

Toras Emes E.C.E.

Parashas Ki Sisa

February 18, 2011
5:57 P.M.

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.

PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT

The early childhood teachers attended two seminars at the **Rabbi Yossi Heber Teachers' Institute on Friday, February 11.**

The first program, Torahnastics, presented by Mrs. Gitty Freedman demonstrated to the teachers how to incorporate gymnastics into their curriculum.

The second seminar, Building Early Language and Literacy, was presented by Dr. Judith Cohen of F.I.U. Oral language development, listening comprehension, print awareness, alphabet knowledge and emergent writing were amongst the topics discussed at this seminar.

We are looking forward to implementing many of these concepts into our curriculum.

YTC/TEAM COMMUNITY SHIUR

Yeshiva Toras Chaim/Toras Emes is pleased to introduce a new series of Shiurim. Presented by Rabbi Yehuda Bergida, Assistant Principal of Dr. Abe Chames High School, the bi-weekly Shiurim will focus on the challenges of creating and maintaining a well-balanced Jewish home. Wednesday evenings: February 9 and 23, and March 9 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Bennett, 17651 NE 11th Court in North Miami Beach. Men and women are invited, and light refreshments will be served. For further information, please contact Rabbi Moshe Bernstein at 305.944.5344 or mbernstein@ytcteam.org.

CALENDAR NOTES:

Presidents' Day- Monday, February 21. Classes from 9:00-12:00 noon.

Museum of Discovery and Science Pre-K classes. Tuesday, March 1. Please call the office if you would like to accompany your child on this trip.

MAZEL TOV:

Rabbi Avrami and Nechama Danziger on the birth of a baby boy.

Rabbi Dovid and Miriam Lehrfield on the engagement of their grandchildren Malki and Yechiel Lehrfield.

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NURSERY I & II MOROT ETTIE & TAMI

I have a little gragger
Among my games and toys
And when I shake my gragger
It makes a lot of noise
Haman, Haman, Haman
Rash, Rash, Rash, Rash, Rash

Purim has brought fun and excitement to the Nursery class. We listened to the story of Purim and can now identify the Purim characters. Many new Purim songs have been taught to the children and we have also listened to several stories about Purim. As a Purim craft project, we made leitzanim.

Our housekeeping area has been converted into a costume corner. The children have such fun trying on costumes and admiring their images in the mirror.

For Parashas Ki Sisa, we talked about the set of luchos which Hashem gave to Moshe Rabbenu and how **Moshe broke them because of "Chet Ha'Egel."** After Bnei Yisroel did teshuva, Hashem gave Moshe a second set of luchos.

We also talked about how Bnei Yisroel were so special that Hashem wanted to count them. Each person brought a silver coin worth half shekel and those coins were then counted to determine the number of Jews without counting them directly.

Our Hebrew language program focused on the holiday of Purim. We learned the following phrases;

הנה ליטן
הנה מלך
הנה מלכת
מלכתה יפה
מרדי היהודי

NURSERY I & II- MOROT NECHAMA & SUSAN

This has been another fun and exciting week in the Afternoon Nursery. A new unit on Our Neighborhood was introduced this week. We talked about the different types of homes that people live in such as apartments, houses, trailers and igloos. We compared them to our own homes and talked about the different components of a neighborhood. To help the children understand the concept of a neighborhood, we listened to the stories The Berenstain Bears New Neighbor by Stan and Jan Berenstain, It Takes A Village by Jane Lowen-Fletcher, Best Friends Sleep Over by Jacqueline Rogers and Curious George At The Fire Station by Margaret H.A. Rey.

As an arts and crafts project, we created a road as well as cars out of construction paper and worked on a group bulletin board featuring houses, flowers, cars trees as well as our own school, Torah Emes.



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

This has been a great week for the Pre-K classes. In our pre-reading program, we reviewed the letter pay and learned how to distinguish between the pay, the fay and the fay sofis.

We began learning about the very exciting story of Purim and are very busy transforming our room into Shushan Habirah (We would greatly appreciate any dress up or costume items that you might have for our housekeeping center.) We are off to a great start and **can't wait until next week, when Purim preparations will be in full swing!**

In our Hebrew language program, we started learning phrases associated with the story of Purim such as:

הנה מלך
הנה מלכה
רשע
יהודי

For Parashas Ki Sisa, we discussed how Bnei Yisroel were counted by giving a Machazis HaShekel. We looked at different Israeli coins and made coin rubbings. We were surprised to learn that using coins to count was a very efficient way of doing things. During circle time, we each put a penny into a can, and before we even counted them, we knew just how many pennies there would be based on the number of children in the circle. We imagined that if there were thousands of people, it would be hard to count them one by one. We also reviewed the different kaylim in the Mishkan, and learned that the money Bnei Yisroel gave, helped to construct the beautiful golden kaylim.



PRE-KI- MORAH BERNEY

This magnificent week began with a visit from a mysterious letter. Can you guess the letter? Yes! The letter "Mm" visited our class, and brought with it many marvelous activities. We began by brainstorming "Mm" words. We made the letter "Mm" by using mosaic squares and added it to our alphabet book. Each week, we decorate the letter of the week with something that begins with that letter. We also played lots of math games, matched letters, played memory games and dug for missing letters that were buried in our sand table. We reminisced about famous artists whose names begin with "Mm". We were amazed at how many names we remembered.

Of course, the highlight of our week was our long awaited circus performance. As you know, everyone has been very busy preparing for our presentation. We had lots of fun choosing what we wanted to be, creating the acts, decorating our room and **practicing for the "Greatest Show On Earth."** We hope you enjoyed watching us. We were so happy you could come!

Have a marvelous, meaningful Shabbos!

Pre-KII & III- MORAH JUDY

The Pre-KII & III children were proud of their performance on Thursday. Thank you to all of the parents who joined us at our "Around The World" performance. The children spent lots of time creating works of art, learning songs and pretending to visit many countries around the world. They experienced the languages, foods, art and uniqueness of many different places. The children also became aware of how families live around the world.

This week, the letter "LI" was introduced. The children came up with many "LI" words that they knew such as lion, lollipop, listen, leg, lunch and lizard.

This week, as a math activity, the children sorted their favorite fruits and then created a chart so that they could see the results. They also discussed the many different ways that their favorite fruits could be prepared.

Some of the books that we listened to this week were Library Mouse by Daniel Kirk and Love You Forever by Robert Munsch. The children also learned the rhyme Lucy Locket Lost Her Pocket.

KINDERGARTEN I & II- MOROT BAYLA & RENA

What a nice week our kindergartners had. We reviewed the letters נ through ל with the nekudos that we learned so far and played many games. We are blending with greater proficiency. Keep up the review. The children are doing great!

We continued our unit on Shabbos and Havdalah, and learned the following Hebrew phrases:

אבא מליך נר
אבא שותה יין
יש לי בשמי
שבוע טוב

Purim songs and happy faces filled the kindergarten classes this week as we started preparing for Purim.

We heard about Melech Achashverosh and how he wanted the Yehudim to come to his party. We learned why Mordechai HaYehudi did not want the Yehudim to attend this party and how the story of Haman Harasha and his plan to harm the Jews began to unfold.

In Parashas Ki Sisa, we learned about the holy kiyor made from copper and mirrors that were donated by the women. We learned about the special oil used for anointing. Betzalel and his helper Ohaliav must have been very precise to have been chosen to build the Mishkan. They assigned jobs to the men and women who wanted to help with this project. Hashem told Moshe that Shabbos is more important than the Mishkan and no work for the Mishkan may be done on Shabbos. We also learned about the Cheit Ha'Egel. We heard how Hashem was very merciful and kind and forgave Bnei Yisroel for this terrible aveirah. We heard why the luchos were broken and how Moshe wrote new ones. We learn from here that Hashem forgives us when we daven and do teshuva.

In Project Derech, we learned that it is a mitzvah to help and serve grandparents cheerfully.



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. Big news! We planted seeds in our Toras Emes garden. We can hardly wait to see something grow!

Our featured book in the listening center this week was Big Shark's Loose Tooth by Steve Metzger. We have been busy playing Boggle and sight word Bingo. We have also been busy bouncing balls.

In math, we are having fun measuring and working with teen numbers. We are becoming quite proficient at counting by fives and tens.

Believe it or not, our 100th day of school is quickly approaching. The projects that you (the parents) have helped the children make are really great. They are hanging in prominent places in our hallways and rooms.

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 to trace our country's progress to the time of George Washington. We saw how the country grew from the first colony at Plymouth, Massachusetts to the thirteen colonies our country had when George Washington was president.

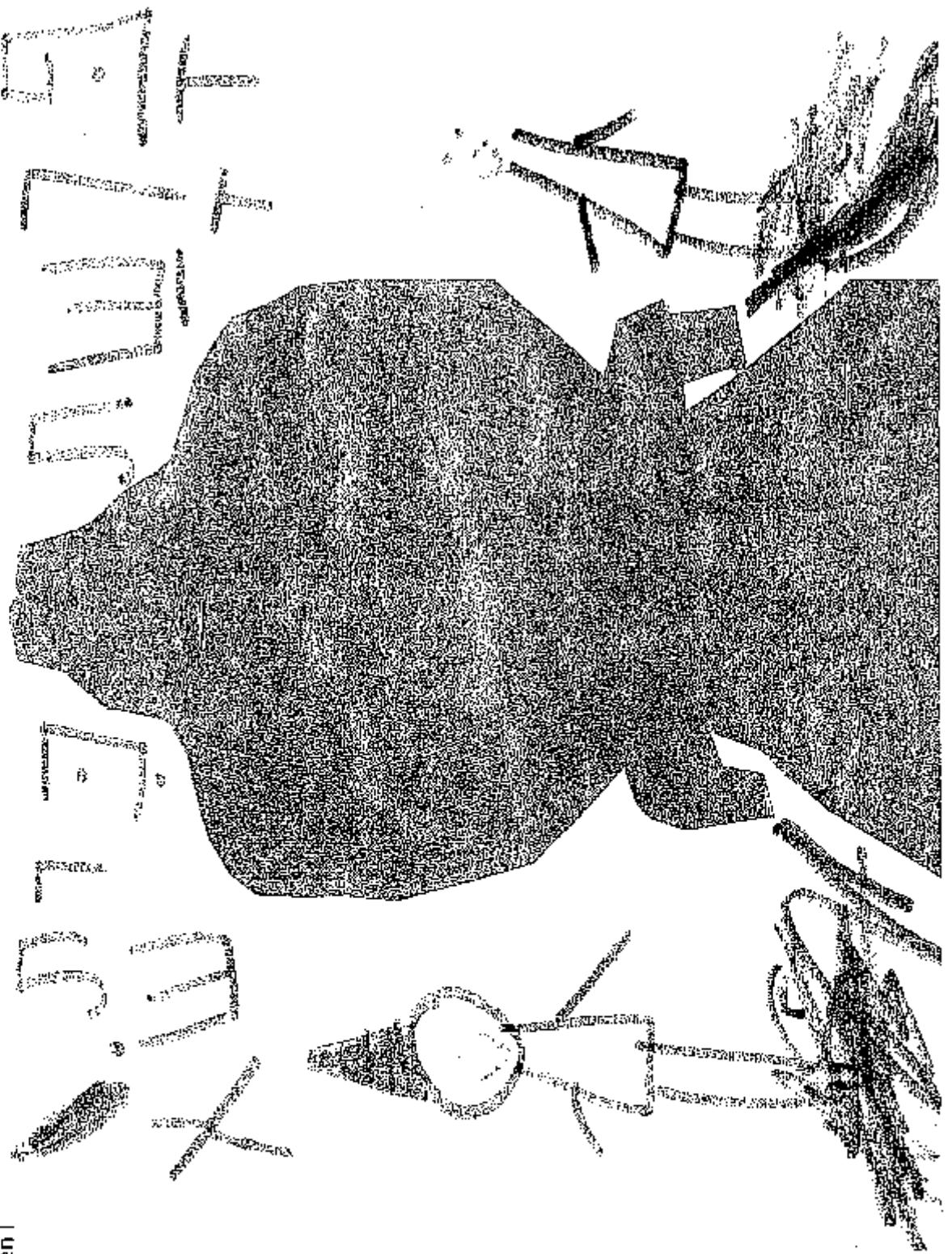




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3:15 - 4:00 PM

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4:00 PM

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5:15 - 5:30 PM

Mincha for Guests / Refreshments

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6:00 - 6:45 PM

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7:30 PM

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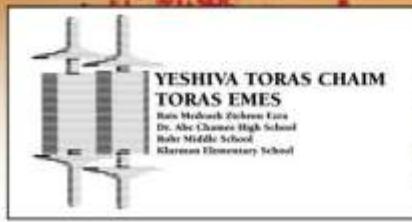


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