

Toras Emes E.C.E.

Parashas Behar

May 13, 2011
7:40 P.M.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES:

TUESDAY, MAY 17– NURSERY I, PRE-KI, PRE-KIII & KINDERGARTEN II

6:40 PM-9:00 p.m.

Please call the school office to make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher.

YOM HA'ATZMAUT PROGRAM

An exciting program featuring songs and dances about **Eretz Yisroel was the highlight of our week's activities.** Following the program, the children enjoyed a delicious brunch. Thank you to the following parents who assisted with setting up the brunch:

Mrs. Leah Chattah, Mrs. Shaindy Paritzky and Mrs. Nehama Tzur

CALENDAR NOTES:

Memorial Day– Monday, May 30. Teacher Workday. NO SCHOOL

Kindergarten Graduation– Monday, June 6

Shavuos– June 7-9. NO SCHOOL

School Resumes– Friday, June 10. 9:30 a.m.

Torahnastics– Program Lichvod Lag Ba'Omer. Thursday, May 19. Pre-K classes.

CHINESE AUCTION:

We are eagerly anticipating the Chinese Auction which will **IY"H take place on Sunday, May 29.** By now, you should have received your auction books. You can also view prizes and place your order at www.ytcteam.org/auction

SAVE THE DATE:

Toras Chaim Tea Wednesday, June 1. Stay tuned for more details!

THANK YOU:

Dr. Mark and Joanna Dennis for donating educational equipment to the Kindergarten I class in honor of Zach's sixth birthday.

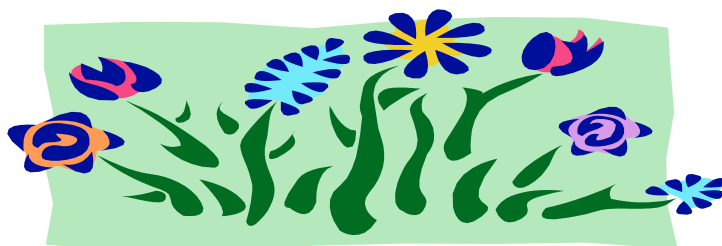
Mr. Yehuda and Aliza Goldenberg for donating educational equipment to the Kindergarten I class in honor of Shoshana Blima's sixth birthday.

Mr. Josh and Tzippy Jacobs for donating educational equipment to the Kindergarten I class in honor of Sophie's sixth birthday.

MAZEL TOV:

Rabbi Kalman and Rucha Baumann on the birth of a granddaughter to their children Rabbi Shaya and Shoshana Baumann.

Mr. Alex Goldsmith on his engagement to Shani Wilk.



NURSERY I & II MOROT ETTIE & TAMI

Don't walk in front of me

I may not follow

Don't walk behind me

I may not lead

Just walk beside me

And be my friend

And together, we will walk

In the ways of Hashem

V'Ahavta Lereacha Kamocha

Zeh Klal Gadol BaTorah

With this song, featuring the famous saying of Rabbi Akiva, the topic of Lag Ba'Omer was introduced to the yeladim. The children were amazed to discover that although Rabbi Akiva did not start learning the alef bais until he was forty years old, he went on to become a great talmid chocham. They were sad to hear about the students of Rabbi Akiva who did not **keep the mitzvah of "V'Ahavta L'Reacha Kamocha"** and were punished with a terrible sickness, which miraculously **stopped on Lag Ba'Omer.**

We listened to stories about friendship; Rainbow Fish and Rainbow Fish To The Rescue by Marcus Pfister.

Mr. Alef came to visit our class this week. We learned the Hebrew words aviron, aniyah, echad, abba and ima. We had lots of fun making a booklet featuring the letter alef.

We discussed the middah of Emes and how important it is to always tell the truth. To help us understand this concept, we listened to two stories; Eli And His Little White Lie and Jo Jo Goes Shopping by Chanie Friedman.

Parashas Behar taught us about the mitzvah of Shemithah. The Jews in Eretz Yisroel have to work the land for six years, but during the seventh year, they take a rest. This is so that Bnei Yisroel do not forget to thank Hashem for everything that they have.

NURSERY I & II- MOROT NECHAMA & SUSAN

What an enjoyable week we had as we continued our unit on rhyming. We reviewed the nursery rhymes that we learned last week. We also **learned three new nursely rhymes; "Jack and Jill went up the Hill," "Jack Be Nimble, Jack be Quick," and "Little Miss Muffet."** We had so much fun acting out these nursery rhymes. We climbed a hill with a pail of water, jumped over a candlestick and sat next to "Little Miss Muffet And The Spider."

As our art activities, we made a "fish in a dish," and a "cat in a hat." We also created a "Little Miss Muffet." The children enjoyed working with rhyming cards and puzzles during our learning centers. During library time, we listened to poems from the books Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes by Brian Wildsmith, Hop On Pop by Dr. Suess, and Mary Had a Little Lamb by Sara Josepha Haba.

We learned a new fingerplay this week called "Where is Fishy"

Where is Fishy? Where is Fishy?

(Hands behind back)

Here I am. Here I am.

(Put hands in front of you)

How are you today fish?

(Shake hands)

Very wet, I thank you.

(Hands on hips)

Swim away. Swim away.

(Swim with hands)

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

The mitzvah of Shemita is featured in this week's parsha– Parashas Behar. The farmers in Eretz Yisroel worked the land for six years, but during the seventh year they take a rest. This is so that Bnei Yisroel will remember to thank Hashem for everything they have and also have more time to learn Torah.

This week, we learned more about the life of Rabbi Akiva. The yeladim were amazed to discover that although Rabbi Akiva did not start learning alef bais until he was forty years old, he went on to become a great talmid chacham. We are trying to reinforce the concept of **V'Ahavta L'Reacha Kamocho with the children.**

We enjoyed listening to the stories Mimi And Simi Under The Sunshine Umbrella by Yaffa Ganz and Labels for Laibel by Dina Rosenfeld.

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

This week, the Pre-K children were introduced to **the letter "Vv."** They sounded out words such as vase, very, vacuum, vulture and visor.

The children enjoyed learning lots of interesting facts about Eretz Yisroel. They heard stories about life on a kibbutz and talked about special places in Israel such as Kotel, Massada and the Dead Sea. Some of the children shared their own personal thoughts and memories of being in Eretz Yisroel and told us about the cities in Israel where their relatives live.

As we are approaching the end of the year, the children are reviewing their numbers and letters. They have been practicing their writing skills and sounding out simple words.

Some of our favorite stories this week were The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Very Click Beetle both by Eric Carle, Chicken Man by Michelle Edwards and Sammy Spider's First Trip to Israel by Sylvia Rouss.

KINDERGARTEN I & II- MOROT BAYLA & RENA

Kedushas Eretz Yisroel was discussed this week in conjunction with our Israeli Brunch. We saw beautiful pictures of Eretz Yisroel and many of the holy sites which our people have longed to see throughout our history. Each class learned some songs about Eretz Yisroel and performed for each other. We all davened to Hashem to bring peace to Israel and bring the Moshiach. We hope that one day we can all live in Eretz Yisroel and do the special mitzvos the one can only perform in Eretz Hakodesh.

This week, we learned the letters “Pay”, and “Fay”, and “Fay Sofis.” We brainstormed many words that begin with these letters. The children are getting very good at blending the nekudos with the letters. Thank you for reviewing the homework sheets. The reinforcement at home gives the child extra confidence at school.

The parsha of Behar taught us about the special mitzvah done only in Eretz Yisroel- the mitzvah of Shemittah-letting the land rest during the seventh year. What interested the children was the idea that this mitzvah is kept in Israel today and that more and more people are keeping this mitzvah as the years go by. We also learned about the mitzvah of Yovel. Every fifty years, all Jewish slaves were freed and all fields had to be returned to their true owners. We compared the seventh year when we do not cultivate the land in Eretz Yisroel to the seventh day of Beraishis. Just as Hashem provides for us for six years, so He will provide for us in the seventh. During this year, the farmer is supposed to dedicate his time to learning Torah.

We learned the concept of “Heve Mekabel Kol Adam B’sever Panim Yafos” from Perek Gimel in Pirkei Avos.

KINDERGARTEN I & II- MOROT BERNEY & MIRIAM

The kindergarten classes had a jam packed week **filled with many joyous activities.** “Jj” was our letter of the week. We jumped rope, did many jigsaw puzzles and practiced taking big jumps across the playground.

In our Lippincott series, the concept of quotation **was introduced as well as the sight word “said.”** The children are all making progress with their reading skills and are working on their own individual reading programs. They are very excited about their rapidly expanding reading vocabularies. Because they are reading so much better, the children are becoming more comfortable with writing in their journals.

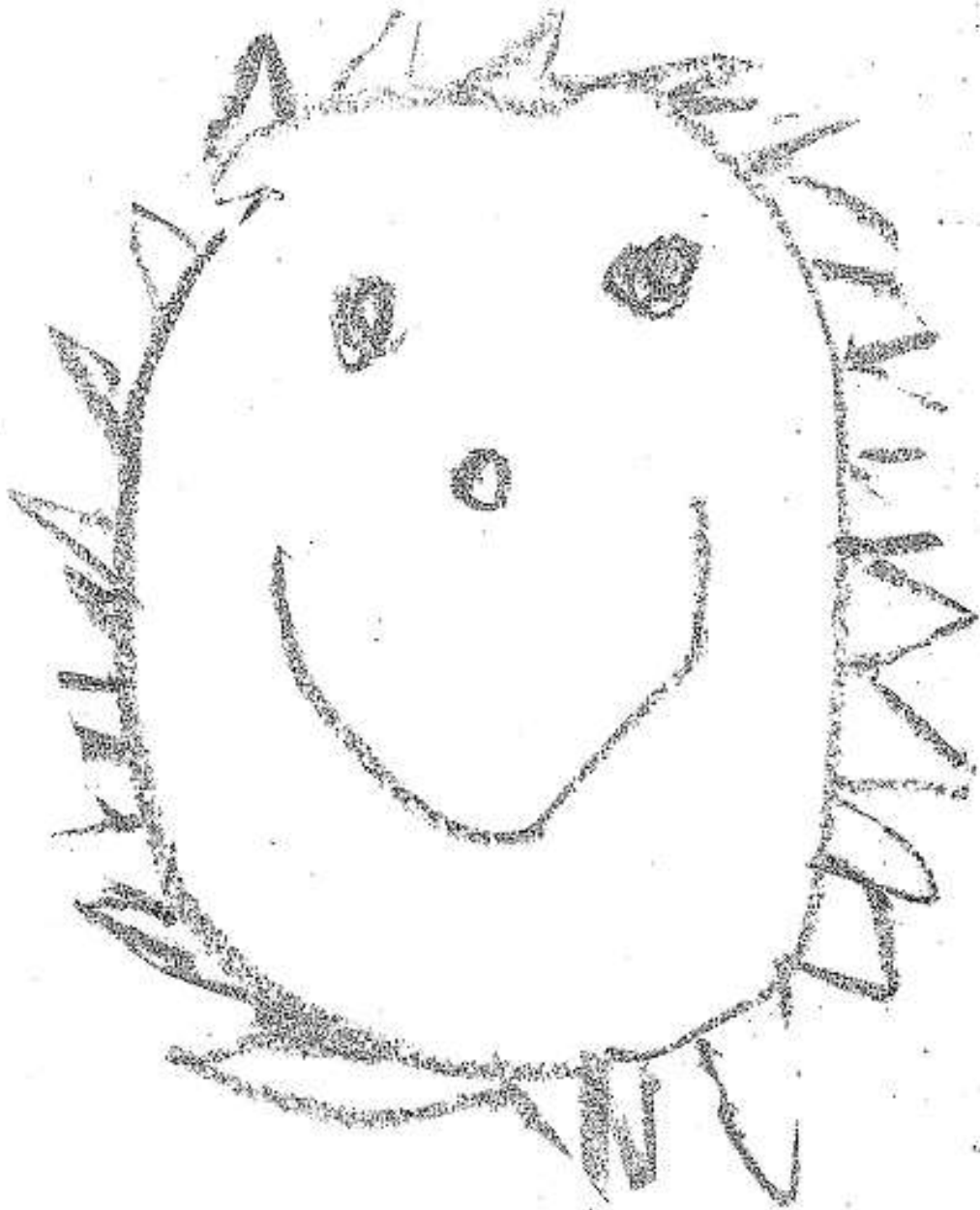
In social studies, we started a two week unit on pollution. This subject has much more relevance and meaning now because of Earth Day and the recycling done in our communities. We learned that there are many different kinds of pollution such as air, land, water and noise. The children are now aware of how we can all work together to prevent pollution. We discussed the concept of recycling and the children were amazed to see how much of our garbage is reusable.

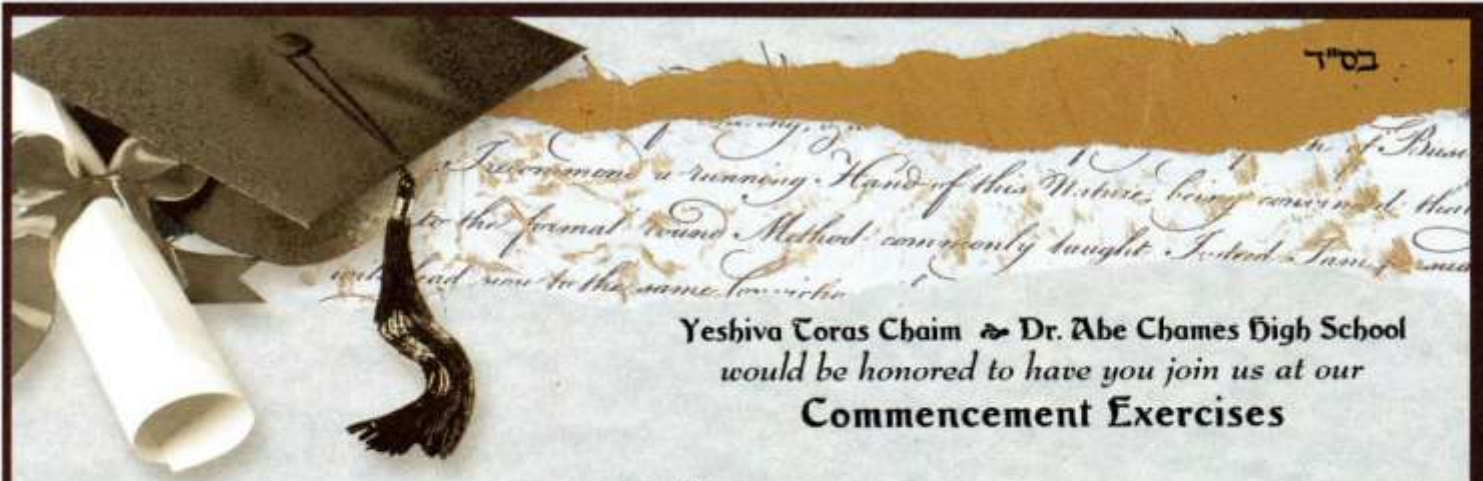
In math, we are continuing our unit on clocks and telling time. The children are really enjoying this topic because it is so relevant to their lives. This week, our emphasis was on the half-hour. We learned that 3:30 is also called half past three. We also learned that there is an imaginary line down the center of the clock (from the 12 to the 6) and that each half is 30 minutes. ($3+3=6$ so $30 + 30 =60$)

This past week, we concentrated on our unit on **Israel. In honor of Yom Ha’Atzmaut, the children learned** about the history of our people through class discussions, stories, art projects and songs. As part of our unit on the State of Israel, we studied the map of Israel and learned to locate the main cities as well as the Negev and Galil. We had a wonderful geography lesson utilizing the map of Israel as our resource. We were fascinated to discover that such a small country has such varied climates and such a diversity of topography-deserts, plains and mountains. We talked about how the early settlers in Eretz Yisroel made the desert bloom.

Zach Breier

Pre-KII





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...a running Hand of this Nature, being conversant, that to the formal round Method conversely taught. I need not say, and will lead you to the same conviction.

**Yeshiva Toras Chaim & Dr. Abe Chames High School
would be honored to have you join us at our
Commencement Exercises**

אור ליום ד' סיון, תשע"א

Sunday evening, June 5, 2011, promptly at 8:30 P.M.

*Yeshiva Toras Chaim
1025 NE Miami Gardens Drive
N. Miami Beach, Florida 33179*

Reception following Program

Please RSVP to the Toras Chaim Office - 305-944-5344

Your presence will greatly enhance this special occasion.

*Women are requested
to dress in accordance
with strict
Orthodox tradition.*

*Our
Graduates*

Meir Balgley

Isaac Mizrahi

Yosef Bizouati

Yitzchak Ouaknine

Josh Blavin

Meir Palgon

Adam Debri

Yehuda Palgon

Jacob Gassner

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