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Rosh Chodesh Adar

By Brachi Shwartz

During the month of Adar, there were many fun activities and surprises. The school was decorated fantastically, we had a lot of fun dancing and we had some tasty pancakes!

At the beginning of the month, we came into a school and were greeted by a big surprise. The sixth-formers had worked all night to decorate the

entire school. The theme was a carnival, and there were bunting, balloons and, of course, grand red curtains, as well as a big sign that read 'Welcome to Yavneh Circus'!

After davening, we had a fun time dancing to Purim songs.

Then, at breaktime, Lani and Adi made us amazing pancakes in honour of Uri Berman. We were given a little note with a smiley face and a sweet message on, that said "There are two ways to things in life; the normal way, and with a smile, and it's always better with a smile!" – Uri Berman'.

We also had Mrs Hoffner's famous chocolate cake, some delicious biscuits and hot chocolate as well.





Giving to GIFT

By Meital Hasleton

On Monday 7th March, Year 9 organised a breakfast in order to raise money for GIFT.

GIFT is an organisation which provides food for families who are unable to afford it. They send out weekly food parcels with all the essentials needed for that week.

The food was generously donated by Shefa, Brackmans and Halperns. The breakfast was organised by Mrs Hoffner together with Year 9. Also, everyone donated 5 pounds, which will be given to GIFT to help the families. There were delicious croissants, cereal, rolls and much more!

On Purim, Year 9 also went speiling around Salford and Prestwich to raise money for GIFT. After speiling from 8 until 11, they raised a grand total of £2,000!!







Yavneh Purim Party

By Evie Deacon

On Purim night we had a Purim party organised by Mrs Hoffner and the sixth formers (thank you!!).

We all had so much fun! There was a silent disco, photo booth, and lots of food!

Everyone came dressed in their amazing costumes!

The Purim party is what makes Yavneh so special it was one of the best party's yet!!











International Women's History Month

By Rebecca Harris

In the month of March, we take the time to recognise and appreciate the exceptional work of women. This time is dedicated to those women who are real heroines. We should learn from them and encourage and tell girls that they too can make a difference in the world.

During this month, in school we have listened to assemblies about inspirational women and their stories.

In Judaism, there are also so many inspirational women from whom we can all learn. Some of my inspirational Jewish women are:

Golda Meir – Israel's fourth Prime Minister and the first woman to be elected for this position.

"Trust yourself. Create the kind of self that you will be happy to live with all your life. Make the most of yourself by fanning the tiny, inner sparks of possibility into flames of achievement." – Golda Meir

Anne Frank – She is an inspiration, who spent her youth hiding from the Nazis, but every day she did not give up hope and stayed positive during the hardest times. "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." – Anne Frank

Hannah Senesh – She was a Zionistic poet and diarist, and during the Second World War, volunteered as a paratrooper to rescue Jews during the Holocaust. However, she was captured and executed by the Nazis when she refused to give details of the rescue mission. "One needs something to believe in, something for which one can have whole-hearted enthusiasm. One needs to feel that one's life has meaning, that one is needed in the world." – Hannah Senesh

As well as these modern-day inspirational women, we must not forget the great Jewish women from the Bible – Sarah, Rivkah, Rachel, Leah, Ruth, Esther, Miriam... just to name a few. These women played some of the most important roles in the Torah and we can all learn from them.

Parshas Tazria

This week's Sedra, Parshas Tazria, discusses various forms of *tzara'as*, the skin disease that descended upon a person for Lashon Hora- forbidden gossip. A person who was found to have tzara'as was required to leave the comfort of his home and quarantine outside of his city.

The Torah explains that as a person with tzara'as left his house to isolate, he would have to announce "Tameh, Tameh!". What did this serve to do and why was it necessary?

The pshat level of this is that this announcement was vital to warn everyone to keep away from him so that they would not become Tameh (impure).

However, our sages suggested another reason for doing this. The Metzora (person with tzara'as) tells everyone about his state so that they would daven for him to be cured from his condition. By exclaiming, "Tameh, Tameh", he is really saying "help me! Please daven to Hashem for me to be healed quickly!"

But why can't he daven to Hashem himself? Why must he search for others to pray on his behalf?

The Chafetz Chaim, זצ"ל, explains that the prayers of someone with tzara'as are not accepted. He has contaminated his speech by speaking Loshon Hora and therefore he has lost the great power of Tefila.

The Tefilos that come from his mouth are damaged and can't achieve their purpose. As a result, the Metzora has no choice but to seek others who will pray on his behalf until he has repented and distanced himself from his inclination towards Loshon Hora. In doing so, his mouth can regain its purity and his Tefilos can be heard.

Similarly, we begin Yom Kippur with Kol Nidreh to annul any vows that we have taken upon ourselves or agreed to, that we haven't kept. Before we daven for our forgiveness, we must ensure that our mouths are in a state of purity and that we haven't committed any sins relating to our speech. For if we have sinned with forbidden speech or unkept promises, our Tefila loses its immense power that it is capable of attaining.

From here we learn an important lesson, a person who engages in Loshon Hora does not simply hurt the person he speaks about, but he also damages himself. Each of us faces difficulties and needs Hashem's help in our daily lives and so we can't afford for our Tefilos to lose their power. Let's guard our mouths from negative speech and forbidden gossip so that our Tefilos can be accepted and answered by Hashem as soon as possible.

Good Shabbos!

Layla Maslin

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Girls! We need your help!

Please bring any of the items listed to School to help Ukrainian refugees.

Let's make a huge Kiddush Hashem!