

# Toras Emes E.C.E.

Parshas Va'era

January 20, 2012  
Candle Lighting 5:36 P.M.

## CALENDAR NOTES:

Mid-Winter Vacation– Monday, January 23-Friday, January 27. Classes resume Monday, January 30

Fire Truck to Visit E.C.E.– Thursday, February 2

Museum of Discovery and Science– Pre-K Classes– Tuesday, February 7

## KINDERGARTEN VISITS JUNGLE ISLAND

What an amazing trip the children had at Jungle Island. They saw three shows- Winged Wonders, Reptile Giants and Wild Encounters, visited the aviary, a **petting zoo and the children's playground**. Thank you to the parents who accompanied the children on this trip:

Mrs. Helene Gassner, Mrs. Sandra Getzel, Mrs. Tamar Goldenberg, Mrs. Moriah Libson, Mrs. Rimma Rubinov, Mrs. Amy Salzman, Mrs. Nehama Tzur and Mrs. Ana Wulwick

## MAZEL TOV:

Mr. Alexandre and Sigalit Oumanski on the birth of a daughter.

## PARSHA WITH THE PRINCIPAL

**Rabbi Baumann's weekly Parshas HaShavua class** takes place every Thursday, 8:45-9:30 a.m. in the main office. All are welcome to attend.

## VACATION POINTS OF INTEREST

We once again thank the E.C.E.. Staff and especially **Mrs. Bryna Roth for preparing the comprehensive "Guide to South Florida Attractions"**, listing places to enjoy with your children during the vacation. Please ask your children for the booklet.

## READ ALOUD

The Nursery children prepared muffins based on the story If You Give A Moose A Muffin by Laura Numeroff. Both afternoon Nursery classes prepared ice cream cones after listening to the story How Do I Love You by P.K. Hallinan. The Pre-K children prepared corn based on the story Frederick by Leo Lionni and the kindergartens prepared pancakes after listening to the story Pancakes, Pancakes by Eric Carle.

On Tuesday, the mothers came to school dressed in costumes and read to the children. Thank you to:

Mrs. Ahuva Druin, Yochanan Gittleson, Mrs. Racheli Grossman, Dr. Deborah Lerer, Mrs. Bryna Roth, Mrs. Amy Salzman, Mrs. Arin Taillard, Mrs. Stacey Waldman and Mrs. Deborah Zisquit

Wednesday was pajama day. The children came to school wearing their pajamas. They crawled under the tables holding their flashlights, read books and ate potato chips. A great time was had by one and all.

## THANK YOU:

Mr. Jacob and Liat Attia for donating a book to the Pre-KI class in honor of their new baby daughter.

Rabbi Naftali and Naomi Lefkowitz for donating educational **equipment to the Nursery II class in honor of Miri's fourth birthday.**

## SAVE THE DATE!!!

Yeshiva Toras Chaim/  
Toras Emes  
8th Annual Chinese Auction  
Sunday, May 6, 2012

NURSERY I & II- MOROT ETTIE & TAMI

For Parashas Va'era, we talked about Pharaoh's refusal to let B'nei Yisroel leave Mitzraim and the ten makkos which Hashem brought upon the Mitzrim as punishment for this refusal. The children were fascinated to hear how everything which the Mitzrim tried to drink turned to blood while everything which B'nei Yisroel drank stayed fresh and clear. We had a wonderful time acting out the effect of makkas tzefardaya on the Mitzrim and enjoyed singing the song "One Morning When Pharaoh Awoke In His Bed."

One morning when Pharaoh awoke in his bed  
There were frogs on his head  
And frogs in his bed  
Frogs on his nose and frogs on his toes  
Frogs here, frogs there  
Frogs were jumping everywhere.

The excitement of our "Read Aloud" program continues. On Thursday, Nursery had lots of fun listening to the story If You Give A Mouse A Muffin by Laura Numeroff. After we heard the story, we baked delicious chocolate chip cookies.

Rhyming words was another literacy activity. We had a great time listening to many rhyming stories.

NURSERY I & II- MOROT NECHAMA & SUSAN

The Favorite Author program was the focus of our week's activities. The concept of rhyming words was reviewed this week in conjunction with this program. We made a rhyming chart and learned several new rhyming phrases such as "Mr. Belly likes bread and jelly," "Mr. Clutter likes peanut butter" and "Mr. Meat likes bread and meat."

Our class author was P.K. Hallinan. We listened to several stories by this author. Our favorite stories were: We're Very Good Friends My Grandmother And I and How Do I Love You. In the latter story, the two friends prepare ice cream cones. Our children also created their own ice cream cones which they enjoyed eating.

We learned a new friendship rhyming song "Wiggle Your Fingers."

Wiggle your fingers (2x)  
(wiggle fingers)  
Shake your fingers so  
(shake fingers)  
Stretch your fingers so  
(stretch fingers)  
Stretch them out  
(stretch out your hands)  
Touch your friend  
(touch your friend)  
**And he'll be glad I know**  
(clap hands)

PRE-KI & II- MOROT ETTIE & HEIDI

**For Parashas Va'era, we learned about the first seven makkos and the reaction of Paroh to these makkos.** The children were amazed to learn that Paroh hardened his heart and did not let the Jews leave Mitzrayim even though he was getting such terrible punishments. We discussed why the first three makkos were initiated by Aharon and not by Moshe. We learned that we have to show appreciation and sensitivity to anyone who performs a kindness for us.

Our letter of the week was ל . The following words were added to our milon:

ליצן  
לולב  
לב  
לביבה  
לשון  
לימון  
לבן

Our Shabbos unit continued to be the focus of **our week's activities.** The children are very busy creating sand candlesticks and beautiful challah covers.

Some of the books that we read this week were Shabbos Treats That Grew by Yaffa Gottlieb and Joseph Who Loved Shabbos by Marilyn Hirsch.

PRE-KI & II-MORAH JUDY

This week, the Pre-K children continued their adventures with their favorite author, Leo Lionni. We listened to the book Frederick and prepared corn on the cob just as Frederick did. The children enjoyed acting out the story of Frederick, a mouse who gathers and stores food for the winter. Another literacy activity which **we engaged in to enhance our "Famous Authors" unit** was a Costume Day. Mothers came dressed as familiar storybook characters. They read favorite stories to the children. The most fun was our Pajama Day Party. The children chose their favorite Leo Lionni characters to create into puppets. They had lots of fun acting out their own stories with their puppets.

We completed our unit on Famous Artists. The children are now preparing a portfolio to share with their families. They are so proud of their creations and techniques.

**Our letter of the week was "Ff". Of course, Frederick was one of our favorite "Ff" words.** Some other words the children sounded out were fish (as in Fish Fish by Leo Lionni), flat, face, five, fruit, four, fun, frog and flip.

KINDERGARTEN I, II & III-MOROT BAYLA AND RENA

We continued our unit on Brachos. Almonds, pistachios, cashews, olives, apricots, peaches and plums joined their friends the apples, oranges, grapefruits, kiwis and more to form the **Boreh Pri Ha'etz group.**

French fries, baked beans, melon and crispy, colorful peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers, pickles and more were just some **of the interesting vegetables that joined the Borei Pri Ha'adama group.** We marveled at the miracle of a seed growing into a vegetable; each one packaged into a colorful wrapping to protect the fruit or vegetable. Thank you for sending in the food for our Bracha snacks.

This week, the featured story in our listening center was Shimmee And The Taste Me Tree by Sheindel Weinbach.

We continued to review the ossiyos and nekudos we have learned thus far. We are excited to see how many words we are able to read.

**For Parashas Va'era, we made a Mitzri covered with the makkos that were discussed in this week's parsha. We learned that Hashem will always punish our enemies and help Am Yisrael if we do the mitzvos and daven to Hashem.**

In Project Derech, we learned that it is wrong to argue with a parent. (However, if you are accused by mistake, you may ask: **"Father/Mother, may I explain?"**)

We reviewed all the Hebrew vocabulary in our unit on ochel.

KINDERGARTEN I, II & III- MOROT BERNEY & HEIDI

We had such a happy time with the letter **"Hh" that we held it over for another week.** Baruch Hashem, our reading skills are getting better and **better each day. It's amazing how much we've learned since the beginning of Kindergarten.** Among the many books that we heard this week was A House Is A House For Me by Mary Ann Hoberman. It was a book that really got our **imagination working . We continued our "Read Aloud" program and were so excited when some mothers came to school dressed in costumes.** We enjoyed hearing all of the books that they read. We loved our pretend sleepover at school when we came in our nightshirts or pajamas. We continued reading books by Eric Carle including his book Pancakes Pancakes. After hearing the story, we of course, had to make and eat pancakes.

During the week, we learned about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We talked about his dream for the world-that when his children would become adults, the world would be a better place for all people, no matter what color their skin was.

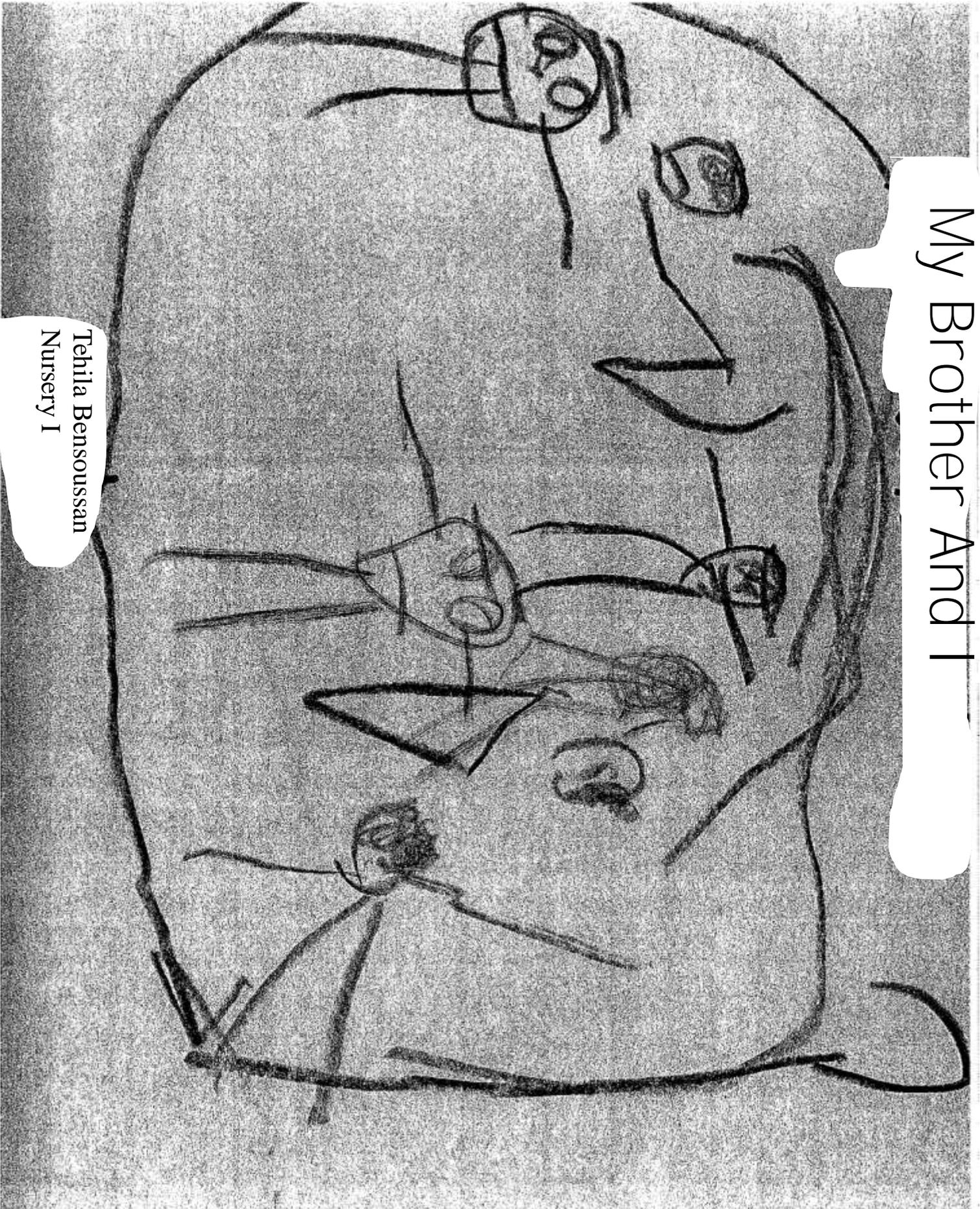
With all of our exciting activities this week, the highlight was our trip to Jungle Island.

Have a good Shabbos and a happy, healthy, wonderful vacation!

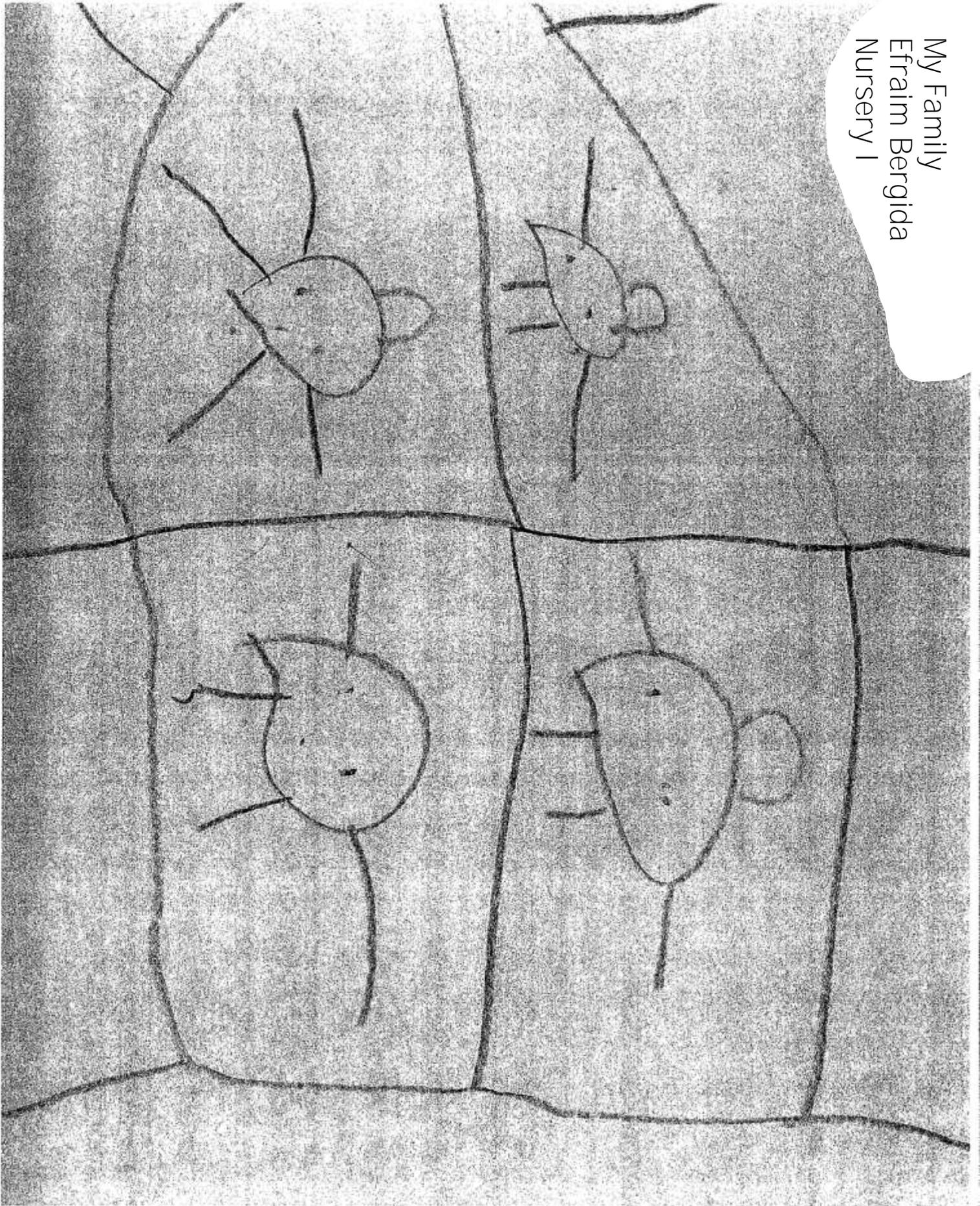


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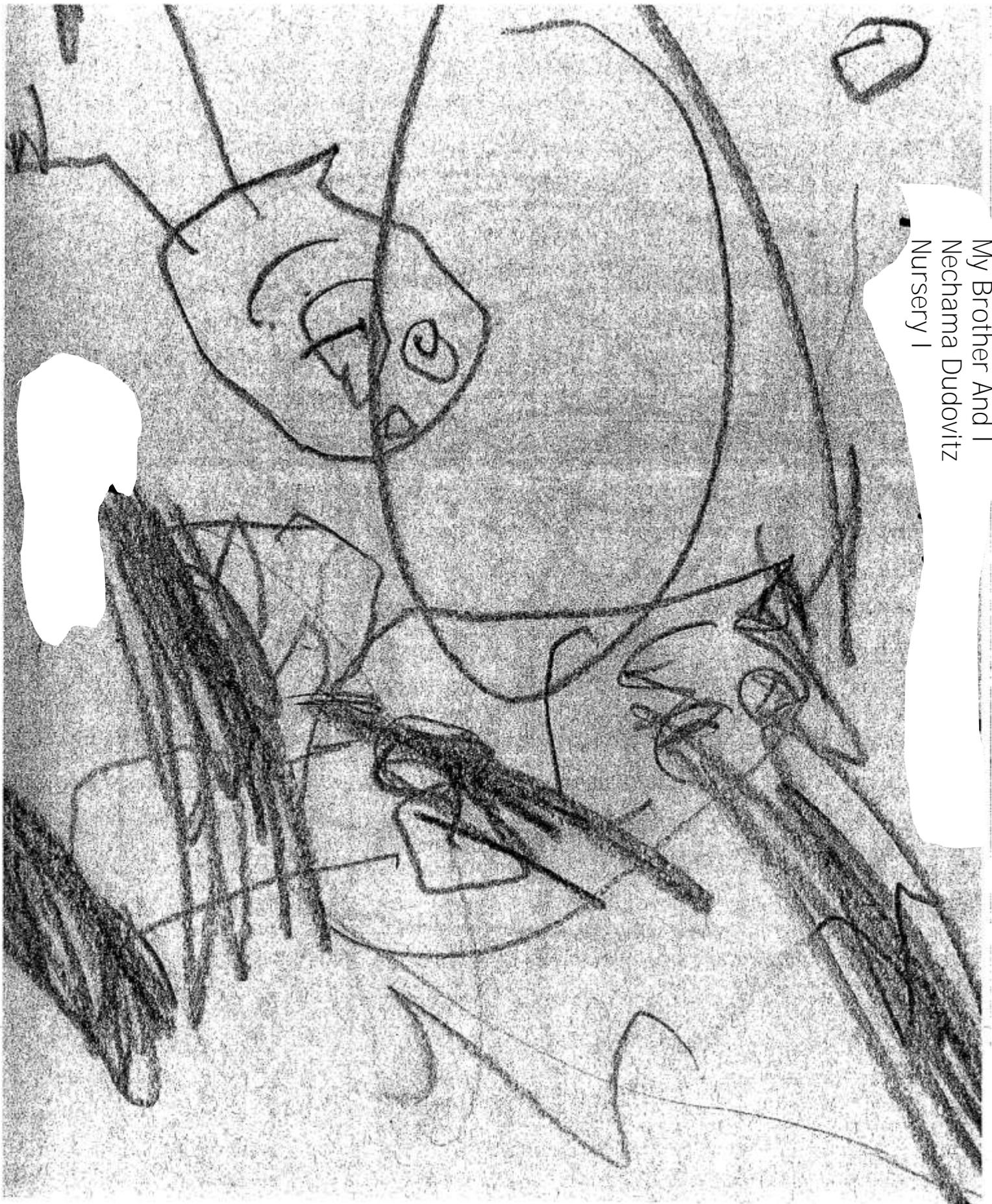
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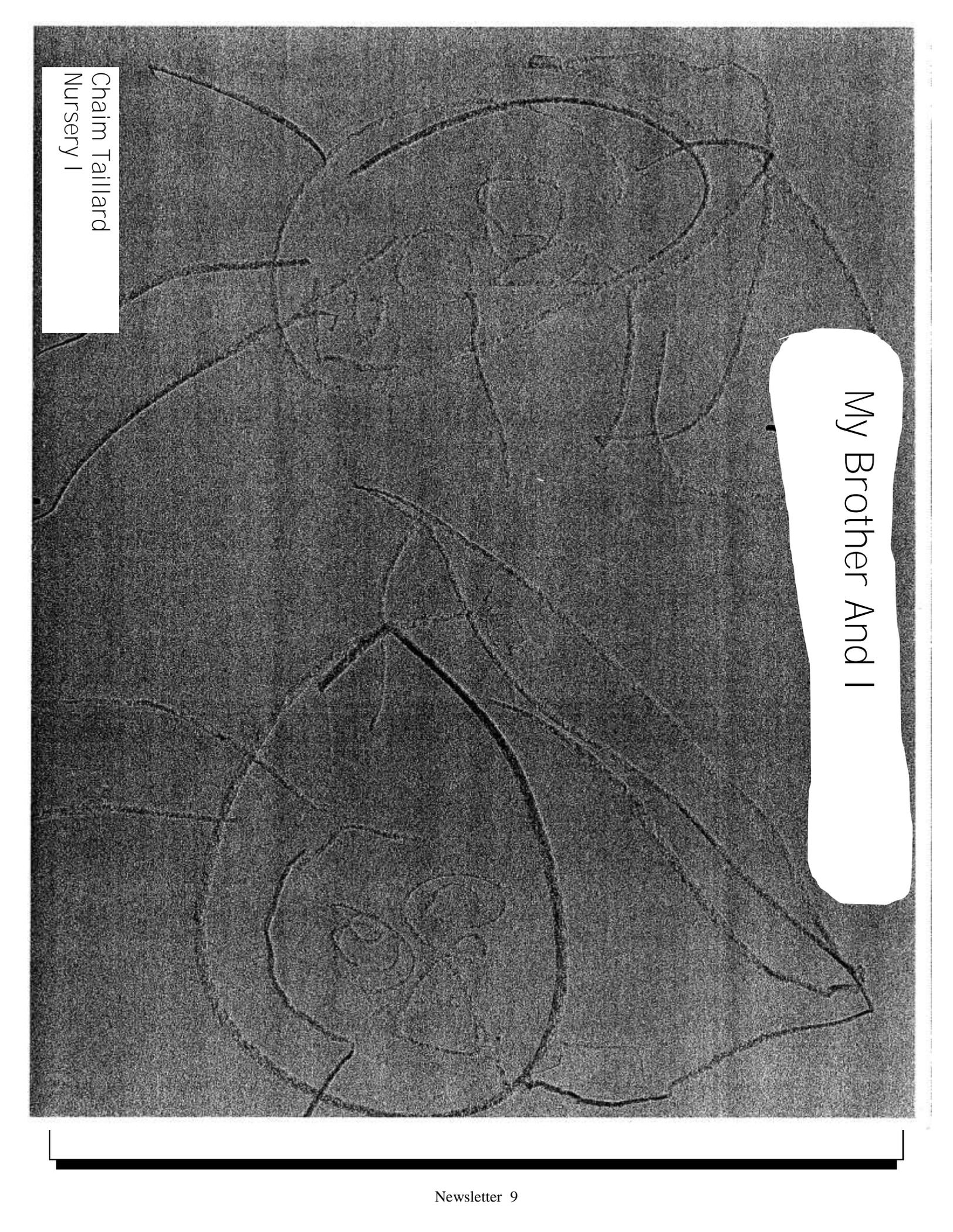


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Nursery I



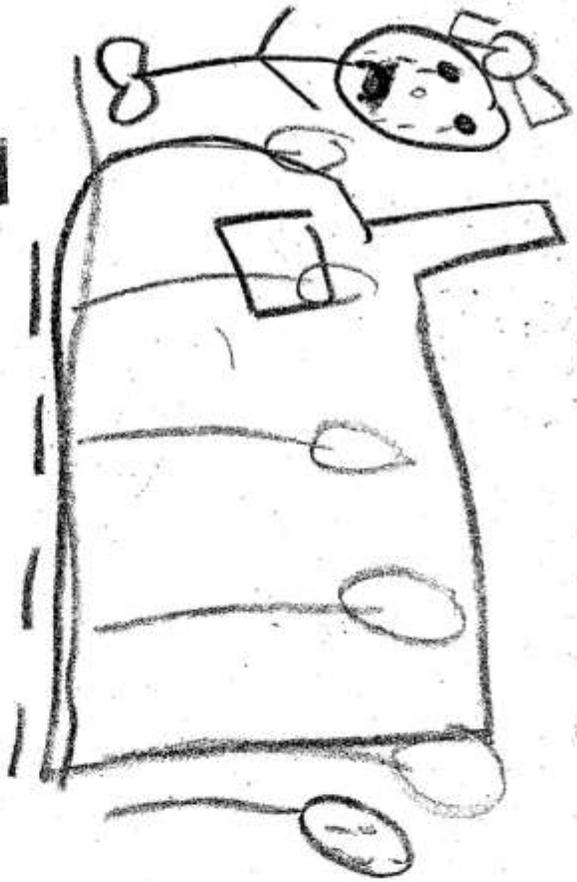
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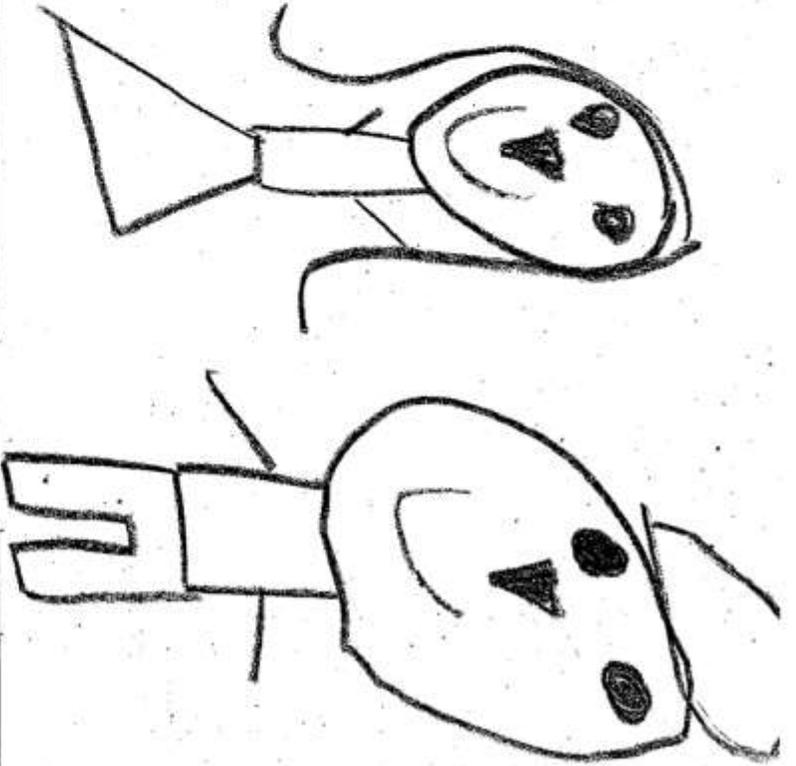


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Nursery I



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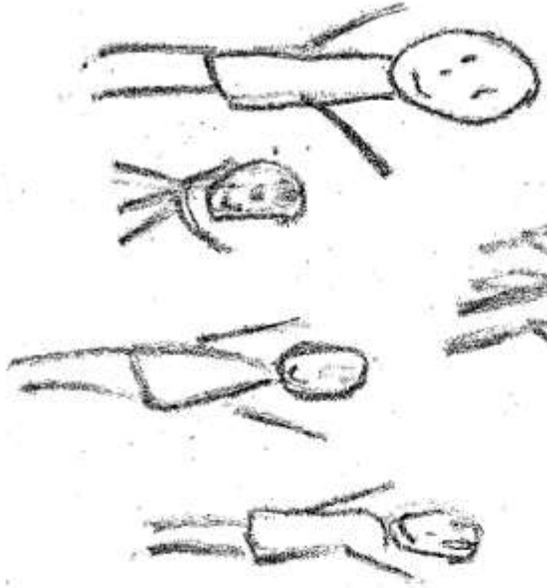


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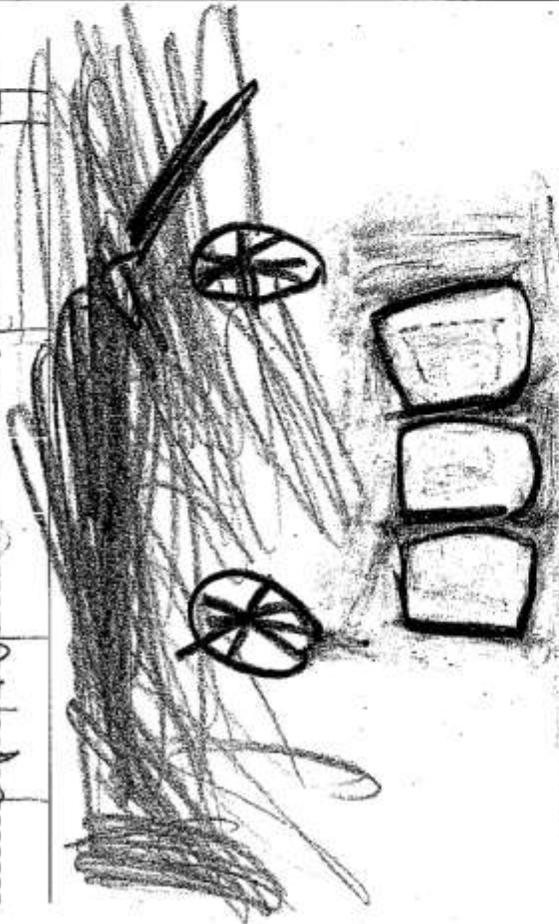


Dr. Martin Luther

King Jr. wanted

everyman to be free.

SCHOOL BUS



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