

Toras Emes E.C.E.

Parashas Ki Seitzei

September 9, 2011

7:13 P.M.

MAZEL TOV:

Mr. Gavriel and Sara Aminov on the birth of a daughter.

Drs. Sol and Deborah Lerer on the birth of a grandson to their children Dr. Daniel and Sarah Lerer.

PROJECT CHAVERIM

A highly effective program devoted to the development of social skills and middos in the young child will be introduced next week in all of the Early Childhood classes. The first unit focuses on saying "Hello" and "Goodbye" to our teachers and friends.

Music Program

Under the direction of Mrs. Zelda Zemel, our music teacher, the children are learning many new songs for Rosh Hashana.

SCHOOL CLOSING PROCEDURE

If an emergency situation arises that makes school opening questionable, you can obtain information by calling the school for a message at 305-947-6000 or 305-947-4007.

HEALTHY LUNCHES

Good nutrition and a balanced diet will help your child grow up healthy. Please make sure **that all foods sent to school in your child's lunchbox are nutritious.** Some suggested foods are fruits, veggies, tuna fish salad, pasta, whole grain cereal, sandwiches, cheese and orange juice. Candy, sugary drinks and cookies should not be sent to school. Please cooperate with us and encourage your child to develop good eating habits.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

All programs will take place in your children's classrooms. The Back-To-School-Night Program is an opportunity for you to meet your children's teachers, and find out about upcoming Judaic and secular programs.

Your child will leave a letter or drawing for you to enjoy. Please respond with a note in your child's cubby.

**NURSERY I & II- 7:15 P.M.
PRE-KI & II- 7:45 P.M.
KINDERGARTEN III-7:30 P.M.
KINDERGARTEN I & II-8:15 P.M.**

PARSHA WITH RABBI BAUMANN

Thank you to Rabbi Baumann for teaching parsha to the Kindergarten children on Fridays. The children really look forward to his visits.

SHOFAR FACTORY

The Shofar Factory will be visiting the school on Tuesday, September 13.

NURSERY I & II- MOROT ETTIE & TAMI

The shofar in the Shul goes
Tu, tu, tu, tu, tu, tu
All Rosh Hashana long
(to the tune of "The Wheels On The Bus")

We started our unit on Rosh Hashana with a "big blast" - the blast of the shofar. What fun we had trying to make the special sounds of the shofar- Tekiah, Shevarim and Teruah. We learned that it is very important during Chodesh Elul to daven and do as many mitzvos as possible. Here in our Nursery we are trying to do many mitzvos such as giving tzedakah, sharing our toys with our new friends and saying a bracha before we eat. **Look for your child's mitzvah notes in the brown bags.** Please fill them out and return them to school.

The children also learned about the many minhagim associated with Rosh Hashana such as **blowing the shofar, eating tapuchim b'dvash as well as round challoos.**

Our favorite books this week were The Berenstain Bears And The Missing Honey by Stan and Jan Berenstain and Sammy Spider's First Rosh Hashana by Sylvia A. Rouss.

The yeladim in Nursery have adjusted beautifully to school. They are making new friends and are having fun exploring the classroom and outdoor play areas.



NURSERY I & II- MOROT NECHAMA & SUSAN

Welcome to our new Nursery class. We had an exciting week.

We started a unit on Feelings. We discussed with the children the various feelings that can be expressed such as being happy, angry, lonely or sad. The children were shown angry face and happy face pictures and then created their own happy and angry faces as well as "feelings journals."

In art, we made faces out of clay to express our many different feelings. The children listened to the stories I Was So Mad by Mercer Mayer, Feeling Sad by Joy Berry, Sometimes I Feel Like A Mouse and The Way I Feel by Janan Cain, How I Feel by Marcia Leonard and Nobody Asked If I Wanted A Baby by Martha Alexander.

During circle time, we learned the finger-play song "Happy Little Ball:"

I have a little ball (make hands like a ball)
It has a happy face (draw a smile on lips with fingers)
It rolls to me (point to yourself)
It rolls to you (point to your friend)
It rolls everywhere (outstretched arms)



PRE-KI & II- MOROT ETTIE & HEIDI

Welcome to Pre-K! We are busy getting comfortable in our new classrooms, making new friends and being reunited with our old classmates.

We discussed Chodesh Elul and are concentrating on doing mitzvos in preparation for Rosh Hashana,

We are learning about the concepts of Teshuva, Tefillah and Tzedakah. The children also learned how to recognize the various sounds of the Shofar. They are looking forward to the visit of the Shofar Factory next week.

Some of the stories that we listened to this week were The Very Best Place For A Penny and Yossi And Label Hot On The Trail both by Dina Rosenfeld.

We are looking forward to baking delicious, sweet honey cakes for Rosh Hashana next week.

Have a good Shabbos.

PRE-KI & II-MORAH JUDY

Pre-KI & II children are happily adjusting to their new routine. It was wonderful to welcome back friends from last year and to meet the new children.

Our first two weeks were all about becoming familiar with the Pre-K routines and rules. The children learned how to be responsible for classroom materials, how to transition to and from activities, how to be independent in the classroom setting and when to seek **the morah's assistance**.

Part of our routine this week also included practicing our listening skills. Our circle time activities introduced the children to the concepts of cooperation and patience as they listened to other children share information. On Fridays, we encourage the children to **bring in "show and tell" or to share a story with their classmates**.

The children made their own playdough. This activity enhanced many learning skills for the Pre-K group. They observed kitchen products come together to create a favorite playtime item-playdough. The light pink color reminded some children of bubble gum!

Joining our class daily was a puppet friend named **"Eyezak"**. **The children learned some of our classroom rules from Eyezak in a fun and silly way!**

It was an exciting adventure in our Pre-K classes this week.



KINDERGARTEN I, II & III- MOROT BERNEY & HEIDI

Our Kindergarten classes reverberated with the happy sounds of excited children entering a brand new world! The children adjusted easily to their morot, new rules and new routines. We wrote down and reviewed the rules. We also discussed that we need rules in order to have a better, safer environment for learning.

This week, a big event for the children was the **introduction of the "letterbooks."** They are beautiful to look at and very colorful. We started with the letter **"Cc" (K sound).** We practiced writing uppercase and lowercase **"Cc's"** and found many words beginning with the letter **"Cc."** You can reinforce this at home by **having your child find objects that begin with a "K"** sound. We heard stories such as Caps For Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina, Curious George by Margaret and H.A. Rey and Corduroy by Don Freeman. We even wrote book reports!

In **Social Studies**, we started a unit entitled **"All About Me."** We talked about what makes each of us unique. We discussed our similarities and differences-how each of us is part of a family unit, and yet each family is different and unique. This concept was carried even further in Science where we talked about our bodies and how each of us have different eyes, noses etc., and yet we all have similarities. Each of us is unique!



KINDERGARTEN I, II & III-MOROT BAYLA AND RENA

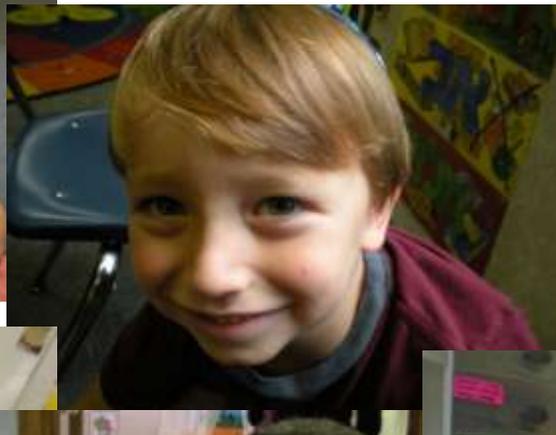
Bruchim Habaim L'Kitah Gan. We learned about the month of Elul and how we can grow closer to Hashem by doing mitzvos. We compared the shofar which we blow each day in Elul to an alarm clock waking us up to do Teshuva. Therefore, during the month of Elul we try to accumulate as many mitzvos as we can. Songs, projects, stories and hands-on experiences all created an exciting atmosphere for the upcoming Yom Tov of Rosh Hashana. Rosh Hashana is the birthday of the world which Hashem created during the Sheshes Yemei Bereishis.

In our listening center, the children enjoyed listening to the story of Shofy and Blowfy by Malkah Danzinger.

The Aleph Beis was introduced to the class this week. Aleph is a silent letter (like the ayin). It makes the sound of the nekudah underneath it. Emes was the midah that we stressed in conjunction with this letter. We learned an important lesson about telling the truth as we listened to the story Eli And The Little White Lie by Yaffa Ganz. We also stressed the importance of answering amen when we hear a Bracha.

For Parashas Ki Tzeisai, the yeladim learned about the importance of sending away a mother bird before we take the eggs (Shiluach Hakain). We made a **delicious edible bird's nest.** We also discussed the importance of making fences around unsafe places such as a swimming pool.





First Week In Pre-K





Kindergarten Fun!