

NEWSNOTES



Friday 28th June 2019 25 Sivan 5779 Parshah: Shelach Lecha

Shabbat begins tonight at 9.08p.m. and ends tomorrow evening at 10.27p.m.

Headteacher's message:

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to announce that Simon Marks has been awarded with Gold Healthy School Awards. The award was collected on Thursday at a special presentation at City Hall. The award was presented to us a result of the many initiatives which the school promotes to encourage a healthy lifestyle. This award is quite some achievement as we are currently the only school in Hackney to hold this prestigious award. An extra special thank you to Mr Gilani and Ms Osbourne for all the amazing work they have both put in to help us achieve this award. Today your children would have found out who their teacher will be next year. We will continue with vertically grouped classes. These have proven to be very successful this year and our outcomes have been fantastic both academically and pastorally. Thank you for all your hard work in making this happen.

On Wednesday, pupils from Simon Marks took part in the annual Hackney Music Festival Instrumental concert at the Round Chapel. This event is where Hackney schools celebrate their musical ability. Our pupils performed to a very high standard and showcased how talented they are playing "Sending all my love" and "Always there". Pat, one of our peripatetic music teachers, said "They worked very hard practising the music pieces at school and at home showing that they really care about their learning".

This week pupils in year 5 & 6 took part in the Bikeability initiative. Pupils worked in groups starting in playground and then on local roads. All of the pupils developed their proficiency, practical skills and how to stay safe. The pupils had a great time and developed their confidence.

I want to focus on upcoming events this time round. On the 3rd of July we have '**Bring a grandparent/ significant elder**' in to school morning. We recognise that not everyone has a grandparent, the same way that not everyone has a mum or a dad in their lives. Our events try to include various family members over the year so all pupils have a chance to bring someone along. Grandparents/ significant elders will have a chance to remember their own school experiences and make comparisons as well as see our pupils and staff in action

We look forward to welcoming our elders into school.

Following this event we will have our **Sports day on the 5th of July**. Mr Gilani has sent out letters regarding this event. We have a very busy day packed with different sporting activities and of course there will be a parent event planned so be prepared. This is a lovely day so we welcome all of you to join us and join in with our fun. Let's hope the weather doesn't let us down!

On Tuesday the **9th of July** we will hold our school **Summer Fayre**. This will be between 3.30 and 6.00pm. I know that Friends of Simon Marks (FOSM) have been doing a lot of work behind the scene to help make this a successful event for us all. Myself and my senior team are up for having sponges thrown our way so don't miss the chance to soak us!

The **11th of July is Parents Evening**. Sue will have sent you notification and an opportunity to book your slot with teachers and the Jewish Studies/ Ivrit team.

Our end of year concert will be on **Friday 12th of July at 2.00pm**. Our concerts are always amazing and on this occasion we may have some extra guests joining us. Please make room in your diary for this event. Mr Russell, all staff and pupils have been working really hard for this event.

Our Jewish Trust will also be holding its fundraising event with Jonathan Freedland and Tracy Ann Oberman on the 11th of July- please see poster for details. Tickets on sale in the office.

Ms Metin- Headteacher

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Message from our Jewish Studies Department:

This has been another incredible week at Simon Marks.

On Tuesday, eight children took part in the National Finals of the Modern Hebrew Spelling Bee Competition. The children have been working hard all year learning and practising.



A total of 60 children took part from nine different schools from across the country. In the non-native speaking category, Issac (Year 6) won 2nd place and in the Hebrew speakers' category, Noyah and Maya (Year 6) took 2nd and 3rd place respectively. All the pupils who took part did fantastically well and we are incredibly proud of them. We would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank to Mrs David and Mrs Cohen for all the hard work that they put in.

We would like to wish everybody Shabbat Shalom

Mr Jacobs & Rabbi Goldmeier.

OUR SUMMER FAIR IS ON ITS WAY!!

Tuesday 9 July 3.30-6pm
Great food, games, music and activities
Celebrate another great year at our lovely school

- Bouncy castle
- Football workshop
- Face painting
- Hair braiding
- Guess how many sweets in the jar?
- Guess how many balloons in Mr Jacobs' car?
- Duck pond

- Tombola (a kind of raffle where everybody wins!!)
- Popcorn, iced lollies, watermelon, treats
- Sponge the teacher
- Raffle

£1 entry for adults and children go free!

We look forward to seeing you there.

If you would like to volunteer your time on the day to help organise the event, please let us know at the challah table today. Many hands make light work and good fun!

Friends of Simon Marks

A fundraising evening for SMJPS

At Simon Marks 11th July 8pm with



Tracy Ann Oberman - actor, writer, star of EastEnders, Doctor Who and Friday Night Dinner and the presenter of the new Trolled podcast - has become one of the nation's leading fighters against online anti-Semitism. At 8pm on Thursday July 11, she'll be in conversation with Jonathan Freedland, the award-winning Guardian columnist, presenter of BBC Radio 4's The Long View and long time Simon Marks governor. They'll discuss her work, her career and the present – and future – of the British Jewish community. With all proceeds raised going to the school, join them for an evening of light food, desserts, entertainment and stimulating conversation.

Tickets available

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