



# Newsletter תלמוד תורה פרדס

ח' מנחם אב תשע"ח – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

## PARDES HOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL



### פרשת דברים

8:51 pm – קבלת שבת

10:12pm – מוצאי שבת

(10:20pm – ר"ת)



**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August:**  
School 8.45-12.00 with boys in their **new** classes with their **new** Rebbes.

### ATTENDANCE COMPULSORY

### EDUCATIONAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'Much have I learned from my teachers, more from my colleagues, but most from my pupils.'  
(Masechet Ta'anit 7b)

### PIRCHIM UPDATE

There is no Pirchim Group for any years this week.

### PHOTOS GALORE!

See the back of the newsletter for photos from a very busy final week of the school year.

### דבר תורה – פרשת דברים

The entire book of דברים is one long event – משה's parting words with the nation. It begins with משה listing the locations they travelled through, which רש"י notes are thinly veiled hints to the עברות and tragedies that took place at each of them.

But if משה goal was to rebuke, the way to do that ought to have been through subtle references to the events. The locations were incidental to the events that took place – so why list the places at all?

Perhaps it is because the places themselves are central to understanding how they went wrong.

as delineated by the רמב"ם – תשובה – is only fully achieved when the same person, in the same situation, in the same place, do not make the same mistake. The specification of the place is important – sin harms the atmosphere it occurs in, which is then rectified through repentance.

משה referenced the locations because they had been damaged by the impact of their behaviour. The Jews were on the cusp of entering ארץ ישראל – he pleaded with them not to make the same mistakes that they had in the desert. The desert events had been bad, but not catastrophic. ארץ ישראל would not be like anything they had experienced though, and their actions would have an effect on the environment. We testify this every day in the third paragraph of שמע.

The ארץ ישראל is sensitive to the actions of its residents – hinted to them to take care of it.

### FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD TEACHER

I had a week off from my column last week. I hope you all enjoyed reading the words of our Head Boy's speech from the Year 6 Graduation instead.

**Time is a constant.** Psychologically, sometimes you feel that time is dragging by slowly. Then there are times that it feels like time is flying by. These last two weeks have definitely flown by; not enough hours in the day (or night) to get everything done. However, somehow, we have made it. That is in no small measure a tribute to the sterling and untiring efforts of our staff, who have pitched in willingly and with great effort to make sure it all got done.

Alongside that, **we have had in the last two weeks** (photos on the other side of some of this), a House Quiz, 3 Spelling Bees, Prize Giving, outings, Perutah Shops, Coffee and Cream-Cakes with the Headteacher and new Menahel (Minutes attached), class transition afternoon, Year 6 Graduation, new Reception Parents Evening and Le Tour de Pardes. It was exhausting just typing that list but my, what a school we have!

As tired as our staff are, **there is already an enthusiasm** in the planning and preparation for the new school year – amazing... but I think we will take a break first!

**I wish you all a wonderful summer** wherever you are and look forward to seeing everyone – staff and pupils alike, back, fresh and ready to go once again for the 2018-19 school year.

*Good Shabbos,  
Mr Sager*



## Summer Term SPELLING BEE FINALS!

*Well done to all our pupils for their efforts to improve their spelling!*



## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Prize Giving

*With special guests of honour: Rav Rappaport (Rov, Imrei Shefer), Professor John West-Burnham (renowned educationalist) and Mr Neil Marlow (Head of School Improvement, London Borough of Barnet).*

*Mazal Tov to all this year's prize winners for effort and attainment in Kodesh and Chol.*



## 'Le Tour de Pardes'

*A special event for Year 6. Following on from their safe-cycling training, the boys spent a day in the sun at Battersea Park with their teachers and Mr Sager, cycling on the internal (non-car road) and learning in the sun. The school wishes to thank Mobili Domani for lending us their van and driver to take all the bikes to and from Battersea.*

Just one of the end of year Siyums

