

Toras Emes E.C.E.

Parashas Terumah

February 19, 2010

5:59 P.M.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Tuesday, February 23-
Purim Puppet Show- All Classes

REGISTRATION 2010-2011

By now, you should have received your registration packet for the coming school year. Please be reminded that the **early bird registration ends March 4**. After that date, the registration reverts to the standard \$500 for the first child and \$450 for additional children. As space in our classes is very limited, be advised that those who do not make the March deadline may lose their priority for a space.

MISHLOACH MANOS:

For those of you who have not yet responded to our Mishloach Manos gift baskets for faculty and staff, **the deadline has been extended to this Monday, February 22**. There are order forms in the office for your convenience. Please note that the following names were inadvertently omitted from the list: Miss Rachel Harrod (158) Mrs. Sue Hirsch (161), Dr. Allan Jacob (162) Mrs. Rifka Jaroslawicz (163) Rabbi Mechoel Sheinkopf (281)

THANK YOU:

Mr. Paul and Karen Feldman for donating educational equipment to the Nursery II class in honor of David, Elly and Joseph's fourth birthdays.

SHUSHAN PURIM CARNIVAL

The annual ECE Purim Carnival will take place on Shushan Purim, Monday, March 1 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. All children should be brought to school between 9:45 and 10:00 a.m. and picked up at 12:00 noon. Please daven with your children at home.

Children should come dressed in Purim costumes. We will be serving a snack to the children. It is not necessary to send lunch.

Please send in \$3.00 to help defray the cost of the carnival.

We need parents to help man the booths at the carnival. Please call the E.C.E. office to volunteer. We will also be having a magic show at the carnival. If you would like to be a sponsor, please send in a check for \$10.

PURIM CARDS:

Now is your chance to order beautiful Purim cards which are available from the Parents Association, through the school office. Suggested donation is \$2.00 per card (including envelope) or 10 cards for \$18.00. If you can't come in to the office, order forms are attached for your convenience.



NURSERY I & II- MOROT ETTIE & TAMI

We continued learning about Purim this week. We talked about the party which Achashverosh made and how Vashti refused to come because she was covered with pimples. We learned how Mordechai saved the life of Melech Achashverosh and how he was later rewarded for this deed.

“Rash, Rash, Rash” was the noise that we heard in our classrooms as we completed our graggers. We also sang the delightful Purim song “Chag Purim” as we worked. To help the children remember the names of all of the Purim characters, we sang the song “Melech Achashverosh”.

Melech Achashverosh
Vashti HaMalka
Esther HaMalka
Mordechai HaYehudi
Haman HaRasha

These are the characters in the Purim Story.

For Parashas Terumah, we learned that the Mishkan was like a traveling Shul and that it was built with contributions from Klal Yisroel. We also looked at pictures of the menorah, the shulchan, the mizbeach and the aron kodesh.

NURSERY I & II- MOROT NECHAMA & SUSAN

This week, we continued our unit on insects. Our art projects included making caterpillars, fireflies and ants. We also used rice cakes and chocolate chips to create a scene of “ants sitting on a rock”. A new song about a bumblebee was taught to the children.

Bumblebee, bumble bye
Bumble around the great blue sky
Bumble bee keep away from me
I remember what you did
When you flew into town
I let you sit upon my knee
And when you sat down-OW!

We read a lot of interesting and exciting books. Our favorites were The Fascinating World Of Ants by Angels Julivert, It's A Good Thing There Are Insects by Alan Fowler, Bugs, Bugs, Bugs by Mary Reid, What Do Insects Do? by Susan Canizares and The Best Bug Parade by Stuart J. Murphy.

PRE-KI & II- MOROT ETTIE & HEIDI

What a wonderful time the Pre-K children had with their parents this week at the craft workshop. The Pre- KII children made Shalach Manos bags, crowns, graggers and prepared dough for hamentaschen, while the Pre-KI children dressed up in all kinds of costumes, rolled out dough for hamentaschen and decorated crowns.

This week's parsha is Parashas Terumah. B'nei Yisroel gave terumos-contributions- to Moshe Rabbeinu in order to build the Mishkan. We mentioned the different types of contributions and talked about the importance of the Mishkan for B'nei Yisroel. We also learned that since B'nei Yisroel were traveling through the midbar, it was necessary for the Mishkan to be easily taken apart and put back together. We looked at pictures in the book The Tabernacle by Moshe Levine to get a better understanding of how the Mishkan was constructed. We also talked about the Lechem Hapanim and how it was fresh all week long.

PRE-KI & II- MOROT BERNEY & JUDY

It was a perfect time for the letter "Pp" to parade into our classrooms as our Purim festivities are already in the air. As part of our activities for the letter "Pp", we learned about President Washington and President Lincoln. We talked about their roles in governing the country, and how they influenced the course of American history. The children then spoke about what they would try to accomplish if they were president of the United States.

During center time, some of the areas we enjoyed playing at were puppets, puzzles and painting. As a craft project, the children made placemats with their favorite pictures. We listened to the story A Pocket For Corduroy by Dan Freeman, and then we also made a pocket for Corduroy. In math, we practiced following patterns, and in language arts, we wrote about Purim.

We enjoyed seeing you at our Purim workshop. We hope you have a particularly pleasant Shabbos!

KINDERGARTEN I & II-MOROT BAYLA & RENA

Purim preparations are in high gear. The fascinating Megillah story continues to unfold. We worked on our megillos, made beautiful masks and listened to the story Tova And Esty's Purim Surprise by Judith Belsky. We discussed the mitzvos of Purim and of course, worked on our Purim presentations. Our Purim craft workshops were lots of fun. We enjoyed singing our Purim songs and creating our beautiful horses.

The yeladim are continuing to work in their alef-beis books as they practice combining the otiyos and nekudos that have been taught until now.

Parashas Terumah taught us about the concept of the Mishkan. We learned about the shulchan, the menorah and the aron. We heard how the kaylim were made from the many materials that Bnei Yisroel contributed to the Mishkan. We learned what the shulchan was used for and about the loaves of bread which stayed fresh from one Erev Shabbos to the next. In conjunction with this idea, we baked delicious challahs reminiscent of the lechem haponim. We heard how the aron consisted of three boxes that fit one into the other. The children were very interested in the keruvim which looked like angels with faces of children. We also looked at the pictures of the kaylim in the book The Tabernacle by Moshe Levine.

Project Derech taught us this week that it is a mitzvah to greet parents and grandparents when they arrive and go with them to the door when they leave.

KINDERGARTEN I & II-MOROT BERNEY & MIRIAM

"Bb" week was so busy that we continued our "Bb" activities for one more week. To reinforce the letter "Bb", we studied all about the stages in the life cycle of a butterfly and reread the book The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle. Then, we made beautiful beady butterflies. We continued reading the sequels to the Babar The Elephant book and this week, the children have all mastered the art of walking on the balance beam.

Every day, we check the progress of our plants in the garden and hopefully by next week, we will be able to report on new growth in our garden. The lima beans in our classrooms are beginning to bloom and you can see the green plant emerging from the lima bean seed. It is very exciting.

In Social Studies, we continued our unit on George Washington. We reviewed the beginnings of our country during the times of Columbus and the Pilgrims. Then we used the map and globe to trace our country's progress to the time of George Washington. We saw how the country grew from the first colony at Plymouth to the thirteen colonies that our country had when George Washington was born.

The highlight of our week, of course, was our 100's Day Party. We started counting on our very first day of school and continued till the hundredth day of school which was on Tuesday of this week. All of the 100's day posters that the children made are fantastic and they are very excited to display their individual posters. Each one is different and a masterpiece. Thank you to all of the parents who helped their children with their special 100's day project and for supplying all the treats for the parties.