

Toras Emes E.C.E.

Parashas Vayera

November 6, 2009

5:19 P.M.

PARENTS AT PLAY

Tuesday, November 10, 2009 from 8:45-9:45 a.m.

Parents are welcome to visit the Early Childhood classrooms and play with their children in the center areas. We look forward to seeing you!

No additional children of any age may be brought to the classrooms.

TEAM 2ND ANNUAL CHANUKAH BOUTIQUE

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL TORAS EMES CHANUKAH BOUTIQUE!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2009

7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

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TORAHNASTICS

A fascinating parsha program focusing on Parashas Vayera was presented to the Pre-K children this week. They sang, danced and did other fun interactive activities. After they discussed how challenging it was for Avraham's visitors to walk across the desert on their way to Avraham's tent, they simulated these conditions by walking across a balance beam and crawling through a "cave."

MUSIC MONTH

Thank you to Mr. Craig Kulman for playing the electric guitar in the Pre-KII and KII classes as part of our unit on music.

WELCOME TO:

Shoshana Wunsch who has joined the Nursery II class.

LIBRARY NEWS

We would like to give you the opportunity to recognize your child's birthday by donating a book to the Toras Emes Early Childhood Library. For an \$18 donation, a new library book will be purchased and a bookplate will be placed in front of the book inscribed with your child's name.

LITTLE FARM

Thursday, November 12
All Classes



NURSERY I & II- MOROT ETTIE & TAMI

For Parashas Vayera, we talked about the mitzvos of "Bikur Cholim" and "Hachnasas Orchim". We learned that Avraham's tent had four doors so that guests could enter from all four directions. We discussed how we can perform the mitzvah of Hachnasas Orchim and listened to the Uncle Moishy song "Hachnasas Orchim". As our Parsha project, we made a tent with four sides just like the tent of Avraham Avinu.

To help us understand the mitzvah of Hachnasas Orchim, we listened to the stories The Mentchkins Make Shabbos by Chaya Rothstein, Dovy And The Surprise Guests by Goldie Golding and Who's Sleeping In My Bed by Rudy Grossblatt.

With Chanukah coming in a few weeks, we started learning about the wicked King Antiochus, the brave Yehuda HaMaccabi and the many nissim which Hashem performed for the Jewish people.

Chanukah stories read to the children included Sammy The Spider's First Chanukah by Sylvia A. Rouss. We also learned many new Hebrew vocabulary words such as Maccabi, melech, rasha, nes, chanukiah and sevivon.

For Music Month, we reviewed the four families of instruments. We had a most enjoyable time listening to instruments, singing songs and dancing to music.

A new rhythm and movement song was introduced this week to the tune of "This Old Man"

This is what I can do
See if you can do it too
With a knick-knack paddywhack
Watch what I can do
(snap fingers- tap-wing arms-tapping head)
Now I'll pass it on to you
(roll ball across)

NURSERY I & II- MOROT NECHAMA & SUSAN

We have really enjoyed Music Month. In our final week of our unit on music, we have become real musicians. The class practiced marching with several different instruments. What an exciting time we had as we marched around the playground playing our instruments and singing songs.

We listened to the stories Meet The Orchestra by Ann Hayes and Arroz Con Leche, Popular Songs And Rhymes From Latin America by Lulu Delacre. We also listened to the music that accompanies this book and danced as we held maracas and tambourines.

Our artist skills were in full force this week. The children mixed different colors of paints to create paintings. Beautiful paintings of rainbows, musical instruments, flowers and people are on display in our classrooms.



PRE-KI & II- MOROT ETTIE & HEIDI

Our Hebrew letter of the week is Dalet, and some of the vocabulary words that we focused on were דבורה, דב, דלת, דגל, דבש, דג and דג. In Parashas Vayera, we learned many important mitzvos from the life of Avraham Avinu. One was the mitzvah of Bikur Cholim. Avraham had a bris and was not feeling very well. So, Hashem sent three malachim to visit him. The Pre-K children discussed many ways in which they could be Mevaker Cholim. If one can't go over to a friend, one can call, make a refuah sheleima card or send over a little gift. We also opened up a Beit Cholim as one of our centers. The children learned a special song to sing to the sick and can't wait to share it with you.

Refuah Sheleima

Refuah Sheleima (2x)

Get well quick

Don't be sick

Reufah Sheleima (2x)

Another mitzvah that we learned is Hachnasas Orchim. Avraham had a door on each side of his tent so that people could come in from all directions. He always waited by one of his doors for guests to appear.

The spirit of Chanukah is in our classroom. We started learning about the holiday of Chanukah and sang many new Chanukah songs.



PRE-KI & II- MOROT BERNEY & JUDY

Our mysterious letter "Mm" was so marvelous that we held it over for another week.

In math, we matched manipulatives to their corresponding numbers, and in science, marveled at what magnets can attract and repel. We marched around the alphabet letters to review the letters that we've learned so far. Our listening center featured the book The Mentchkins Make Friends by Chaya Rothstein. We enjoyed making the letter "Mm" with "Lite Brite" and of course marble painting was amazing. We put a piece of paper in a box along with small "blobs" of paint. We then added marbles and watched the marbles make paths on the papers as we tilted the box.

We brainstormed "Mm" words, played "Memory" and of course, talked about our mummies.

In honor of the letter "Mm", we continued our unit on Music. We reviewed the four instrument families. This week, the spotlight was on the woodwind and brass families. We listened to several pieces by Mozart and were amazed to learn that he was a child prodigy. By the age of four, he made up his own compositions and studied violin. We enjoyed playing different instruments and pretending to be in an orchestra. We also realized that our names have rhythm and clapped according to the number of syllables in them.

In addition to our many activities, we began a very important unit on Child Safety. The purpose of the unit is to teach children prevention skills. The skills taught in this program not only reduce the children's vulnerability to abuse but will also enhance the children's assertiveness, independence and communication skills- positive skills we all strive to teach our children. We role played different scenarios, and practiced saying "no", and moving away. For example, if someone pinches our cheeks and we don't like it, it's okay to say "no, please don't do that" and to move away. If a babysitter tells us to take something out of the oven and we know that it's dangerous, it's okay to say "no." A summary of the unit is in your child's brown bag.

Have a marvelous Shabbos.

KINDERGARTEN I & II-MOROT BAYLA & RENA

What an exciting, fun filled week we had in Kindergarten. We were introduced to Mrs. Funny Face who needed help from Doctor Nekudos. The Parach was the nekudah taught this week. We blended the letters aleph through dalet with the Patach. Hurray for people who did their homework and received a "smiley" on their special homework chart.

Parashas Vayera is full of many beautiful stories about Avraham Avinu. We can learn so many great lessons from his behavior. Avraham is so well known for his Hachnasas Orchim that even his nephew Lot practiced this important mitzvah while living in the wicked city of S'dom. We learned about the mitzvah of Bikur Cholim and how Hashem came to visit Avraham when he was recovering from his Bris Milah.

"Emor Me'at V'aseh Harbeh" was the midah tovah that Avraham possessed, which was so apparent when Avraham offered his guests bread and water and came back with a sumptuous meal. We learned about the many challenges with which Hashem repeatedly tested Avraham, from sending away Hagar and her son Yishmael to Akeidas Yitzchak. The children were amazed at Avraham's continuous love for Hashem. Some interesting books about these mitzvos were read in class. Dovy And The Surprise Guests by Goldie Golding was a favorite.

Project Derech taught us that it is a mitzvah to speak in a soft and pleasant tone of voice.

In Project Chaverim, we are constantly reviewing past lessons and this week we learned that when we speak to someone, we call them by their name.

We started a Hebrew language unit entitled Babayit and we introduced different chadarim in the bayit. We will be creating our own book for the classroom showing which cheder is our favorite one.

KINDERGARTEN I & II-MOROT BERNEY & MIRIAM

What a delightful week our kindergartners had with all our dynamic "Dd" activities. The children can read the phrase 'odd dog' and are quite excited about it. To reinforce our study of the letter "Dd", we drew fat "Dd" people, matched Dominoes in our math center and played "Duck, Duck Goose" in our playground. We ate delicious, delightful, delectable donuts and enjoyed listening to several "Dd" books such as Make Way For Ducklings by Robert McCloskey, The Duchess Bakes A Cake by Virginia Dahl, David's Father by Robert Munsch and Dr. DeSoto by William Steig.

This past week, was our final week for our unit on music. We reviewed the four main instrument families and concentrated on the brass family. We also learned about the different elements of music- such as melody, tempo, dynamics and tone color. A composer has to think of all these elements as he composes music.

We also learned that musical sounds are produce through vibrations. The children did an experiment with four identical glasses. The only factor that was different was the amount of water in each glass. As each glass was struck, the children observed the vibrations in the water and noticed that the glass with the least amount of water made the highest sound while the glass with the largest amount of water made the lowest sound. To culminate our month long unit on music, the children listened to an excellent big book Orchestranimals by Vlasta Van Kamper. Listening to this story was an enjoyable way to review all of the different instruments.



EXCITING NEWS!!!

BLOOMS NAMED AS GUESTS OF HONOR AT THE ANNUAL DINNER

With great *Kavod* and excitement, the Yeshiva announces this year's Guests of Honor will be **Dr. and Mrs. Norman and Naomi Bloom**. With over sixty years combined service to Toras Emes/Toras Chaim on the lay and professional level, the Bloom name is synonymous with our Yeshiva. It's hard to imagine anyone more deserving than the Blooms, to receive the Yeshiva's highest recognition, as this year's Guests of Honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldis to be Honored at Annual Dinner

The Yeshiva is excited to announce that the coveted *Kesser Shem Tov Award* will be conferred upon **Mr. and Mrs. David and Chanu Goldis** at the Annual Dinner. The Goldis Family of Hollywood is a long time, loyal Toras Emes family, who has been very supportive of the school and helpful in many ways. They are greatly admired within their community and we are fortunate to count them amongst the Yeshiva's closest friends.

**Watch for more details and further information in your mailbox and in future newsletters.