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April 2024

We look forward to the girls' continued growth in their role as a *Bas Yisroel* over school vacation, especially a Yom Tov, whose main purpose is to strengthen us spiritually.

To help our families celebrate *Yom Tov* in a most appropriate manner, we are continuing the **CHEMDAH** Program for the elementary school girls.

CHE-M-DA-H stands for <u>CH</u>esed, <u>M</u>idos, <u>DA</u>vening, <u>H</u>asmoda. The program is named in memory of our beloved 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Rebbi, Rabbi Elchonon Goldenberg zt"l.

**Initial each day's box** when your daughter has performed some meaningful act of *chesed*, when she has (for the most part) demonstrated good *midos*, her *davening* is grade appropriate and she has learned (*Hasmoda*) for 10 minutes (or more). The teachers likely have added additional areas of focus on a separate piece of paper.

Acceptable material for the *Hasmoda* component remains as in the past. The approved/ suggested list of books/seforim is attached. Each Seder satisfies that day's learning requirement.

May we all be privileged to a wonderfully meaningful and enjoyable Pesach, surrounded by children growing in their love and devotion to Hashem, His Torah and His people.

Chag Kasher V'Sameach,

Palli Lalman Couman

Rabbi Kalman Baumann

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Mrs. Miriam Deitsch



# HASMODA LIST

Below is a partial list of appropriate <u>learning</u> material that qualifies as 'learning' for the Hasmoda Project. Purchasing one or more of these books is a worthwhile investment for the whole family.

## Always appropriate to learn:

School workbooks & review sheets - Divrei Torah at the table - Chumash, Nach, Mishnayos and Gemara

## For independent learning — under supervision:

#### Artscroll:

A Torah Treasury Arba Minim Brachos Childrens Book of Yonah Childrens Book of Ruth Going Global by Yitzchok Kornblau Manners Matter: by Racheli David Sand and Stars - Jewish History for Children: by Yaffa Ganz *Shemoneh Esrei* – Artscroll Take Me to the Holyland: by Tsivia Yanofsky The Other Side of the Story: by Yehudis Samet Tales From the *Gemara* 

#### Feldheim:

Achas Sh'alti-(Rav Zilberstein) Book of our Heritage **Birkas Hachaim** Challos In The Aron Hakodesh- Gadi Pollock Let's Go to Shul: by Yitzchak Kornblau Trekking Through Time by Yitzchak Kornblau My Friends the Aleph Beis: by Rabbi B. Chait Navi Illustrated Noach and the Flood by M. Chalamish One Special Prayer—Y.M. Strauss Seven Special Weeks by Yaakov Meir Strauss Three Special Days by Yaakov Meir Strauss The King's Special Loaves by Y.M. Strauss The 39 Avoth Melacha of Shabbath: by Rabbi B. Chait The Incredible Voyage to Midos Tovos: by Rabbi B. Chait The Lost Treasure of Tikkun HaMiddos Island: by Rabbi B. Chait The Terrifying Trap of the Bad Midos Pirates: by Rabbi B. Chait Zecher L'Yetzias Mitzrayim—A. Ochayon Torah Town: by Rabbi B. Chait We Want Life: by Yisroel Greenwald (Shmiras Halashon)

#### Other:

A Medrash and a Maaseh: by Rabbi Chanoch Teller A Twist of the Tongue Apples of Gold \*Please note: "Tales of Tzadikkim"

does not qualify for Hasmoda credit.

Can't Wait 'til Shabbos by Rabbi Yehuda Winzelberg Gateway to Happiness: by Rabbi Pliskin Growth Through Torah: by Rabbi Pliskin Guard Your Tongue Guide to Blessings: by Rabbi Wenger In the Footsteps of the Prophets Keeping Kosher: by Rabbi Eliezer Wolf Love Your Neighbor: by Rabbi Pliskin Nach Treasury Pirkei Avos - many commentaries available in English Sefer HaMitzvos Special Delivery The Feeling Series: by Shmil Wilder The Mitzvot: by Abraham Chill The Power of Words: by Rabbi Pliskin The Ten Plagues of Egypt: by Shoshana Lepon The Ten Tests of Avraham: by Shoshana Lepon **Torah Rhymes and Riddles** The Little Midrash Says The Little Midrash Says Treasure Chest The Midrash Says Just Imagine! Series: by M. Safra, Tfutza Publications The 39 Melachos with Rabbi Juravel - Falsely Accused (Isreal Bookshop) Watching My Words by Rabbi Ze'ev Greenwald Know Navi by Rabbi Yaakov Hopkowitz Eliyahu on Har Hakarmel by Zev Wahl Dovid HaMelech (The Children's Tanach Series) by Rabbi Nachman Seltzer 613 Mitzvos Illustrated Based on Sefer Hachinuch Toras Avigdor Junior On the Weekly Parsha by Yocheved Nadell The Word-Wise Adventures of Yisrael and Meir You Don't Say! Shadow Pirates The Wheel Is in Your Hands by Rabbi Baruch Chait Eretz Yisrael and Its Mitzvos Shemittah by Reuven Butler Tell Me the Story of the Haggadah Make Your Berachos Meaningful by Rabbi Mechel Handler

Since the Hasmoda contest is a <u>learning</u> program and not a reading program, much of the English language Judaica, like biographies, or Torah stories, while highly recommended, do not qualify as 'learning' material. Similarly davening, doing *mitzvos* and *chasodim* (kindnesses) are an integral part of our day and are to be rewarded, but do not qualify as 'learning' material for our learning program. Saying Tehilim can count for up to 5 minutes a day. (In addition to the adult supervised reading.) This list is intended as a little guide in directing your children to make the most of their *Yom Tov* time, learning time, family time, mitzvah time... Have a wonderful Yom Tov!



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