



Friday, October 20, 2024

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Dear Harkham GAON Families,

Amidst the heaviness of our current situation in Israel and at home, here at Harkham GAON Academy, we were fortunate to be able to experience a moment of light this week. Yesterday, we celebrated the Bar Mitzvah of our student Yaakov Dozetas. Yaakov's Bar Mitzvah was supposed to take place in Israel, but the recent events preempted that from happening. There are no silver linings to our current situation, but we are so grateful for the rays of light like this that bring us hope and keep us from despair for even a short period of time.

And let us continue to look ahead. We are close to the end of our first quarter of the school year! This not only means report cards, but it also means that, now possessing much more knowledge and data about our students, our faculty and our families, we are planning parent-teacher conferences. We will be reaching out next week regarding scheduling.

And now just a few reminders, but all with a bit of new information:

Our hot lunch program is currently on hiatus while we figure out a better plan. Please send students to school every day with their lunches, snacks and water. **Please be reminded that students are not permitted to order lunches via delivery services, but parents may drop off lunches before noon, if need be.**

Our first donut fundraiser will commence on Monday, October 30th. *Please give your children the \$3 needed to buy a donut.* **It may prove difficult to execute the Venmo or give change for \$5, so correct change will be appreciated.**

Our Community Speaker Series kicks off Sunday, Nov 12th, from 6.30-7.30p at Beth Jacob Synagogue with Rabbi Marvin Hier speaking on the topic, "Why/What Do Westside Jewish Children Need to Know about the Holocaust." **We are hoping to increase awareness about our school within the community to attract more enrollment. Please support this and future speaker series events with your presence, and by inviting others.**

Our school wide field trip to the Wallis Annenberg Center for Performing Arts is coming up soon on November 15th! *This field trip has been fully funded by the school, has limited capacity, and will be chaperoned by our own team members.* **We are looking for both funding and volunteers for future field trips. Please feel free to reach out to me at principal@harkhamgaon.org if you have ideas.**

Shabbat Shalom,

Ruth Morris