconded by at least five (5) additional Regular Members and nomination and seconds submitted in writing with at least six (6) different signatures, ten (10) days before the annual meeting addressed to the president at the school’s current address.”

Rudlin Torah Academy | 2019-2020 CALENDAR תש"פ

AUGUST '19						
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26-30 – Teacher Work Week

17 – Presidents' Day
Parent-Teacher
Conferences - no classes

FEBRUARY '20						
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3 – First Day of School
30 – Rosh Hashana –
no classes

10 – Purim – ½ day
13 – Regular Friday 3:30
dismissal resumes

MARCH '20						
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1 – Rosh Hashana-
no classes
8 – Erev Yom Kippur ½ day
9 – Yom Kippur -no classes
14-15 – Sukkot – no classes
21-22 - Shemini Atzeret/
Simchat Torah - no classes

6-17 – Pesach break –
no classes

APRIL '20						
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8 – Early Friday, 2:30
dismissal begins
27 – PDC; no classes
28-29 – Thanksgiving break –
no classes

25 – Memorial Day –
no classes
28 – Erev Shavuot – ½ day
29- Shavuot – no classes

MAY '20						
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DECEMBER '19						
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9 – Parent-Teacher
Conferences -
no classes
12/23
-1/1 – Winter Break

10 – Graduation
12 – Last Day of School

JUNE '20						
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20 – Classes resume
– M.L. King Day - PDC
no classes

LEGEND/NOTES

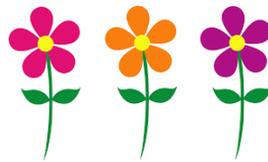
Student and/or Teacher Holiday-No Classes

Other Special Days - See Notes

Early Fridays: Nov. 8 – March 6

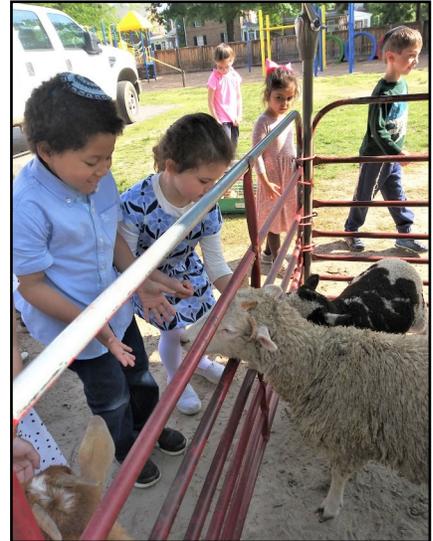
8th Grade Flower Sale

Our Pre Pesach flower sale was a great success!
We really hope you enjoyed all of the beautiful flowers.



Petting Zoo Comes to RTA

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Parsha Points

Each week we feature an article on the weekly Torah portion.

Acharei Mot (Leviticus 16-18)

Fences of holiness

The common theme running through the parshiyot of Acharei Mot, Kedoshim and Emor is the holiness of the Jewish people and the need for its preservation and protection.

In Acharei Mot, we are enjoined not to behave in the depraved manner of the Egyptians and Canaanites (Leviticus 18:3). The question is asked: Why did the Torah command us only with respect to the extreme depravity of the Egyptians and Canaanites?

Part of the answer lies in the verse that concludes this parsha and sums it up: "And you shall guard My observances." (Leviticus 18:30)

The Sages (Talmud - Yevamot 21a) derive from this verse the need to make fences around the Torah. Those fences include general rabbinic decrees designed to distance one from transgressing Torah law, and the specific protective measures each individual must implement in his own life to protect himself in areas of personal vulnerability. The Torah is not merely exhorting us against leading immorally depraved lives, but is warning us that if we do not implement safety measures to prevent us from such depravity, we will sink to the lowest level, that of the Canaanites and Egyptians.

Rabbinic Laws

Often we hear those who do not understand the true nature of rabbinic legislation complain that the Sages made observance much more difficult, complicating our lives with extra prohibitions and restrictions. The following analogy demonstrates the fallacy of this argument:

A group of people are situated on a mountaintop which ends in a sheer cliff and a drop of several thousand feet. One civic-minded member of the group erects, on his own initiative, a safety fence to prevent anyone from venturing too close to the edge of the cliff and falling off inadvertently. Would anyone complain that the fence limited his freedom of movement by making it less likely that he plummet off the mountain to his death?

One who appreciates the seriousness of transgressing a Torah law - the effects of such transgressions on one's soul, one's eternal life, and the world in general - surely feels more secure knowing that safety fences have been erected to make it more difficult for him or her to inadvertently transgress.

Thus the first function of rabbinic "fences": to prevent one from transgressing Torah prohibitions inadvertently.

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Parsha Points

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A Holy Nation

There is another aspect to rabbinic legislation. The Torah commands us to be a nation of priests, a holy nation. An aura of holiness must surround us, not just an absence of external sin. Holiness demands removing oneself totally from any taint of anything that can be associated with immodesty. Rabbinic fences enclose us in an environment that reflects holiness and cordons off all that opens into unhappiness.

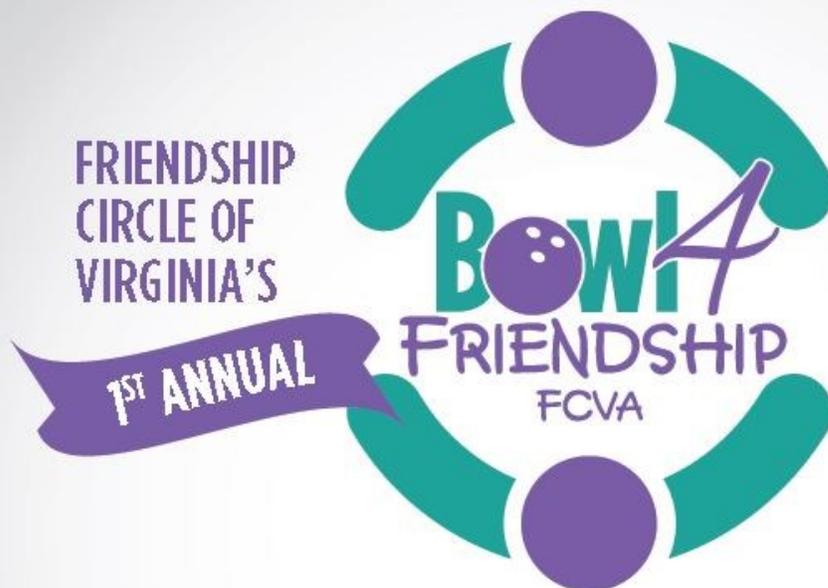
Thus, the observance of Rabbinic prohibitions reflects our holiness even more than observance of Torah prohibitions. Rabbeinu Yonah (to Pirkei Avot 1:1) writes:

“It is very great and praiseworthy to make a fence to the Torah's mitzvot, so that one who fears and respects God's word will not stumble into transgressing the mitzvah. One who observes the rabbinic laws that form the fences around the Torah shows more fear of God than one who fulfills the mitzvah itself. Performance of the mitzvah does not imply fear and respect as much as observance of the fences by one who is careful not even to come close to inadvertent transgression.”

These rabbinic fences, besides protecting us from inadvertent transgressions, create an attitude of fear of God and an environment of holiness that enhances the performance of each and every mitzvah.

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