

# Toras Emes E.C.E.

Parashas Yisro

January 21, 2011

5:37 P.M.

## PARENTS AT PLAY

Wednesday, February 2, 2011 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.

## TU B'SHEVAT PLANTS

In honor of Tu B'Shevat, the Nursery children planted lima beans and the Pre-K and Kindergarten children planted radish and marigold seeds. (The plants should be lightly watered every two days). The children were so excited to observe the development of these plants on a daily basis. After the vacation, the kindergarten children will be planting an outdoor vegetable garden.

## FAVORITE AUTHOR WEEK:

As an enrichment activity for our Favorite Author Week, parents came to school dressed in costumes to read stories to the children. Thank you to Mrs. Ahuva Druin, Mrs. Sara Goldsmith, Mrs. Rachelli Grossman, Mrs. Bryna Roth, Mrs. Beth Ruck, Mrs. Amy Salzman and Mrs. Ruchie Turner for participating in this amazing program.

## REGISTRATION 2011-12

In anticipation for registration for the next school year, which will open shortly after the winter vacation, and in view of the fact that many classes remain at capacity enrollment, it is important to bear in mind the school policy that has been in place for several years:

Registration cannot be completed until all fees are paid and the give or get requirement for 2010-11 is fulfilled. Space in the class can be assured only to those families who complete registration and are current with all tuition and fees for this current school year.

## THANK YOU:

Mrs. Leah Botton for presenting a program Lichvod **Tu B'Shevat for the Pre-K** children. Many kinds of exotic fruits were shown to the children. They were amazed to learn that not all fruits come from trees.

Mr. David and Maxine Gill for donating educational equipment to the Kindergarten II class in honor of **Evelyn's sixth birthday.**

Mr. Akiva and Merav Goldsmith for donating educational equipment to the Pre-KI class in honor of **Eitan's fifth birthday.**

Mr. Yossi and Rachelle Kanoff for donating educational equipment to the Kindergarten II class in honor of **Yaeli's sixth birthday.**

Mr. David and Rimma Rubinov for donating educational equipment to the Kindergarten II class in honor of **Naomi's sixth birthday.**

Mrs. Shifra Sharfman for assembling beautiful Tu B'Shevat food platters for all the pre-school classes.

## TORAHNASTICS (Pre-K Classes)

The concept of "Every Man Is A Tree" was explained to the children. Just as trees have roots, so do we. The roots represent our connection to Torah. To represent this idea, we held scarves and swayed like trees. We pretended that we were planting seeds and created flowers out of scarves.

## VACATION POINTS OF INTEREST

We once again thank the E.C.E. staff for preparing the comprehensive "Guide To South Florida Attractions", listing places to enjoy with your children during vacation. We thank Rabbi Chaim Glazer for putting the guide into booklet form again this year. The booklet is in your child's brown bag.



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Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at our Parents at Play program, Wednesday, February 2nd from 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. This is a special time set aside for you to engage in creative play with your preschool child in a classroom setting. We hope that you will enjoy this program and "shep nachas" from your children.

As we would like this to be a special experience for your children and because of space constrictions, younger siblings may not be brought into the classrooms. Please make alternate arrangements for them. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday at 8:45 a.m.

Sincerely,

*Naomi Bloom*

Mrs. Naomi Bloom  
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## NURSERY I & II MOROT ETTIE & TAMI

We continued learning about plants and seeds. We talked about the importance of trees and learned several songs about them. We listened to the stories The Secret Of The Leaves by Esther van Handel and I Am A Tree by Josh Sanchez. We discussed how we should take care of trees and how we can enjoy them. We also talked about what trees produce.

For Parashas Yisro, we learned about Matan Torah and the Aseres Hadibros. We discussed the commandments "Lo Tignov," "Kibud Av Va'am" and "Zachor Es Yom HaShabbos." The children enjoyed hearing many beautiful midrashim about Matan Torah.



## NURSERY I & II- MOROT NECHAMA & SUSAN

A new unit on plants and seeds was started this week in the Afternoon Nursery. We listened to many stories such as How A Seed Grows by Helene J Jordan, A Tree Is Nice by Januce May Udry, Why Do Leaves Change Color by Betsy Maestro and The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle.

As our art project for this unit, we transformed our handprints into fruit trees and colorful flowers. We **also used our leaf collection to create "leaf people."**

A new fingerplay was taught this week:

### Five Fat Peas

Five fat peas in a pod pressed  
One grew, two grew  
And so did the rest  
They grew and they grew and they  
Never stopped  
They grew so fat the pea pod popped!

In our science center, we planted a sweet potato as a class project. We can't wait to watch our plant grow.



PRE-KI, II & III- MOROT ETTIE & HEIDI

Parashas Yisro taught us about so many mitzvos! We learned how excited Bnei Yisroel were to accept the Torah. We discussed how they prepared themselves for many days for this special gift from Hashem. We spoke about the mitzvah of Kibud Av Va'Eim. **The children made a beautiful project depicting Bnei Yisroel standing around Har Sinai.**

**For Tu B'Shevat, the children had the opportunity to taste many delicious foods from the Shivas HaMinim and sang many Tu B'Shevat songs Lichvod Hachag.**

Our Hebrew letter of the week is ס. Some of the vocabulary words that we learned were:

סדור  
ספר  
סבתא  
סבא  
סוס  
סביבון  
סכין  
סופר  
סבון

Some of the books that we read this week included If A Siddur Could Talk by Yocheved Jospheh, Let's Learn Kibud Av V'Eim by Bruriah D., The Key Under The Pillow by Leah Shollar, The Scribe Who Lived In A Tree by Michael Muchnik and Danny Three Times by Leibel Estrin.

Have a wonderful Shabbos and Vacation!



PRE-KI, II & III- MOROT BERNEY & JUDY

The letter "J" visited our class this week, and our days were jam packed. We learned the poem "Jack In The Box" and acted it out. In addition, we recited the nursery rhyme "Jack Be Nimble, Jack Be Quick" and pretended to jump over a candlestick. We also talked about why we love being Jewish. Among our many art projects, we added a jeweled "J" to our alphabet books.

We learned about the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We discussed the importance of treating people with kindness and consideration, and listened to several stories about his activities on behalf of Black Americans.

**This week, was also our "Read Aloud" unit.** We read many books by the author Leo Lionni, and were thrilled when some of the mothers came to school in costume and read to us.

Our unit on artists is coming to an end. We have had so much fun trying out all of the different styles and techniques. This week, we talked about Pablo Picasso and Alexander Calder. **We can't wait to bring home our own artistic creations modeled on the styles of these favorite artists.** Our portfolios are getting fuller and our imaginations are growing.

Have a good Shabbos and a joyous vacation.



KINDERGARTEN I & II- MOROT BAYLA & RENA

**Tu B'Shevat Hagiya!** We enjoyed celebrating Tu B'Shevat in our classroom on Thursday and eating foods from the Shivat HaMinim.

**Tu B'Shevat is called Chag Hailanot. We learned how Tu B'Shevat is the day that Hashem judges the trees.** We also asked the children how trees are involved in each of our chagim. We realized that trees contribute to every one of our Yomim Tovim:

Rosh Hahshana– The trees provide apples and rimonim.

Yom Kippur– Our machzorim are made from paper which comes from trees.

Chanukah– We use oil from olives which grow on trees to light the menorah.

Purim– Haman was hung on a tree.

Pesach– We get our wine from grapes which grow on the vine.

Lag Ba'Omer– We use the branches to make a fire.

Shavuos– The first fruit of the tree was brought to the Bais Hamikdash.

The children took home their marigold plants. They are so proud of their successful gardening experiences.

In Parashas Yisro, the yeladim were fascinated to learn many beautiful midrashim connected with **MatanTorah. We heard how Moshe Rabbenu's father in law joined the Jewish nation and the wonderful advice that he gave to help Moshe lead the people more effectively.**

The letter י was introduced this week. It was combined with the nekudos that we have learned. Many **children's names in the kindergarten classes start with the letter י** as well as so many other words that we use such as:

יד  
ימין  
יש  
יום  
ירושלים

Over vacation is a wonderful time to review the letters that we have learned so far so that when we return we will be able to continue with our reading program.

We wish everyone a wonderful Shabbos.

KINDERGARTEN I & II- MOROT BERNEY & MIRIAM

Hurray! Our kindergartners had such a happy week! We completed our "H" letterbook and read the story "Ted's Hat." We learned the rule of the 's'– that it means possession– the hat belongs to Ted. To reinforce the letter "Hh", we read the big book Hairy Bear by Joy Cowley. The children loved the rhyming words and the repetition. When the book is reread for the second and third time, the children read along with enthusiasm. We also read the book Henny Penny by Paul Galdone.

**This week, we continued our "Read Aloud" program.** Because Eric Carle is our featured author and illustrator, we read the book Pancakes, Pancakes and really enjoyed making and eating pancakes in our **classroom. In honor of the letter "Hh", we read the Big Book A House For Hermit Crab.** It is amazing how the children can look at a book now and recognize if it is an Eric Carle book. They know the characteristics of his unique style.

In math, we are working very hard learning how to write all of our numerals from one through thirty. We are also working on equations and we know that both sides of the equal sign must be equal. Playing with our classroom balance scale helped us understand this concept.

During the week, the children learned about Martin Luther King Jr. They heard how he had a dream that when his children would become adults, the world would be a better place for all people no matter what skin color they have.

The children are getting more comfortable with their journal writing. This week, we wrote about what makes them happy.

**Because we celebrated Tu B'Shevat this week,** we talked a little about plants and seeds. This unit will be discussed in depth after our winter vacation.

Thank you parents for coming to school Tuesday night for conferences. We enjoyed discussing your children and we are always available to talk.

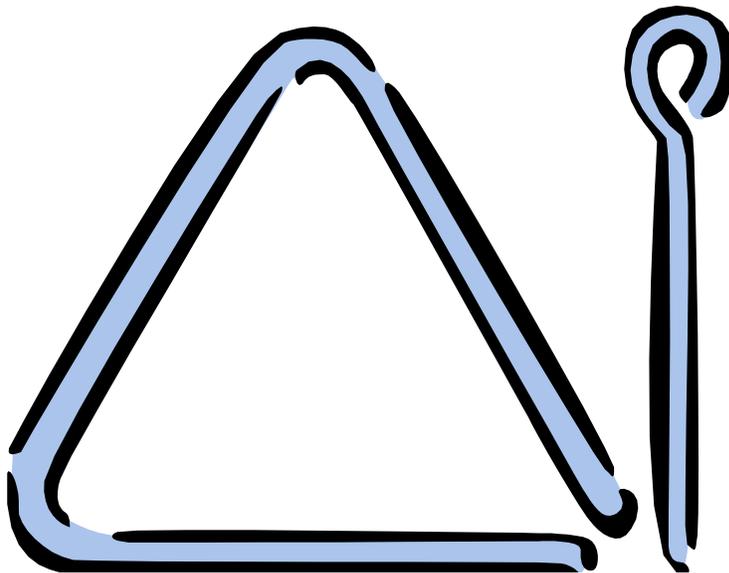
We wish all of you a very wonderful vacation.

## Morah Zelda's Tu B'Shevat Music Program

Tu B'Shevat is such a special time of the year. In our music classes this month, we enjoyed singing songs about trees and how they grow.

We incorporated rhythm activities with our songs. This week, the triangle was the featured instrument. We learned how to hold the triangle and play it properly. We also learned to tap a steady beat and follow the "conductor."

The Kindergarten classes are also beginning to learn the fundamentals of reading musical notations.



## Songs For Tu B'Shevat

### How To Plant A Tree (Tune- Row Your Boat)

Tell, tell, tell me how  
How to plant a tree  
For Tu B'Shevat (2x)  
What's the recipe

Dig, dig, dig the earth  
With your spade and hoe  
For Tu B'Shevat (2x)  
Hashem will make it grow

Plant, plant, plant the seeds  
Plant them in a row  
For Tu B'Shevat, (2x)  
Hashem will make it grow

Rain, rain, rain will fall  
Gently as a dove  
For Tu B'Shevat, for Tu B'Shevat  
Falling from above

Sun, sun, sun will shine  
Down on field and tree  
For Tu B'Shevat (2x)  
That's the recipe

### Little Rain, Little Sun

Little rain, little sun, little T.L.C. (3x)  
And the tree will grow tall and strong

Geshem, Shemesh, Ve'ahavah (3x)  
Ve'ha'etz yitzmach gavohah.

### Atzei Zeitim

Atzei, zeitim omdim (stand still)  
La, la, la...(sway like the breeze)  
Atzei zeitim omdim

We incorporated our rhythm skills as we sang Atzei Zeitim. We clapped the rhythmic pattern short,short,short, short, LONG, LONG and learned that some tones are short and some are long. We then practiced how tapping the triangle to the same rhythmic pattern.



### Trees (kindergarten classes)

Trees, trees, trees trees (2)

Home for the birdies  
Home for the bees  
Home for the animals  
Home for the squirrels  
Hashem made...such a beautiful world.

Plant a tree, watch it grow  
Branches high, roots down low.  
Trunk is covered all over with bark.  
Trees in the garden and trees in the park

Trees....

See the tree, do you know  
Only Hashem can make it grow  
Hashem brings rain at just the right time  
For trees in the garden, out comes (the) sun.

Trees....

### השקדיה פורחת

השקדיה פורחת ושמש פז זורחת  
צפרים מראש כל גג  
מבשרות את בוא החג  
טו בשבט הגיע חג לאילנות  
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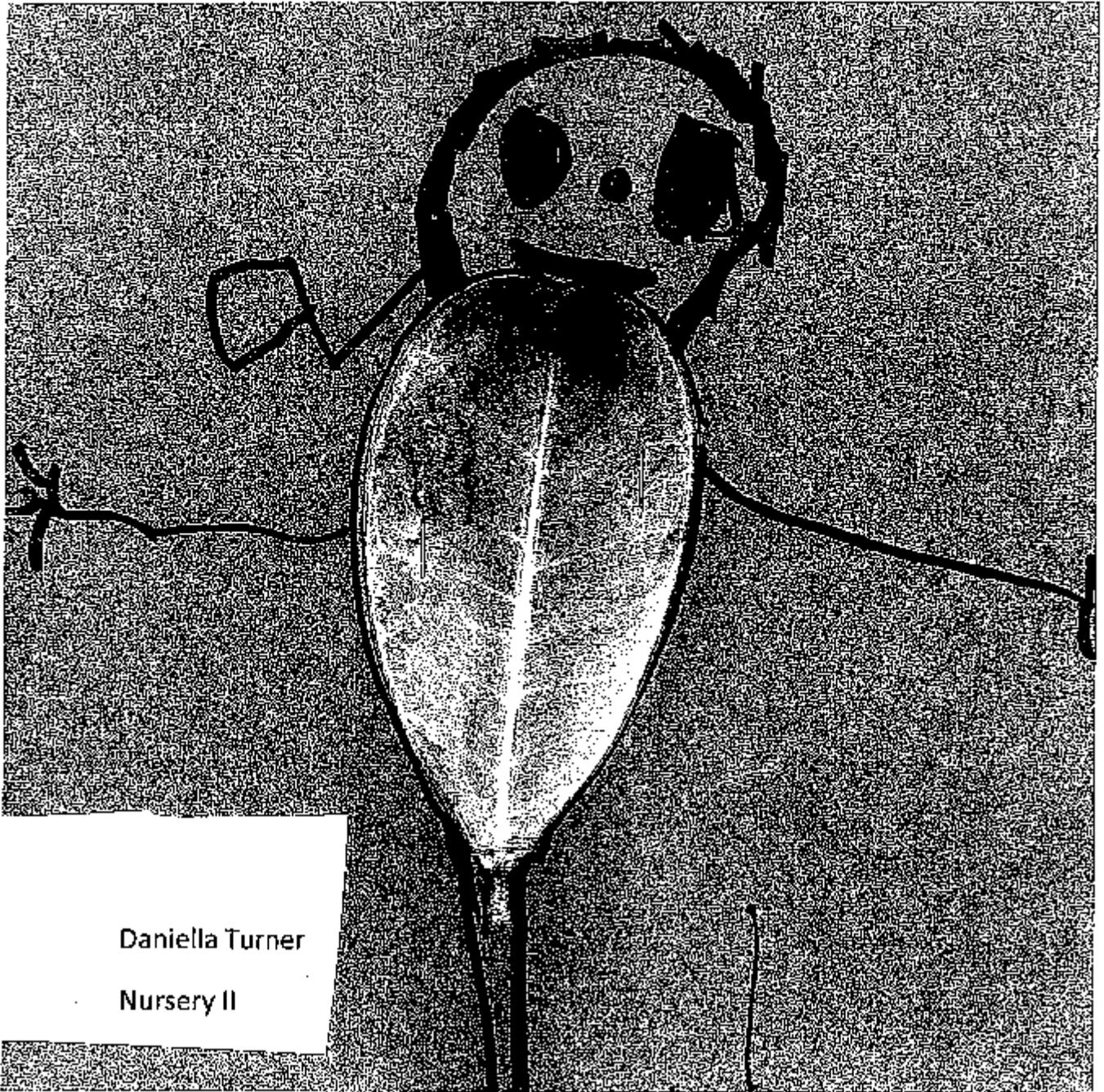
# Read Aloud





# Torahnastics

## Daniella's Leaf Person



Daniella Turner  
Nursery II

# My Flower

Nechamie Taillard

Nursery I

