Message from Rabbi Yamin Levy
LIHA, Rabbi

Shalom Dear Parents, Students & Friends,

Have a Great Summer!

The Perasha this week begins with the words “Beha’alotecha et HaNerot” literally means “when you raise the lights of the Menorah”. Rashi comments that Aharon HaKohen had to kindle the lights until they were able to rise-up on their own.

Our Chachamim applied this message to raising and educating our children. Our goal as parents and teachers is to kindle their interest, inspire a sense of passion in our children so that they rise on their own and become independent learners. We as parents and teachers are guides and models in the way of Torah tradition and observance, so that our children follow in the path on their own. Nothing is more gratifying for an educator than to see students express interest in learning independently.

No one knows us better than our children and students. They know when our values and our observance is sincere. We inspire them not by the words we say but by the actions we take. They know if we act out of love and passion or if we act grudgingly. If our homes do not infuse a passion for Torah study and observance, we cannot expect our children to “rise on their own”. Similarly, if teachers are not themselves passionate about their lessons and the material they teach, it is far less likely that the students will rise to the occasion.

Few things are more worthy than ensuring a strong future for our community and our people. Let us all raise the lights of future generations through love, sacrifice and determination.

Parashat Beha’alotecha
Shabbat Candle Lighting time is at 8:15 p.m.
Havdalah time is at 9:20 p.m.
Dear Parents,

It has been an amazing journey this year and it’s hard to believe that the 2018-2019 school year has come to an end. It’s was a fantastic year, filled with lots of learning and lots of fun.

Before reviewing the year, I want to THANK all of my amazing teachers and staff for all the hard work and effort they put in and devoted to our students this year. We appreciate all that our teachers have done for each and every student here at LIHA.

We hope that you have been accessing our digital newsletter “The Voice of Our Children” on our website www.lihagn.org as well as all the other features available to parents and students. There are photo galleries, forms, birthdays and the newsletter in color. We update on a regular basis to keep you informed of the latest events. If you have not visited us yet please make sure to do so. This year we have put LIHA out there on FB to keep parents up to date on all the excitement that takes place on a day to day basis here at LIHA. If you are not friends with us on FB please friend us, our name is LIHA PTA.

We upgraded our computer lab under a grant from the Center for initiatives in Jewish Education. Our math and English programs align with the common core. The generosity of the CIJE provides our kindergarten students with computers as well the Waterford program. The students are able to access individual lessons in math, English, science and social studies and build on their skills in all of these areas. We utilize the Fundations phonics program for both our kindergarten and first grade reading curriculums in addition to our common core reading program. Under grants from GRUSS and the Smart Schools Bond Act, we installed additional Smart Boards, which opened a whole new dimension for our students.

In Judaic studies, under the leadership of Rabbi Levy our 3rd -5th grades pray every day in the Bet Medrash of Ahavat Shalom and have been learning “Taamim”. In addition, 2nd -5th grades have the option of joining Rabbi Levy for Mishmar after school. Our Chumash program has revolutionized our Hebrew curriculum.

Educational achievement awards were given out to students in Grades K-5 signed by President Donald Trump. These awards are chosen solely by the Hebrew and General Ed teachers. There are two types of awards: the gold award and the silver award. The gold awards are for the students who excel in both Hebrew and English but above all must have “derech eretz” (respect) and “midot tovot”. The silver awards are for those students who try extremely hard and have made a big improvement over the year. Congratulations to all of our students who received the awards! Some of our teachers prepared their own awards to give to their students as well.

Throughout the year, we had a Siddur play, a Chumash play, Chanukah workshops, Chanukah dreidel contest, writing celebrations, a solar system presentation, and an exciting Purim carnival. Everything was a huge success! We had a Bracha Bee, Chidon Chanukah, Tu B’shvat celebration as well as a huge Yom Ha’atzmaut celebration with lots of Hebrew music with a special lunch and delicious blue and white cookies. Speaking of a special lunch, on Lag B’Omer our entire school celebrated by having an outdoor BBQ with lots of music and fun.

The 5th grade had a beautiful and memorable graduation. We will surely miss our 5th grade and wish them luck in the future. In addition to that the 5th grade had a fun trip to Manhattan which will surely serve as memories for a lifetime.

All of our students from toddler through the 5th grade have been given opportunities throughout the year to broaden their perspectives. They’ve been encouraged to soar to new heights and open their eyes to the wonders around them. Grades K-5 have all gone on trips and they learned that you don’t have to travel to faraway places to experience creative journeys.

In closing, I hope that you will use the summer months to further your children’s education, to expand their horizons, to share in the joy and wonder that they still exhibit when they learn something new. I hope that you will spend quality time together and reinforce your relationships. I can’t wait to see all of our yeladim with smiles on their faces as you send them back to us in September refreshed and renewed, ready to start the school year. Have a safe and healthy summer!
5th Grade Graduates

Abigail Azizzadeh
Eitan Davidov
Ella Ghodsi
Yoav Hakim
Aviva Keypour
Kayla Lahijani

Avigael Misaghi
Ariana Rakhminov
Nava Sedaghat
Devorah Shabatian
Avital Shakiban

Oh the places you’ll go,
Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting
So get on your way!

---Dr. Seuss
2019
KINDERGARTEN
Graduates

Eli Baravarian  
Sarah Baruch  
Odelia Cohen-Gadol  
Avigail Dabakarov  
Benyamin Danesh  
Madison Ebrahim-Hakkak  
Shira Farahnik

Joshua Ghodsi  
Hannah Hedvat  
Liam Kafaierad  
Liam Kazakov  
Ariella Keypour  
Esther Keypour  
Gabriel Matat

Hannah Mehrnia  
Mikhael Nektalov  
Benjamin Pinkhasov  
Gabriel Pirouzian  
Avichai Shabatian  
Jacob Sure  
Ariella Yusupov
CONGRATS TO THE YELLOW TEAM ON THEIR VICTORY
Have a good Summer!

June
Kayla Lahijani
Masun Yazdan
Odelia Shabtai
Leanna Davydov
Jonathan Katanov
Eden Ghanaat
Arianna Zavurova
Oriel Misaghi
Madison Ebrahim-Hakkak

July
Odelia Cohen-Gadol
Avinoam Goltche
Ahava Samekhov
Benjamin Pinkhasov
Agam Youssefia
Aviel Shakiban
Elior Babayev
Eitan Davidov

August
Adina Keypour
Abigail Ebrahim-Hakkak
Joshua Ghodsi
Rachel Bal akhaneh
Ariella Keypour
Elora Aminian
Benyamin Danesh

Mazal Tov!
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Take A Look At LIHA

Toddler- Morah Karen

So sad that our year is coming to an end! Each and every day was filled with fun activities, great art projects and so much learning. We will surely miss all your precious children. This week we reviewed our classic books such as “Brown Bear, Brown Bear”, “The Very Hungry Caterpillar”, “Good Night Moon”, and “Llama Llama Red Pygama”. We also practiced all our Tefillah and songs to be ready for our farewell party! Morah Karen and Morah Pandora wish all the children a fabulous summer! Good luck in Nursery! Shabbat Shalom!!

Nursery

As we write this last newsletter, it’s hard to believe that our school year is coming to an end. It’s been a privilege and a pleasure to teach your children. We are so proud of each and every child for all that they accomplished this year. We wish everyone a wonderful and safe summer.

Pre K

Thank you, kids and parents for an amazing graduation party. The kids sang and performed so beautifully. We are so thankful for an amazing year. This has been a year of learning and growing and a year of friends and laughter.

Enjoy your summer vacation
Love Morah Monica and Morah Batsheva
Kindergarten English

This week we learned about ants and how they build their nests. We reviewed initial, medial and ending sounds, drew conclusions, reviewed exclamations, planned and drafted a report and worked on complete sentences. This completed our English program. In math we began our last unit classifying and sorting data. We should just make completing our math program by a "hair." In science we discussed natural resources.

Shabbat Shalom and have a Wonderful Summer! Read, Read & Read.

Kindergarten Hebrew

This been an amazing year (ב״ה) with an amazing class. We have been getting ready for the graduation!! However we have completed our learning for this year! The children have progressed tremendously and some are able to read sentences in Ivrit. They have a good knowledge vocabulary and have enjoyed learning about “chagim חגים” and the Parasha for each week.

Have a great summer בְּחֶלֶᠡחָה

1st Grade English

The children had a wonderful time at The Hall of Science. They participated in many hands on science experiments. They made bubbles, designed a maze using Lego’s and they saw their reflection through different types of mirrors. It was a great way to end the school year!

1st Grade Hebrew

A wonderful year came to an end. I enjoyed teaching your kids, and enjoyed watching them grow and mature. Please read every day with your children. I’m sending home their סידורים that they could continue praying every day.

Wishing you a great summer vacation!!
2nd Grade English

This year has been wonderful. The students worked really hard and had lots of fun doing so. Last week we had color war breakout. The students were very surprised. We had a great week finishing up all our work. I am very proud of all the student’s hard work and I wish them all the best next year. I hope everyone had a great summer!

2nd Grade Hebrew

Second grade is reading, writing, singing, exercising in Hebrew and more. We reviewed all the subjects that we learned during the year and it’s great to see the kids know it well. On Tuesday, we had our last spelling test and they did great! Have a great summer.

3rd Grade English

Thank you for coming to our Author Celebration this week. It was so nice to see our families supporting their children. I look forward to a wonderful last week with them!

3rd Grade Hebrew

I cannot believe it’s the end of the year! Thank you for sharing your children with me. It was my pleasure to be their teacher this year. Wishing you all a great summer
Shabbat shalom
4th Grade English

This week the fourth grade ended strong. They took their final math and science test, as well as their individual planet oral presentation. I’m so proud of them. We had a fantastic year. I wish all of you a great summer!

4th Grade Hebrew

4th grade had an amazing year. We accomplished a tremendous amount and are very proud of all our students. Wishing everyone the best for next year and beyond.

5th Grade English

Thank you for coming to our Author Celebration this week. It was so nice to see our families supporting their children. I look forward to a wonderful last week with them!

5th Grade Hebrew

The fifth grade graduation was amazing. The class performed beautifully! It was very exciting and we are going to miss them a lot!