

Toras Emes E.C.E.

Parashas Terumah

February 26, 2010

Parashas Zachor

6:03 P.M.

NICHUM AVEILIM:

Mrs. Shully Feigenbaum on the loss of her father Rabbi Isar Wolfson.

THANK YOU:

Mr. Nissim and Leah Botton for donating two books to the ECE Library in honor of Moshe Uriel's sixth birthday and Tzivia Ahava's fourth birthday.

Mrs. Ali Jeger for assembling the Purim goody-bags for the Early Childhood Children.

Mr. Max and Tamar Levine for donating an educational equipment to the Kindergarten II class in honor of Avigayil's sixth birthday.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Museum of Discovery and Science Trip- Pre- K Classes Wednesday, March 3.

Children should wear their Toras Emes T-shirts and sneakers. Boys should wear caps. We need parent volunteers for this trip. If you are able to accompany the children, please call the school office.

REGISTRATION 2010-2011

Parents who are sending new students to the Early Childhood Program should call the school office and request an application. They will not be sent out automatically.

SMALL WORLD PUPPET THEATRE

What an amazing experience the children had seeing the Purim puppet show presented by the Small World Puppet Theatre on Tuesday. Produced by Rabbi Shmuli Gutnick and Rabbi Yudi Horowitz from New York, the program encompassed the entire story of Purim. Ask your children to tell you about this fabulous program.

REFUAH SHELEIMA:

Tehillah Cohen

PURIM CARNIVAL

The annual E.C.E. 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 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and picked up no later than 12:00 noon. 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. Volunteer mothers should be at the school at 9:30 a.m. We will be having a magic show at the carnival. If you would like to be a sponsor, please send in a check for \$10.

NURSERY I & II- MOROT ETTIE & TAMI

Purim has brought fun and excitement to the Nursery classes. We listened to the story of Purim and can now identify all of the Purim characters. We learned about the mitzvah of Mishloach Manos and continued working on our megillos. The minhagim of Purim were stressed this week. We sang all of our Purim songs, reviewed the new Hebrew vocabulary words which we learned in conjunction with the Purim story and made graggers.

For Parashas Tetzaveh, we talked about the roles of the kohanim and the kohen gadol in the Mishkan as well as the special bigdei kehunah that they wore. We also enjoyed listening to the story of Dama Ben Nesinah.

NURSERY I & II- MOROT NECHAMA & SUSAN

We began a new unit on health and safety. We discussed the importance of taking care of ourselves by eating healthy foods, brushing our teeth and washing our hands before we eat. We also reviewed the many safety rules that we learned earlier in the year.

We listened to the stories The Thingamajig Book On Health and Safety by Irene Keller, The Look Out Book- A Child's Guide To Street Safety by Cindy Blakely, Strangers by Dorothy Chlad, Yoni Ploni, The Little Yeshiva Boy Never Talks To Strangers by Yehoshua Dainesue and I See A Stop Sign by Lois Klove.

As our art project, we made stop signs and held them as we sang a song about safety. In our dramatic play area, we set up a pretend street corner where we practiced crossing the street safely. We also made beautiful Q-tip paintings.



PRE-KI & II- MOROT ETTIE & HEIDI

What a wonderful time both Pre-K classes had when they were delightfully entertained by interactive, lively puppet show that was performed by the Small World Puppet Theatre on Tuesday.

The letter Samech was introduced this week. Some of the vocabulary words that the children learned were ספר, סוס, סבתא, סבא, סביבון and סדור, סכין.

This week's Parsha is Parashas Tetzaveh. We discussed the role of the Kohen Gadol. The children learned about the different clothes that the Kohanim wore, and compared their clothes to those of the Kohen Gadol. We showed the children beautiful pictures of these special clothes from the book The Tabernacle by Moshe Davis. We also learned that the job of the Kohen was to light the menorah in the Mishkan. We spoke about the process of making the very unique shemen zayis (olive oil) that was used to light the menorah. The children made their own choshen (breastplate) using jewels, foam and paperclips. We listened to the story The Key Under The Pillow by Leah Pearl Shollar which discusses that stone that was lost from the choshen. We are all going to try to go to shul this week to hear Parashas Zachor.

We wish everyone a Freilichin Purim.



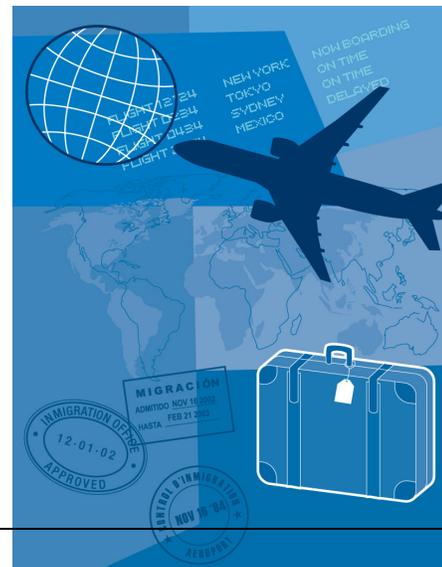
PRE-KI & II- MOROT BERNEY & JUDY

This week the Pre-K children were excited about all the Purim activities. We continued with the letter "Pp" and the children came up with many words that begin with the letter "Pp" such as, parade, plants, palace, and please.

As we brought up the reasons for eating healthy, the children created a list of healthy foods. Some of the healthy foods that they identified were fruits and vegetables, dairy products and whole wheat bread. We discussed the importance of good nutrition to help our body grow.

The Pre-K children started their "Around The World" adventure. For the next few weeks, they will learn about countries around the world. Some of the countries they will be learning about are China, Mexico, Africa and Israel. They will be experiencing traveling by various methods of transportation, such as airplanes, boats and trains. They will get a taste of food from different countries, and learn how other people live their daily lives, through work, play, dress and communication. Pre-KII will complete this unit with a performance to which all the parents will be invited. The Pre-KI children will put on a circus performance.

Next Wednesday is our class trip to the Museum of Discovery and Science. The children are very excited about this event.



KINDERGARTEN I & II-MOROT BAYLA & RENA

Purim preparations wound down this week with the completion of our megillos, ra'ashanim and mishloach manos baskets. The children acted out different scenes from the megillah and had fun guessing what all of the charades were. We can't wait until Purim arrives and we will be able to perform all of special mitzvos for the chag.

For Parashas Tetzaveh, we learned about the bigdei kehunah. The children were interested to learn about the different clothing worn by the kohen and the kohen gadol. They enjoyed looking at the beautiful pictures in the book The Tabernacle by Moshe Levine. Of course, all of the yeladim will try to go to shul this week to hear Parashas Zachor.

We played games to review our letters and nekudos and then went on to learn a new nekudah-the chirik.

In Project Derech, we learned that it is a mitzvah to stand up for a Talmid Chacham.



KINDERGARTEN I & II-MOROT BERNEY & MIRIAM

Our kindergartners received rave reviews this week for all of their really great projects. The children worked in their "Rr" letterbooks creating rainbows, riddles and rhyming words. They made rabbits with cotton balls and even wrote a little story about them. What fun they had running races and learning how to do the "right" thing.

We continued our unit on plants and seeds. The study of roots was our focus this week. Our garden is really exciting for all of us to watch. We are anxiously waiting for our radish seeds to sprout. (Stay tuned for progress reports on our garden.)

In Social Studies, we completed our unit on George Washington and learned that our capital is named in his honor. We were fascinated to learn how George Washington together with Betsy Ross created the first U.S. flag. Midweek, George Washington took a back seat as Abraham Lincoln moved to center stage. The children looked at a map of the United States and were shown how our country expanded westward. They studied the map and learned where the thirteen original states were, and saw that by the time Abraham Lincoln was born, our country had grown to eighteen states.

