

Toras Emes E.C.E.

Parashas Tzav
Parashas Zachor

March 18 2011
7:12 P.M.

REGISTRATION 2011-2012

Thank you to all those who submitted their completed registration packet in time for the early bird deadline. 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 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.

THANK YOU:

Mr. Ari and Shira Sipper for donating educational equipment to the Nursery II class in honor of Myriam's fourth birthday.

Mr. Barry and Ana Wulwick for donating educational equipment to the Pre-KI class in honor of Reuven's fourth birthday.

CITY MEETING

We appreciate all who came out in support of our new facilities! The proposal for our new buildings passed unanimously at the Planning and Zoning meeting. We need only one more approval from City Council (our elected officials) to draw up full plans and build. That meeting will be at the same location in the coming weeks. We will inform you when that is scheduled, as we will need your help again. Thank you for your help!

MAZEL TOV:

Dr. Daniel and Nechama Heller on the birth of a son

Rabbi Dovid and Miriam Lehrfield on the birth of a great grandson to their grandchildren Daniel and Nechama Heller.

Dr. Eddie and Zelda Zemel on the birth of a grandson to their children Rabbi Elchonon and Bracha Schulgasser.



NURSERY I & II MOROT ETTIE & TAMI

A wonderful feeling of excitement was felt by the Nursery classes in anticipation of their Purim workshops. What a wonderful time they all had singing and making craft projects. The children also had a lot of **fun visiting the classroom "castle" where they dressed up** as lions, giraffes, princesses, policemen and many other characters as well.

The four mitzvos of Purim were discussed with the class; reading the megillah, giving gifts to the poor, sending shalach manos and making a Purim seudah.

We learned that on Taanis Esther, we remember that Mordechai and Esther fasted for three days and davened to Hashem for help. This year, since Purim is on Sunday, the fast took place on Thursday.

NURSERY I & II- MOROT NECHAMA & SUSAN

This week, we began a unit on Food and Nutrition. We talked about the four food groups and practiced packing food from each group into a lunchbox. The children are beginning to learn which foods belong to each of the four groups. They created fruits and vegetables to **go into a "healthy foods" basket and enjoyed finger** painting fruits and vegetables. We also learned the song "**Have A Banana**" to the tune of "Hava Nagila."

Have A Banana

Have a banana, have two bananas
Have three bananas and an apple too.
Have a banana, have a banana
Have a banana and an apple too.

Stewed fruits and tomatoes
Stewed fruits and tomatoes
Stewed fruits and tomatoes too!

The books that we listened to this week were The Berenstain Bears And Too Much Junk Food by Stan and Jan Berenstain, Eating The Alphabet and Growing Vegetable Soup both by Lois Ehlert, What Food Is This by Rosemarie Hausterr and The Hungry Thing by Jan Stepien and Ann Seidler.

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

Purim is almost here and we are so excited that we finished our castles and puppets. We had a great time dressing up in our castle in all kinds of costumes. Thank you to Mrs. Amy Salzman for sharing some of the costumes with our class. Thank you to the Pre-KI parents for joining us at our workshop. We had lots of fun!

This Shabbos, two Sifrei Torah will be taken out of the Aron Kodesh. From one, we will read Parashas Tzav and from the other, the Parsha of Zachor will be read. In Parashas Zachor, we are commanded to remember Amalek who wanted to destroy the Jewish people. Parashas Zachor is read the Shabbos before Purim since Haman was from the children of Amalek.

We are looking forward to going to Shul on Motzei Shabbos to hear the megillah and make noise with our raashanim when we hear the name of Haman.



PRE-KI- MORAH BERNEY

It was quite a wonderful week. We welcomed the letter “Qq” to our class and decorated it with Q-tips. We learned that the letter “Qq” never goes any place without its friend “Uu”, and then the children brainstormed as many words as they could think of that begin with the letter “Qq”. We reminisced about writing with quills at the Colonial Fair. We listened to the story The Quilt by Ann Jonas and realized that the word quilt begins with the letter “Qq”. We are really becoming proficient at recognizing the letters of the alphabet and hearing their beginning sounds.

Our exciting travels around the world are in progress and we are certainly becoming “seasoned” travelers. Our trip to China was a huge success. This week, we are learning about Africa and next week, G-d willing, we will “fly” to Africa. If you have any items from that region that you would like to send in for the week, we would be very appreciative. In preparation for our trip, we learned some Swahili. Swahili is one of the languages spoken in Africa. We learned some African songs, listened to books about the country and its customs and made some art projects related to the country.

Of course, the highlight of our week was working at the Purim centers with you!

Have a quiet and relaxing Shabbos!

Pre-KII & III- MORAH JUDY

The Pre-KII and III classes are excited about our fascinating unit “Under The Sea.” This week, the children continued learning about the depth of the ocean and the creatures that live in that environment. They were amazed by all of the patterns and colors of the many creatures that live under the sea such as the oyster and the octopus. The basking shark and rainbow trout were the children’s favorite fish. The children performed a number of “under the sea” science experiments such as observing salt water and watching objects float, mixing water with oil and watching how it separates and observing the process of evaporation.

They participated in sorting and counting fish and played games with shells. The children were also taught how an oyster creates a pearl. An amazing “Under The Sea” bulletin board based on Dr. Seuss characters was created by the children. Come see it hanging on the trailer wall!

Our featured letter this week was “Oo.” O is for oyster, ocean, octopus and octagon.

Some of the books that we read this week were Olivia by Ian Falconer, Oh My Gosh, Mrs. McNosh by Sarah Weeks, Over In The Meadow by Wadsworth, One Fish Two Fish by Dr. Seuss and I’m The Biggest Thing In The Ocean by Kevin Sherry. “Baby Beluga” by Rafi

KINDERGARTEN I & II- MOROT BAYLA & RENA

What a fabulous week we had in Kindergarten. The highlight, of course, was our amazing Purim workshop. We had a great time singing our songs and making those incredibly creative horses. Thank you for coming. We hope you have continued nachas.

The excitement of Purim is in the air. The yeladim finished making their sharvit zahav as well as a puppet gragger. We can hardly wait to be able to perform the four special mitzvos of Purim. We learned that this Shabbos, Parshas Zachor is read in shul. We are commanded to always remember how Amalek attacked us in the midbar.

In our Aleph-Bais curriculum, we reviewed the letters aleph through nun and combined them with all the nekudos we have learned this far. Please review with your child. Remember, practice makes perfect!

For Parashas Tzav, we continued learning about the different types of korbanos. The yeladim were fascinated to learn that even a Kohen brings a korban and that the fire was always lit on the mizbeach.

In Project Derech, the yeladim learned that it is a mitzvah to stand up for your teacher.



KINDERGARTEN I & II- MOROT BERNEY & MIRIAM

What a magnificent week our Kindergartners had– a week filled with many marvelous experiences! **We worked in our “Mm” letterbooks and were so excited** to play with our magic mirrors. We hope that the children will experiment with these magic mirrors at home as well.

In honor of “Mm” week, we worked with money. We counted real money and computed the value of different sets using pennies, nickels and dimes. We are using real coins in order to familiarize the children with the look and feel of money.

In math, we are also continuing our work with teen numbers. Please review at home the teen numbers. (The children should be able to recognize the numbers and count out the corresponding number of items.)

To round out our week, we played Memory and Monopoly Jr., wrote and illustrated sentences about the Muffin Man and listened to many marvelous books **beginning with the letter “Mm”.**

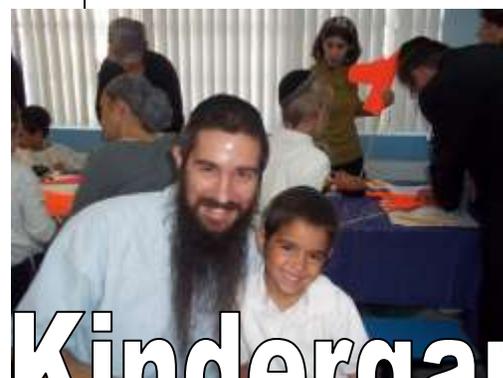
Of course, the highlight of the week was working with your at the Purim Workshop.

Have a magnificent Shabbos!





Pre-KI-Purim Workshop

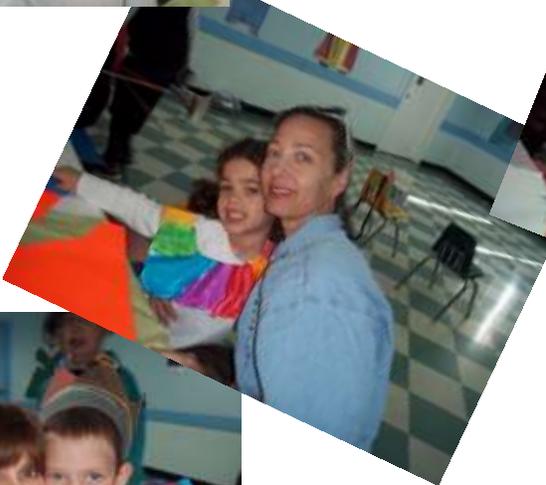
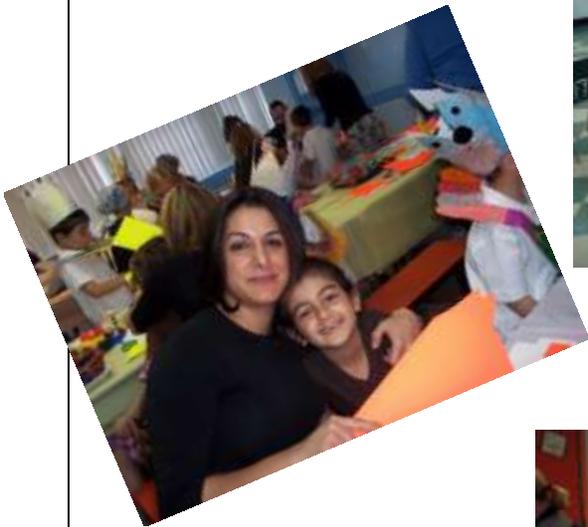


Kindergarten | Purim Program





Kindergarten II Purim Workshop





HAMANTASCHEN

Dough I (Toras Emes Cookbook)

6 ½ cups flour	¾ cup margarine or crisco
2 cups sugar	1 tsp vanilla
2 Tbsp baking powder	4 eggs
1 tsp salt	2/3 cup orange or pineapple juice (or mixture of both)

Mix dry ingredients; make a hole in the middle. Mix liquids in a separate bowl; add liquids slowly to dry ingredients. Make rounds of dough 2 ½ inches in diameter. Drop filling from teaspoon into the center of the fold and shape into triangle. Squeeze edges. Brush with egg yolk. Bake at 375 degrees for 15-20 minutes on a greased cookie sheet until lightly browned.

Dough II

¼ lb. margarine (softened)	½ cup sugar
zest of one orange	3 eggs
2 cups flour	¼ tsp salt
1 ½ tsp baking powder	

Cream margarine and sugar. Add beaten eggs and zest. Blend well. Mix flour, salt and baking powder and add to the mixture. Divide dough into four portions. Roll out dough (1/4 inch thick) and cut with a drinking glass. Place filling in middle of circle and fold both sides over to form a triangle. Brush with egg. Grease cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 minutes or until golden brown.

Dough I I I

3 eggs	5 ½ cups flour
1 cup sugar	3 tsp vanilla
¾ cup oil	3 tsp baking powder
1/3 cup juice	

Mix together eggs, oil and sugar. Beat on high speed for 10 minutes. Add flour mixed with baking powder alternately with juice. (A little more flour may be needed to achieve proper consistency). Add vanilla. Roll out, fill, shape and bake at 350 degrees for 8-10 minutes.

Dough I V

½ cup oil	1 tsp almond flavoring
½ cup sugar	1 tsp vanilla
1 egg	1 tsp honey
2 cups flour	1 tsp baking powder

Mix oil and sugar, add egg, mix well, add flavorings, slowly add flour and baking powder and mix until you can form a ball. Take a small amount of margarine, roll out on a floured board. Use a wide mouthed jar to make a round shape. Fill center with filling and roll up sides to make a triangle. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes or until golden brown on a greased cookie sheet.

Filling

Chocolate chips, any flavor jelly, cherries from canned pie filling etc.