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Ma Koreh?
What's Happening?
May Newsletter

מָה קוֹרֶה?

Welcome to the Newsletter! The Ma Koreh provides a brief overview into "what's happening" at CJDS. This month's issue features:

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D'var Keshet from Head of School
Rachel Arcus-Goldberg
May 1, 2020 / 7 Iyar 5780
Leviticus 16:1-20:27



D'var Keshet: Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

Dear Eric and Mindy,

I hope that today's Ma Koreh finds you and your families safe and healthy.

We have all been home and socially distant for about 7 weeks now. During that time, incredible learning has taken place both "in" the virtual classrooms, and beyond. As a school we have celebrated and commemorated Earth Day, Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), Yom HaZikaron (Israeli Memorial Day), and Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel's independence day). Class by class, our students have learned to broaden their experiences of learning to include a virtual State Fair, powerpoint book reports, and archeological digs in their backyards. Truly, this has been a remarkable time to experience learning and community together while apart.

During our All-School Tefillah yesterday, students were asked to reflect on this week's parsha and what it means to "be holy." Yehudit introduced the verse וְיָאָהַבְתָּ לְרֵעֶךָ כְּמוֹךָ V'ahavta L'Reacha Kamocha most commonly translated as "Love your neighbor as yourself." Rabbi Akiva believed that this line is the most important in the Torah and that in essence it is the one major lesson that we need to learn and, as he says "the rest is commentary."

In the age of COVID-19, I believe that this line, this concept, this imperative has new importance. How are we showing that we love ourselves during this time? We are taking care of ourselves to make sure that we do not get sick. We are washing our hands, we are staying home, we are conducting all of our business online. And the more we do all of this, we are caring for our neighbors as we care for ourselves. We are protecting ourselves and each other at the same time.

When it feels inconvenient to continue to stay home, to feel disconnected, to not quite get what we ordered from our online grocery order, but we do it all anyway - that's when we are holy. In the moment when we are ready to throw up our hands on make-your-own masks, but we make and wear them anyway - that's when we are holy. As we become stir crazy in our houses and yet continue to stay at home - that's when we are holy.

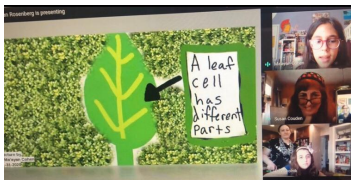
Through each of these moments, we are choosing to put the needs of others in front of our own. I believe that it is these decisions that show the meaning of holiness. That it is these moments that define loving

your neighbor not just as yourself, but above and beyond yourself. In all that our students have learned in their virtual classes over the past seven weeks, perhaps, as Rabbi Akiva says, this is the most important lesson. We are choosing to take care of each other. To care for the needs of our community, even while we cannot be together in person. We are choosing to be holy.

The rest is commentary.



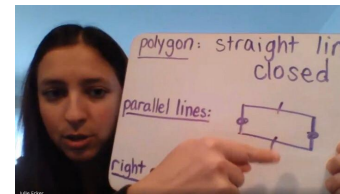
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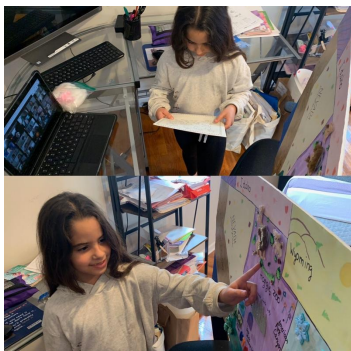
Fifth and sixth graders sharing about Photosynthesis during Tefillah on Earth Day.



Gavi showing her Earth Day Tree Wrappings that she made using finger knitting.



Ms. Julie teaching third grade math. Students are able to learn right along with their Teacher—virtually.



Second Grader Adi presenting her project about Utah for the Second Grade State Fair.



Keep an eye out for CJDS Yard Signs around Columbus!



Third grader Ari with parents Josh and Stefanie showing their CJDS pride around Ohio — love the hats!

CJDS Online Learning Continues

This week, CJDS third through sixth graders participated in a Virtual Escape Room.

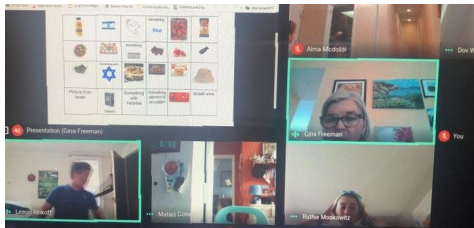
Students split up among their advisory groups, and went to individual "rooms" (Google Hangouts). The goal was to answer questions in order to escape the room and get back to the first room.

Students were tasked to complete four activities with their advisory group, and at the end of each activity, the group would receive a Hebrew letter. After receiving all of the letters, students had to create a word in order to escape the room.



The first few activities included a quiz in Hebrew, a scavenger hunt around the house to complete a BINGO I and a quiz about places in Israel with pictures taken from a helicopter.

Then, the mission got silly: teams were tasked to spell the Hebrew word on the screen, but with a twist! They had to create the shape of each letter of the word with their body.



Once each student created their Hebrew letter pose, the letters were placed in order to create a Hebrew word. Students then took a screenshot of their Hebrew word and concluded their experience by showing off some dancing skills while dancing to this fun [video](#).

If you are interested in taking part in your own Escape Room, the Israeli Adventure Escape Room is available to the entire family to enjoy (\$9 per family). If interested, please click [here](#)



In the CJDS Third Grade Judaics class, students have been working on creative models of Avraham and

Sarah's tent using the materials they have on hand at home.

The third graders used the models to demonstrate Avraham and Sarah's extraordinary hospitality (hakhn's orhim).

Some of the tent models students created can be found below:



Alma's Tent,
3rd Grade



Gavi's Tent,
(made with celery)
3rd Grade



Will's Tent,
3rd Grade

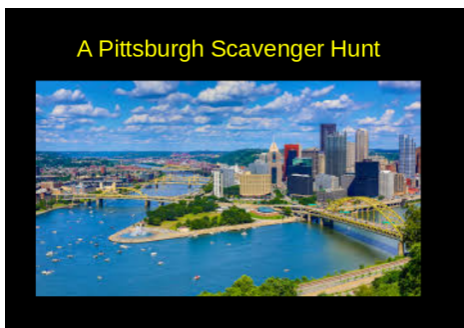
Last week, our fifth and sixth graders were supposed to go on the Annual Pittsburgh Field Trip, a 3-night trip with tours around the city and adventure.

Unfortunately, the trip had to be cancelled because of coronavirus, but our students still had an opportunity to explore the city -- virtually!

Our students took to the virtual streets of Pittsburgh this week by participating in a Pittsburgh Scavenger Hunt. During the scavenger hunt, students had a chance to explore the Jewish community and overall history of Pittsburgh, and had the opportunity to answer questions and include pictures of their finding.

Each of the winners of the Scavenger Hunt received a gift card to Graeter's Ice Cream.

Thank you Fifth and Sixth Grade Teachers for finding a way to bring Pittsburgh to our students.



During Science this week, Dr. Jay Johnson (Gina's big brother) joined our fifth and sixth grade science class "Ask a Scientist" Speaker to talk about chemistry, his inventions and more.

Dr. Jay Johnson received his Philosophical Doctorate at the University of Cincinnati (Majors: Analytical Chemistry and Biochemistry). He has 29 patents and has teamed up with other scientists to patent 12 inventions that pertain to sensors, enzyme reactions and nanotechnology.



Our fifth and sixth graders have been learning about potential and kinetic energy. During this lesson, they learn where energy comes from, how energy is used, and what forms of energy we can see and where we see it.

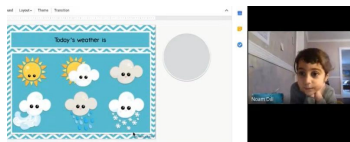
Thank you, Dr. Jay, for being our guest speaker.



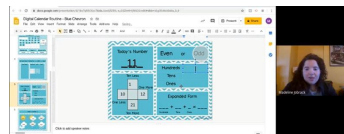
Check out Second Grader Liav's "Karpas Pulley" for the CJDS Second Grade Engineering Design Project.

The project was to make something from recycled materials for your Seder.

Way to go, Liav!



Kindergartner Noam sharing what the weather is like outside during the students' daily ELA.



Math time with Kindergartners - going over the number of the day.

To watch Ms. Maddy lead us with 3 warm-up activities, and reading the book *Where the Wild Things Are* click [here](#)

Virtual Learning Events open to the Community

CJDS will be hosting virtual events for you to join! We have events happening daily, all ages welcome, and are open to the community.

To access any of the events listed below, please use the link: <https://meet.google.com/nzn-snw-fga>

CJDS Community Events happening May 4-8



 <p>Monday 5/4 at 9:30 AM Making granola with Head of School: Rachel Arcus-Goldberg</p>	<p>Tuesday 5/5 at 9:30 AM Coffee with Head of School: Rachel Arcus-Goldberg</p>	<p>Wednesday 5/6 at 9:30 AM Morning Stretch with Head of School: Rachel Arcus- Goldberg</p>
 <p>Monday 5/4 at 10:45 AM My Favorite Flag: Fun with Blue & White with Eran Rosenberg</p>	<p>Thursday 5/7 at 10:45 AM Exploring a collection of 150 pencil sharpeners with Eran</p>	
 <p>Wednesday 5/6 at 10:45 AM Lesson with Ms. Jodi Senser Benningfield</p>	 <p>Thursday 5/7 at 9:30 AM Fun with Yiddish- Kvetchy Boy & Noshy Boy with Katie Feldstein</p>	
 <p>Friday 5/8 at 9:30 AM The Crunchina</p>		

Munching
Caterpillar read by
Annelyn Baron

Friday
5/8 at 10:30 AM
Creating with Nature
- Art with Susan
Couden **Please
bring collected items
found in nature

Friday
5/8 at 10:45 AM
Golden Gloves a
story from my
Grandma with Ms.
Sheri



Check out one of the recordings from this week's Live Community Event Series!

A Birthday Party for Israel to celebrate 72 years of Independence, hosted by Eran Rosenberg.

Happy Yom HaAtzmaut!



Every morning CJDS students, families, alumni, faculty, staff, and the community join together for Tefillah. We mark the date in the Jewish and Gregorian calendar, we sing together, and student take turns sharing what they are thankful for that day.

This video is a recording from Tuesday's Tefillah, our Yom HaZikaron Ceremony.

If you are interested in joining us, we are live Monday-Friday at 8:30 AM.

Use the link here:

<https://meet.google.com/qgv-uzug-uiq>



This video was shared Wednesday morning during our Yom HaAtzmaut Community Celebration.



Family members in Israel sharing their well wishes and greetings for Happy Yom HaAtzmaut to Columbus Jewish Day School and the community



During our Live Community Event Series this week, CJDS Head of School Ms. AG taught students in the community how to make Challah using a bread maker.

Here is the recipe used in the video if you would like to follow along:

Bread Machine Challah

- 1 cup Hot Water
- 2 Eggs
- 1 tbs Vanilla
- 1/2 cup Vegetable Oil
- 1/2 tsp Salt
- 4 1/2 cups Flour
- 3/4 cup Sugar
- 3 tsp Yeast

All the dry ingredients should go on top. Make a small well in the dry ingredients and put the yeast in the well.

After the dough rises in the bread machine (about 90 minutes), punch it down, take it out and braid it. Place the braided challahs on the pans that you intend to use to bake them, cover the challahs and let them rise for another 30 minutes.

Before putting the challahs in the oven, brush an egg wash on top. Bake at 350. After 10 minutes, repeat the egg wash and cook for another 15 minutes.

Support CJDS this #GivingTuesday



#GivingTuesdayNow is a global day of giving and unity, set to take place on May 5, 2020 as an emergency response to the unprecedented need caused by COVID-19. The day is designed to drive an influx of generosity, citizen engagement, business and philanthropy activation, and support for communities and nonprofits around the world.

At a time when we are all experiencing the pandemic, generosity is what brings people of all races, faiths and political views together across the globe. Generosity gives everyone power to make a positive change in the lives of others and is a fundamental value anyone can act on. It's a day for everyone around the world to stand together and give back in all ways, no matter who or where we are.

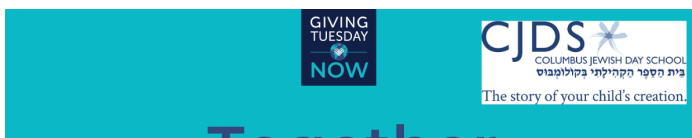
"As a global community, we can mourn this moment of extreme crisis while also finding the opportunity to support one another. We each have the power to make an impact with acts of generosity, no matter how small, and to ensure the sustainability of organizations and services that are crucial to the care and support of our communities," said Asha Curran, CEO of GivingTuesday.

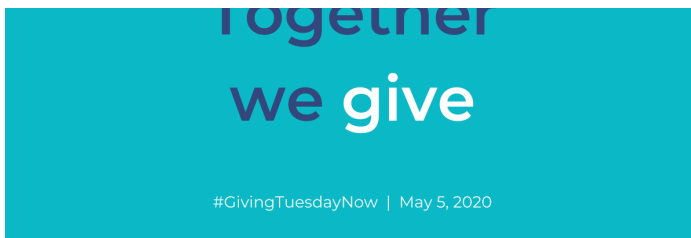
"#GivingTuesdayNow is a chance for us to stand united and use grassroots generosity to show that we are all in this together, beginning to end."

This Giving Tuesday, please consider donating to **Columbus Jewish Day School** to help us raise money for Tuition Relief. By giving to CJDS, we can guarantee that anyone who wants to have access to a Jewish education has that opportunity.

Columbus Jewish Day School believes that our unique, integrated Jewish and general education should be available to all families. Our tuition assistance program reflects this commitment to the Jewish community. Our goal is to welcome and support a diverse group of qualified students, including those who would not otherwise be able to attend CJDS.

Donations to CJDS can be made online at: <https://www.cjds.org/make-a-gift-1>





CJDS in the News!

Jewish day schools, students, parents get educated virtually

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Apr 19, 2020

The Columbus Jewish News talked with the school administrators and families to find out how they prepared for the massive educational shift and their efforts to ensure school goes forward, virtually.

Click [here](#) to read more about CJDS featured in Columbus Jewish News



JewishColumbus Youth Foundation grants \$5K

Apr 24, 2020

"The JewishColumbus Youth Foundation voted to grant \$5,000 evenly between the Columbus Jewish Day School Tower Garden Project and the JewishColumbus Community Response Fund," according to an April 24 news release.

"CJDS funds will go toward purchasing a tower garden and food grown will be distributed to more than 50 impoverished youth at Harambee Christian School in Columbus. The project will teach third through sixth grade CJDS students about growing and caring for their own food, and about giving it to others, the release said.

Click [here](#) to read more about CJDS featured in Columbus Jewish News



Community Milestones

Mazel Tov!

Mazel Tov to CJDS parent and Board Member **Issac Weiner** on being selected as a finalist for the 2019-2020 Outstanding Teaching Award by the OSU College of Arts and Sciences Student Council.

Mazel Tov to CJDS Alumni parent **Dr. Amy Acton** for her leadership during this time.

May Their Memory be a Blessing

We extend our condolences to **Rabbi Rick Kellner** on the passing of his **mother**. We send love and support to the Kellner family.

We extend our condolences to **June Gutterman** and family on the passing of her brother, **Jerry Gutterman**. We send love and support to the Gutterman family. (Alumni parent, longtime friend, and continuous supporter of the school).

Baruch Dayan Ha'emet.

Mi Sh'Berach

We wish CJDS grandparent and alumni parent **David Lippy** a speedy recovery.

We wish **Naomi Kayne** (longtime friend and supporter of CJDS) a speedy recovery.

We extend our prayers to any family in our community who may be impacted by coronavirus.

Hakarat Hatov

To **CJDS Staff and Faculty** for continuing to go above and beyond, and opening up your teaching to the community.

To the **CJDS Judaics Department** for your beautiful Tefillah gatherings every morning, and for planning amazing Kabbalat Shabbat virtual assemblies for our families to enjoy.

To the **CJDS Board** for surprising our Faculty with Challah for Shabbat.

Additional Events Around the Community



Let's come **together.**

The JewishColumbus Board of Trustees invites you to a

Virtual 30-Minute Community Celebration

Featuring updates from our agencies, lay leaders & a heartfelt

video to *inspire* our entire community

May 26, 8:00 - 8:30 pm
ONLINE

Our **UNITY** is so important because being Jewish is
about being **TOGETHER** as
ONE COMMUNITY.

Please register online at <http://jewishcolumbus.org/one>
Questions? Contact Lisa Wein at lisa@jewishcolumbus.org



24/7 MISHEGAS

Coping with
the kids during
COVID-19

Feeling **GUILTY, OVERWHELMED, SAD?**
Join Parent Coach, Rhonda Moskowitz,
to share frustrations, get tips to find breathing space, and
most importantly - know that you're not alone!

Thursday, May 7 at 8 pm
(after bedtime!)

Virtual connection information to come!



For over 30 years, Rhonda Moskowitz has helped families resolve conflict and build strong relationships. As a Certified Parent Coach with a graduate degree in Education, Rhonda is the founder of [Practical Solutions Parent Coaching](#) LLC. She works with parents to explore what's working and what's not, and helps them create action steps.

[Register & ask a question](#)

Questions?

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