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Dear Parents,

During your child's pre-school, elementary and middle school years (not to exclude high school; however, high school is a bit different), some of the most important relationships for you and your child will be established. Teacher to student and teacher to parent. Student to teacher and parent to teacher. I'm not repeating myself; I'm letting you in on a majorly important concept. Teachers, administrators and all staff within a school; have two responsibilities when it comes to establishing these relationships; how one treats another and how one reacts to how they feel they are being treated.

All parties, no matter age, should feel they are being spoken to, and thought of as someone who deserves respect.

When I was a child, my parents most definitely validated my feelings; however, their response to my grievances was always with the utmost respect for my teacher and my need to figure out what could I do to make the situation better. That doesn't mean my parents never spoke to a teacher. They certainly did; however, their approach was questions to understand what I had done and what they could do to be supportive. I am confident that if my parents felt a teacher had made a mistake, depending just how "earth *shattering*" it was, they either chalked it up to the teacher having a bad day or unbeknown to me, spoke to the teacher or the administration.

The Rambam Day School administration expects our staff to have the utmost respect for our students and our parents. We expect our staff to communicate in a positive, productive manner to both students and parents. Thus, creating a sense that they can be trusted and genuinely care.

Your child's school years will be more successful, more pleasant and more productive if as a parent you consider the following:

- Communicate with your child/dren's teachers if something has changed at home. When we know a child is experiencing something difficult or upsetting, then we can approach them during this time with even more empathy and support.
- Communicate with us if you have a concern about something going on in the classroom; your child is being bullied, your child feels they have no friends, your child seems to be struggling, homework takes your child hours. We can only help if WE KNOW.
- Reach out to us either with a message to call you or during a time when we are NOT in the process of taking care of children.
- Don't panic if your child makes a bad grade. Give them encouragement and assure them you are there to help them, and hopefully they'll do better next time. When parents make their children feel grades are *life or death, then* our efforts must be even greater to break through a road block created at home. Teachers encourage their students to do their best and when they are not doing their best, the first thing a teacher does is look at what they are doing and only after a true

assessment, they then turn to the parent and discuss how they can work together to help their child.

- It is so important for parents to pay attention and show an interest in their child's work. Complementing them for their effort and giving encouragement when they can do better. As well, parents should be supportive of children and their homework; a) maybe your child just needs a reminder and follow through from you to be sure the reminder was effective b) maybe your child needs to know you're close by c) maybe your child actually needs support helping them work through their HW. If this is a constant, then a parent should let a teacher know so the situation can be evaluated as to why it is taking the child so long.
- Teachers must often overcome students' apathy or disdain for school. So, when a child comes to class eager to learn, they consider half the battle already won. Parents can help influence their child's attitude by speaking positively about school.

It's important for parents to feel they are respected and their concerns are heard. Parents should be made to feel their ideas matter and are considered.

Teachers need to be trusted and feel appreciated.

The RDS staff wishes each of you, a very happy, healthy, prosperous New Year!



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It's that time of year again! The Second Harvest Food Bank has placed a donation canister next to the RDS office. We ask that families think of those less fortunate and send in non-perishable food items to help us fill our can.



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Have a Shana Tova U'Mesuka - Have a happy sweet new year!



Art

Art is off to a fruit-tastic start! Kindergarten learned art vocabulary; such as BATIK, RESIST, and PATTERN as they began creating their own fruit, inspired artwork. Students are working to create their own fruit pattern (as if for clothing) using wax resist (crayon) and pigment (liquid watercolor) to create their own "batik" which are textiles created using wax resist and dye to create designs.





#### **Kindergarten News**

Kindergarten is off to a great start! We welcome our newest classmates, Alexander and Eric. We are glad you are here! The class has been working diligently on learning their numbers, reading, science experiments and perfecting their handwriting. The students are so eager to learn. What a sweet dozen we have!

Diane and Jhaz



Good job to last years' first grade...they all did their Hebrew summer work! I am so proud!

Morah Rena



# 2nd Grade News

The second grade is getting ready for Rosh Hashanah. They are expert shofar

blowers. They have practiced a lot. The honey mats they made are sure to enhance the Rosh Hashanah table. 2nd grade wishes everyone a happy and healthy year.



#### **3rd Grade News**

Third grade reactions are priceless. They are so thrilled to learn, and everything is exciting and new. During Social Studies, while showing pictures of different landforms that are found around the world, ewwwing and ahhing could be heard from everyone. The coral reefs were "so pretty", the mountain ranges were "cool". It was a virtual field trip!



### More 3rd Grade News

During the first few weeks of school our Third Grade class has accomplished a great deal.

We have many areas of study that we have begun and will continue to work on throughout the year.

In our siddur we have already started adding new sections to our davening. Chumash is always an important area of study, and we have begun learning about Eliezer going on his journey to find a wife for Yitzchak. Along with these two subjects, we have begun our study of the book of Joshua. We have continued in our Chayainu which are work books that review and teach new concepts, all relating to Jewish studies. We have a workbook called Lehaven Ulehaskil which is used to reinforce the skills we learn in Chumash. Add to all of that a healthy dose of weekly parsha, and you can see that we are a very busy and studious group.

Have a good Yom Tov and a healthy, happy, sweet New Year!





# Fourth Grade News

The Fourth Grade students are learning more about themselves and each other as they complete their "Read All About Me" posters. We are discussing how special and unique each person is. Children are alike in many ways, and there are also ways in which they are different. The Fourth Graders are learning to appreciate, respect, and celebrate the similarities and differences among them.

# **PE NEWS**

Rabbi Goldman has reinvented the physical education program at Rambam. The children (and Rabbi Goldman) are having a blast. Today, was a Frisbee competition. Frisbee throwing techniques were taught and practiced last week and this week there was more practice and instruction. Look at how much fun everyone was having. And, they can throw a Frisbee!



# **Days of Learning**

A month of learning in special memory of Chistopher Celiz. Lovingly Sponsored By: His RDS Family

A month of learning in memory of Debbie Safer. Sponsored By: Chaim, Chavi and Family

A month of learning in honor of Mom and Dad, Happy Anniversary! Lovingly Sponsored By: Baruch, Tehila, Atara and Doni

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A week of learning in honor of Shosh and Jon, Chani and Tzvi, DeeDee and Yitzie. With heartfelt gratitude for always being there for us. Sponsored By: Stephen and Shifra

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A week of learning in honor of Robert Bono, Happy Birthday! Lovingly Sponsored By: Ester and Freddie

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A week of learning in honor of the yahrtzeit of Uncle Maier Rabhan. Sponsored By: Gil and Miriam

A week of learning in honor of Tehila Rabhan, Mazel tov on this great accomplishment. Sponsored By: Amy, Charlie, Grace, Benji and Caroline

A week of learning in honor of Ester and Freddie, on your 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and in honor of Cookie Yellin, on your continued recovery. Sponsored By: Marsha and Rick

A week of learning in honor of Adam and Bina, Mazel Tov on your twin girls! Sponsored By: Nosson and Lisa

A week of learning in memory of Debbie Safer. Sponsored By: Morah Ester and Uncle Freddie

A week of learning in honor of Greg Hirsch, Happy 55<sup>th</sup> Birthday!! Lovingly Sponsored By: Ester and Freddie

A week of learning in honor of Phil Weinberg, thank you so much for all your time and expertise. Sponsored By: Your RDS Family

A week of learning in honor of Sarah and Jerald, Happy Anniversary! Lovingly Sponsored By: Aunt Cookie and Harvey

A week of learning in memory of Rabbi Mendy Klein. Sponsored By: Chaim and Chavi

A week of learning in merit of a refuah shleima for Aunt Cookie. Sponsored By: Harold and Peggy

A week of learning in memory of Debbie Safer. Sponsored By: Dovid and Julia Schachter and Family

A week of learning in honor of Freddie and Ester, Mazel Tov, wishing you every bracha on your 40<sup>th</sup>. Lovingly Sponsored By: Aunt Esther

A week of learning in honor of our Dad, Michael Kooden. Lovingly Sponsored By: Aaron, Jennie, Ross, Whitney and Elliot

A week of learning in honor of George and Missy, thank you for caring about us as much as you do! Sponsored By: Your RDS Family

### Many days of learning in honor of Richard Bodziner, Happy Retirement!! Sponsored By: Carol and Joel

2 days of learning in merit of a speedy recovery for Dr. Lesley Wilkes. Sponsored By: Joe Goldstein and Michael Snaid

A day of learning in honor of Yoni Greenstein, Happy Birthday!! Lovingly Sponsored By: Baubie

A day of learning in honor of Freddie and Ester, wishing you a truly happy anniversary! Lovingly Sponsored By: Kalman and Dee

A day of learning in honor of David and Halle, wishing you a truly happy anniversary! Lovingly Sponsored By: Kalman and Dee

A day of learning in honor of Ester and Freddie, Happy Anniversary!! Sponsored By: Barbara and Alan

A week of learning in honor of Simcah, Happy Father's Day!! Lovingly Sponsored By: Mom

A day of learning in merit of a speedy recovery for Cookie Yellin. Lovingly Sponsored By: Harriet Ullman

A day of learning in honor of Sidney Karp, for a wonderful health report!! Sponsored By: Kalman and Dee

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A day of learning memory of Rav Gavriel Finkel.

Respectfully Sponsored By: Michael and Lynn Snaid

A day of learning in honor of Joe and Toby Goldstein, thank you for your hospitality. Sponsored By: Brad

A day of learning in honor of Aliza Raizel. Mazel Tov! Welcome to our fabulous family! Lovingly Sponsored By: Barbara Kooden

A day of learning in honor of Yitzie Rabhan, Happy Birthday! Lovingly Sponsored By: Baubie

A day of learning in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Bodziner, thank you for having us for dinner and creating such a warm, loving accepting atmosphere. Lovingly Sponsored By: Ephraim and Sabrana

A day of learning in honor of Dr. Richard Bodziner. I know what you did for me and I am so grateful. Sponsored By: Sara Brana

A day of learning in honor of Ephraim Rabhan, Happy Birthday!! Much love and many more!! Lovingly sponsored by: Baubie

A day of learning in honor of the yahrtzeit of Lillian Feldman. Lovingly Sponsored By: Zinnia and Jack

A day of learning in honor of Mrs. List and Ms. Charlotte, thank you for being my teachers this year. Sponsored By: Dinah Henkin

A day of learning in honor of Rabbi Gordon, thank you for being my teacher this year! Sponsored By: Dinah Henkin

A day of learning in memory of Carol Minkovitz. We are so sorry for your loss. Sponsored By: Julia and David Schachter.

A day of learning in honor of Yehudis, Michal and Leeba Gold. Thank you for always being so helpful!! And for the yummy smoothies! Lovingly Sponsored By: Morah Ruchoma

A day of learning in honor of Dr. Fred Rabhan, thank you for your friendship. Sponsored By: Dee Baruch

A day of learning in memory of Debbie Safer. Lovingly Sponsored By: Aunt Cookie and Harvey

A day of learning in honor of Uncle David Garfunkel and all of the other parents who helped sponsor our siyum for the completion of Mesechta Yoma Mishnayos. Sponsored By: Rabbi Gordon's 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Mishneh Class

A day of learning in honor of Baruch Rabhan, Happy Birthday!! Much love and many more! Lovingly Sponsored By: Baubie

A day of learning in honor of Alan Lowe, Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday, many more in good health.

Sponsored By: Ester and Freddie

A day of learning in memory of Rav Gavriel Finkel. Sponsored By: Ephraim and Sara Brana Rabhan

A day of learning in honor of Mrs. Rotkow, thank you for a great year! Lovingly Sponsored By: Rivky, Yosef and Miri

A day of learning in honor of Benji Garfunkel, Mazel Tov on graduation. Sponsored By: Ephraim and Sara Brana Rabhan

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Lovingly Sponsored By: Barbara Kooden

A day of learning in honor of The Koodens. Thank you for sharing your pool with us! Sponsored By: The Lob, Maccabee and Nitekman Families

A day of learning in honor of Dr. Pritzker. Sponsored By: Chaya Schochet

A day of learning in memory of Debbie Safer. Sponsored By: Sam, Mertha and Mario

A day of learning in honor of Ester and Freddie, Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Lovingly Sponsored By: Riette Pollack

A day of learning in memory of Rav Gavriel Finkel. Sponsored By: Alan and Barbara Tanenbaum

A day of learning in memory of Rav Gavriel Finkel. Sponsored By: Eli and Tziri Lob and Family

A day of learning in honor of Morah Ester and Uncle Freddie. Thank you for letting us use your pool for swimming lessons. Sponsored By: Dovid, Yeshaya and Shloimy

A day of learning in memory of Rav Gavriel Finkel. Sponsored By: Aunt Cookie and Harvey

A day of learning in honor of The Gold Family. Thank you for your wonderful Yom Tov hospitality. Lovingly Sponsored By: Joanne and Michael

A day of learning in honor of Ruchama Esther Herskovitz, Mazel Tov on your graduation from Kindergarten. Lovingly Sponsored By: Grandma and Grandpa

A day of learning in honor of Yechiel Herskovitz, Mazel Tov on finishing 3Y. Lovingly Sponsored By: Grandma and Grandpa

A day of learning in honor of LeeAnn Kole, Thank you for your years of service on the PTO Board. Lovingly Sponsored By: Ester and Freddie

A day of learning in honor of Freddie and Ester. wishing 2 very special people a very happy anniversary with many more to follow in good health!! Lovingly Sponsored By: Barbara Kooden

A week of learning in appreciation of Harold Yellin. Sponsored By: Baruch

A day of learning in memory of Jerald Cohen. Sponsored By: Dr. and Mrs. Dan Sandler

A day of learning in honor of Rabbi Steven and Rebitzen Orly Henkin, thank you for celebrating Moms 102nd birthday in such a special way. Sponsored By: Barbara and Alan Tanenbaum

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A day of learning in memory of your dear father, Jerald Cohen. Sponsored By: Ester and Freddie

A day of learning in honor of Richard Bodziner, Mazel Tov on your retirement.

