

Toras Emes E.C.E.

Parashas Vayikra

March 11 2011

6:09 P.M.

We are excited to announce the
PLANNING & ZONING BOARD MEETING
for our two new buildings
Starting at 6:00 PM on March 14th, 2011
Location:
City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers
17011 N.E. 19 Avenue
North Miami Beach, FL 33162

We request your presence in support of our two new proposed buildings, a new Educational building for our Middle and Preschool divisions and a new dorm building.

PURIM PUPPET SHOW

An hour long multi-media puppet show was presented to the preschool children on Monday. How excited the children were to **see the story of Purim "acted out" by the most magnificent** puppets. The children shouted with joy as each puppet appeared on stage. They also sang many Purim songs with great enthusiasm.

PURIM CARNIVAL

The annual E.C.E. Purim carnival and magic show will take place on Shushan Purim, Monday, March 21 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 and magic show. Volunteer mothers should be at the school at 9:30 a.m.

CALENDAR NOTES

Thursday, March 17– Taanis Esther. Regular Dismissal.

NICHUM AVEILIM TO:

Mrs. Dorit Akrish on the loss of her father.

THANK YOU:

Rabbi Moshe and Ahuva Druin for donating educational equipment to the Kindergarten II class in **honor of Mendel's sixth birthday.**

Mrs Alli Jeger and family for assembling the Purim gift bags for the children.

Mr. Adam and Perla Pollock for donating educational equipment to the Pre-KII class in honor of **Rena's fifth birthday.**

Mr. Sholom and Goldie Zeines for donating educational equipment to the Kindergarten II class in **honor of Nochi's sixth birthday.**

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Turn your clocks one hour ahead this Motzei **Shabbos, as we "spring forward" to Daylight** Savings Time.

PLEASE NOTE:

NEXT FRIDAY, MARCH 18 WE RESUME OUR 2:00 P.M. FRIDAY DISMISSAL



REGISTRATION 2011-2012

If you were not able to register yet, we strongly encourage you to register as soon as possible so as to reserve a spot for your child(ren), and to avail yourself of the largest possible tuition reduction available to you. Please be reminded that after April 6th the registration fee increases. In order to facilitate immediate processing, tuition reduction forms and supporting documentation need to be returned together with the registration forms and fees.

PURIM PROGRAMS
PURIM WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Nursery I.....Morot Tami & Nechama
Monday, March 14.....9:45 a.m.

Nursery II.....Morot Ettie & Susan
Wednesday, March 16.....1:30 p.m.

Pre-KI.....Morot Ettie & Berney
Monday, March 14.....1:30 p.m.

Kindergarten I.....Morot Bayla & Berney
Tuesday, March 15.....9:45 a.m.

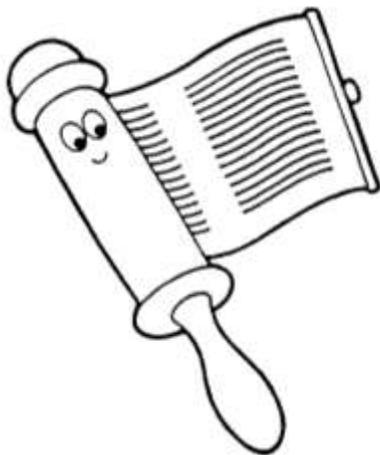
Kindergarten II.....Morot Rena & Miriam
Wednesday, March 16.....9:45 a.m.

NURSERY I & II MOROT ETTIE & TAMI

“**Mishenichnas Adar Marbin B'Simchah**”-When Adar comes, we are full of joy. As the yeladim in the Nursery continue to prepare for the Yom Tov of Purim, they are becoming more and more eager for the arrival of this holiday.

In honor of Rosh Chodesh Adar, we made a mazal dagim sign. We continued listening to the story of Purim, worked on our megillos, and learned to distinguish between a Sefer Torah and a megillah. We also reviewed the Hebrew vocabulary words and phrases that were taught over the past few weeks. Many new Purim songs were taught to the children.

This week, we will be reading from a new Sefer Torah in Shul; Parashas Vayikra which is about the giving of korbanos. The animals used as korbanos must be kosher ones. We learned the Midrash that Hashem created many animals with good character traits so that we can learn from their behavior. The animals used for korbanos were peaceful and gentle animals. Hashem wanted to show how important it is for us to be gentle and peaceful with others.



NURSERY I & II- MOROT NECHAMA & SUSAN

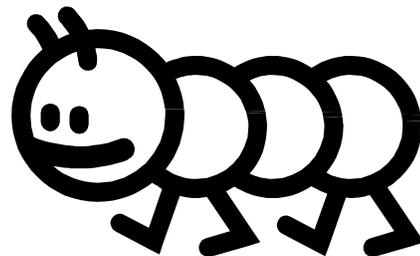
The study of insects continued to be the focus of **our week's activities**. Our art projects included making caterpillars, fireflies and ants. We also used rice cakes and chocolate chips to create “ants sitting on a rock.” A new song about a bumblebee was taught to the children:

Bumblebee, bumble bye
Bumble around the great blue sky
Bumblebee 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 even put on a puppet show to go along with the new song.

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

During our outdoor play, we went on a nature walk and looked for insects and camped out in our “tree house.”



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

This has been an exciting week in the Pre-K classes! Our enthusiasm for Rosh Chodesh Adar began on Monday, when we were treated to a very entertaining puppet show! The children were mesmerized as the story of Purim unfolded right in front of their eyes! We were transported back in time, to the city of Shushan, where the story of Megilas Esther took place. The children went home with beautifully decorated hats that they made in class, in honor of Rosh Chodesh.

On Thursday, Pre-K II and III had a wonderful time eating hamantaschen and making beautiful projects at our annual Purim Workshop! Thank you to all of the parents who were able to join us for this special activity with your children. We are looking forward to greeting the Pre-K I parents on Monday!

In Parashas Vayikra, we learned about the different types of Korbonos that the Bnei Yisroel used to bring. We discussed the concept of a korbon chatas, when a person would bring a korbon for doing an avairah. Although there were different types of korbonos that could be used, we reinforced the concept that Hashem was always **accepting of a person's korbon, if they truly** were sorry for what they had done. We also spoke about bringing a korbon to thank Hashem for a kindness that had occurred to them.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Shabbos!



PRE-KI- MORAH BERNEY

It was a perfect time for the letter "Pp" to parade into our classrooms as our Purim festivities are already in the air. We made Hamenstaschen for you in preparation for our upcoming workshop on **Monday. We look forward to going to Purim" centers with you at that time. In honor of the letter "Pp," we shined pennies, brainstormed "Pp" words, and created p patterns.** During center time, some of the areas we enjoyed playing at were puppets, puzzles, and painting.

The story A Pocket for Corduroy by Don Freeman, was featured in the Listening Center. In art, we enjoyed making placemats with our favorite pictures.

The highlight of our week was our trip to China. With passports in hand, and our carry-on luggage, we boarded the airplane, and were amazed that the pilots and flight attendants looked a lot like some of the children in our class. We were even more amazed when we arrived in China, and our tour guides resembled Morah Berney and Morah Rachel.

We were so happy that we learned some Chinese before we left because it certainly came in handy. Our itinerary included riding bikes along the Great Wall of China, participating in a dragon parade, flying kites (a favorite pastime in China), and eating in a restaurant. It was certainly a challenge eating rice with chopsticks. Luckily, we **weren't too hungry! We took lots of pictures, and can't wait to share** them with you!

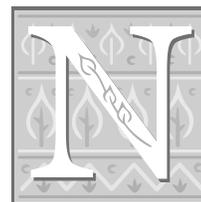
Pre-KII & III- MORAH JUDY

This week, the Pre-K II and III children were so excited to begin **a unit entitled "Under the Sea."** We looked at pictures of the many different kinds of fish that live in the sea and created waves replicating the flow of the water. We also counted and sorted fish by size, color and shape.

Our letter of the week was "Nn". Some words that the children came up with were: night, nice, nurse, new, nature, and nothing

The children continued practicing how to recognize and write their names. Some of our favorite books and songs this week were: Baby Beluga by Rafi, Undersea Animals by Jane H. Baxton, The Nose Book (a rhyming Dr. Seuss book) and Nora the Nonapus a scholastic book.

Baking hamentaschen was lots of fun. We hope that you enjoy eating them at our Purim workshop.



KINDERGARTEN I & II- MOROT BAYLA & RENA

משנכנס אדר מרבנים בשמחה

With Monday being Rosh Chodesh, we were treated to a Purim Puppet Show which we really enjoyed. We were busy singing and acting out the Purim Story as well as creating crowns, masks and mishloach manos baskets.

The letter נ was introduced to our class this week. Even though he is so narrow, he still makes quite a sound. Nossi, Nochi. Netanel and Naomi are a few of the names in our classes that start with the letter נ.

For Parashas Vayikra, we learned that in the time of the Bais Hamikdash, Bnei Yisroel brought korbanos. Now that we no longer have a Bais Hamikdash, our tefillos take the place of the korbanos.

In the Project Derech we learned that it is a mitzvah to stand up for an older person.



KINDERGARTEN I & II- MOROT BERNEY & MIRIAM

Because of all of our special numerous “Nn” activities, we decided to extend our “Nn” letterbooks for another week. The children are very excited about reading so many two syllable words in this letterbook- words such as robin, button, cabin and picnic. We even wrote and illustrated a story about a picnic. To reinforce **the letter “Nn”, we made funny nose people using a balloon as the nose** and read Miss Nelson Has a Field Day by Rosemary Wells. We also had an interesting discussion on the differences between man-made objects and objects of nature.

In Social Studies, we completed our George Washington unit by learning how Washington D.C. became our capital, and how our United States flag evolved to its present design. Midweek, George Washington took a back seat as Abraham Lincoln moved to the 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. The children heard the **story of Abe’s boyhood and compared it to the early life of George Washington.** The class had a very brief introduction to the Civil War and the institution of slavery.

In math, we continued our unit on money and counted collections of nickels and pennies. We are all proud of our abilities to count by fives.

Our outdoor garden is really growing. We can see the radishes already sprouting above the ground. We make sure to water and weed the garden every day. We talked about weather conditions and that Florida is experiencing a drought now. We are trying to be careful to conserve water when we water our garden. The lima bean seeds in the classroom are also growing. We can see how roots have formed and that they are growing downwards.

The children have been very busy baking yummy hamantaschen for our Purim workshops. We look forward to seeing you there.





Pre-KIII Purim Workshop





Pre-K/III Purim Program