

Toras Emes E.C.E.

Rosh Hashana

September 17, 2009

7:04 P.M.

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SNACKS

The school provides a morning snack for the children. Parents should send in a snack for the afternoon. An additional snack should be sent in the lunchbox for children who are in aftercare.

All snacks must be nut free

IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday, September 18- Erev Rosh Hashanah-

No school

Monday, September 21- Tzom Gedaliah-

Classes begin at 9:30 a.m.

September 28- Yom Kippur

Friday, October 2- Monday, October 12-

Succos Vacation

Tuesday, October 13- School resumes

SHOFAR FACTORY:

A fascinating program on how shofars are made was presented to the preschool children by Rabbi Yosef Gansburg. The children actually saw how a ram's horn is cleaned, sanded and polished. They were shown a variety of shofars and even had a chance to practice blowing a shofar.



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NURSERY I & II- MOROT ETTIE & TAMI

Let's take a Machzor
And let's take a walk
To a river or a lake today (2x)
On Rosh Hashana we go to tashlich
To throw our aveiros away.

The mitzvah of Tashlich was taught this week in conjunction with the concept of Teshuva. We listened to the book A Rosh Hashana Walk by Carol Levin.

We discussed where the shofar comes from and how it awakens us to do teshuva. We also had a wonderful experience when the Shofar Factory came to visit us this week and showed us how a shofar is made. We listened to the three different sounds that a shofar makes and learned the song "The Shofar In The Shul."

We made our own Rosh Hashana cards and sang the songs "Tapuchim B'Dvash" and "Apples Dipped In Honey".

Our new Hebrew words this week were סליחה, תפוחים בדבש, מתוקה, מחזור. We also listened to several stories about Rosh Hashana. Our favorite was How The Rosh Hashana Challah Became Round by Sylvia Epstein and How The Mitzvah Giraffe Got His Long Neck by David Sokoloff.

We brought a scale into our room to measure our mitzvos and aveiros. As we pretended to weigh all of our good and bad deeds, we became familiar with several mathematical terms such as more, less, heavier, lighter and equal.

The special foods eaten on Rosh Hashana were discussed with the children. We looked at the round challot and made a list of other round foods which we eat such as doughnuts, rolls, crackers, bagels and pita bread. We also talked about the special prayer book-the machzor- which we daven from on Rosh Hashana. We would like to wish you and your family כתיבה והתימה טובה.

NURSERY I & II- MOROT NECHAMA & SUSAN

This week, we continued our unit on Feelings. We created easel paintings to express our feelings.

The children listened to the stories The Happy Day by Marc Simont, Feelings To Share by Todd and Peggy Snow and When I Was Little by Jaime Lee Curtis.

During circle time, we learned the finger play song "Two Little Kitties":

Two little kitties waving at you
(put two fingers up on both hands)
Two little kitties playing peek-a-boo
(put fingers over eyes)
Two little kitties climbing up the pole
(climb hands in air)
Two little kitties, down they go
(hands fall down)

We listened to several stories focusing on how bees make honey and how they pollinate the apple trees.

PRE-KI & II- MOROT ETTIE & HEIDI

Rosh Hashana is upon us. We have been very busy doing many mitvos and are trying to improve our middos. Several stories on these themes such as The Hardest Word by Jacqueline Jules, Arrogant Ari by Goldie Golding, How The Mitzvah Giraffe Got His Long Neck by David Sokoloff and Who Is That Sleeping On My Sofa Bed by Ruby M. Grossblatt were read to the children. We ate apples dipped in honey and baked honey cupcakes.

At the Shofar Factory program on Wednesday, we learned that a shofar comes from a ram and listened to the sounds of the shofar. We also enjoyed sewing our own shofros in class.

We listened to the story of Showfy And Blowfy by Malkah Danziger.

Our Hebrew vocabulary is increasing nicely. We learned how to say כתיבה וחתימה טובה, רימון, דג, שופר, חלה, תפוחים בדבש, שנה טובה ומתוקה

It was wonderful meeting so many of you at "Back To School Night." Thank you for taking the time out of your very busy schedules to join us.

כתיבה וחתימה טובה

PRE-KI & II- MOROT BERNEY & JUDY

The Pre-K children are adjusting beautifully to their new routine this year. They are participating in circle time activities and socializing with friends.

This week, we continued "Project Chaverim" emphasizing how to greet friends. The children role played the friendly ways to say "Hello" and "Goodbye" to their friends and teachers. Our letter this week was "Bb". The Pre-K children were able to sound out many "Bb" words. Some of the words were bee, ball, bear, button, baby, bed and basket. Our special "Bb" friend is Binyomin.

A new center emerged this week. The children were delighted to spend group time at their sand table. At the sand table, lots of cooperative play takes place. The children use sand toys to measure, sift and build.

The Pre-K children practiced their counting skills and recognizing numbers on the class calendars.

"All About Me" is the unit we are continuing this week. The children discussed their roles as family members. They participated in activities such as measuring and weighing and were introduced to the use of scales and measuring tapes.

Outdoor activities this week included kickball and other catch and throw ball games.

KINDERGARTEN I & II-MOROT BAYLA & RENA

With Rosh Hashana being just three days away, we have been busy as bees completing our Rosh Hashana chovrot. We enjoyed tasting three different kinds of apples (red, yellow and green) and experimented dipping them into honey and lemon juice. We cut open a רימון and tried counting its seeds. Now we can understand why we daven that our zechuyos should be as many as the seeds of a רימון. We also practiced singing the "Yehi Ratzons" that we are going to say on Rosh Hashana.

We tried blowing the shofar each day but we know that on Rosh Hashana it will be blown 100 times and we must be completely silent while listening to the baal tokeah. We listened to the story of Akeidas Yitzchak so we could understand why the shofar is made from a ram's horn. We discussed the tefillah of "U'Nesaneh Tokef", and learned the saying "ותשובה, ותפילה, וצדקה מעבירין את רע הגזירה"

We enjoyed listening to the book Rosh Hashana With Bina, Benny And Chagai HaYonah by Yaffa Ganz.

Our best wishes for a כתיבה והתימה טובה.
May you have a year filled with good health and nachas from your entire family.

KINDERGARTEN I & II-MOROT BAYLA, BERNEY & MIRIAM

Our first few weeks of school were very exciting, busy and successful. The children adjusted to the new routines, rules and environment.

We continued working on letterbook "Cc" and felt so grown up and proud to be working in these books. Please review the letterbook with your child and set aside a special place where your child can save this letterbook and the other 23 books yet to come.

A part of our busy days includes centers. The children have a "hands on" approach while they work in the different curricular areas. The centers reflect the letter of the alphabet that we are learning and/or the unit we are working on. As our letter this week continued to be "Cc," the following activities were included in the centers:

Art Center- Collages

Games- Connect Four and Candyland

Manipulatives- Community Helpers Puzzle

Baking- Honey Cupcakes

Housekeeping- Family puppets or community helper puppets. Role played family living activities.

Blocks- Roads with cars

We continued working on our first unit "All About Me". We discussed how we are alike, and how we are different. We began learning about our bodies, and zeroed in on the heart. We learned that the heart is the size of your fist, and it grows as we grow. We looked at a real stethoscope and will be listening to our own heartbeats this week and in the weeks to come.

In math, we learned about the positional terms above, on, below, inside, outside, left, right etc. As you can see, we have a colorful, creative, complete week.

It was great to see so many of you at our "Back To School Night".

We wish you all a K'Siva V'Chasima Tova, and a wonderful New Year!