

Toras Emes E.C.E.

Parshas Vayechi

January 6, 2012
Candle Lighting 5:25P.M.

CONFERENCE NIGHTS

JANUARY 11

NI, NII, PRE-KII & KIII

JANUARY 17

PRE-KI, KI & KII

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

MAZEL TOV

Mr. Jacob and Liat Attia on the birth of a daughter

Rabbi Yossi and Bayla Biston on the engagement of their son Yechiel to Chani Barbar of Melbourne, Australia.

Rabbi Bentzion and Rachel Chait on the engagement of their daughter Rananah to Avraham Moshe Ackerman of Kew Gardens Hills.

Mr. Gil and Vered Zaig on the birth of a daughter.

THANK YOU

Dr. Joseph and Mrs. Charna Zeitouni for donating educational equipment to the KII class in honor of Sarah **Malkah's sixth birthday**

CALENDAR NOTES:

Kindergarten Trip to Jungle Island– Thursday, January 19. Please call the school office if you would like to accompany the children on this trip.

WELCOME TO:

Gavriel Winter who has joined the Nursery I class.

We hope everyone will come early and enjoy the delightful food and company at the smorgasbord. We will daven Maariv at 6:45 and begin the program immediately after.

This Sunday Night!

January 8, 2012

6:00 p.m.

Jungle Island
27th Annual Dinner

Honoring

Mr. & Mrs. Irving & Roslyn Seidel ע"ה
Harbatzas Hatorah Award

Rabbi & Mrs. Dovid Sharfman

Young Leadership award

Mr. & Mrs. Chaim Roth

It's hard to believe that our journal campaign has come to a close. We thank you all for your efforts and look forward to seeing you all on Sunday evening as we pay tribute to our most worthy honorees. If you have not yet made your reservations and/or communicated your seating preference, please do so ASAP by calling us at [305-944-5344 x 223](tel:305-944-5344), or by emailing us at dinner@ytcteam.org

DIRECTIONS TO JUNGLE ISLAND

Jungle Island is located at 1111 Parrot Jungle Trail, off I-395 (MacArthur Causeway), between Downtown Miami and South Beach.

From I-95

Take I-395 East (MacArthur Causeway) exit 2D. Cross over the bridge and make your first right after the bridge onto Parrot Jungle Trail. Follow the road around and under the bridge to the parking garage on the left-hand side.

From the East (Miami Beach)

Take I-395 West (MacArthur Causeway), and make the first right turn after Palm Island, next to the Miami Yacht Club. Make the first left turn onto Parrot Jungle Trail and the parking garage will be on the right-hand side.

NURSERY I & II- MOROT ETTIE & TAMI

This week, we began a unit on Winter. We talked about the different kinds of clothing worn during cold weather and sang a song about a snowman.

Let's Build a Snowman

Let's build a snowman

With a funny hat

Carrot in his nose

And he's big and fat

Cookies in his eyes

Come let's play

When the sun comes out

He'll melt away

We made our snowmen, decorated them with funny hats and listened to the stories Snowy Day by Jack Ezra Keats and Sadie And The Snowmen by Allen Morgen. We also had so much fun drinking hot cocoa.

Many new Hebrew vocabulary words and phrases on the topic of winter were taught to the children;

חורף, שלג
אני לובש מעיל
יש לי כפפות
אני נועל מגפיים
יש לי צעיף
כובע על הראש
קר מאד בחוץ

A Hebrew Language Unit featuring food vocabulary was also introduced this week. Included in this unit are the following sentences;

יש לי תפוח
יש לי בננה
אני אוכל תפוז
אני אוכלת תפוח
על השלחן יש חלה

For Parashas Vayechi, the children acted out the story of Yaakov Avinu blessing Ephraim and **Menashe and learned the tefillah "Hamalach Hagoel."** We made bedtime pictures featuring this tefillah as our parsha project.

NURSERY I & II- MOROT NECHAMA & SUSAN

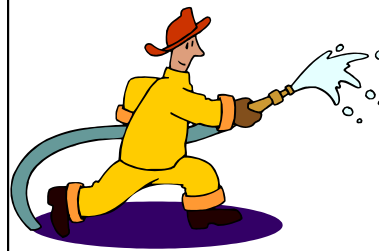
Our unit on Community Helpers was so much fun. The children really enjoyed learning about policemen, firefighters, mail carriers, doctors, dentists and teachers.

At the art center, the children created a fire hat, a fire station and a fire truck.

We listened to several stories about community helpers such as Curious George Visits The Fire House, Curious George Visits The Police Station both by Margaret and H.A. Rey, My Friend The Teacher and My Friend The Firefighter by Leslie Eckard, A Day In The Life of a Firefighter by Linda Hayward and The Berenstain Bears Visit The Dentist by Stan and Jan Berenstain.

All the fire safety rules that we had learned previously were reviewed this week. The children were taught not to play with matches, and not to go near a stove or oven. **They also practiced how to "Stop, Drop and Roll."**

During our math center, we started learning the concept of patterning. We used unifix cubes and parquetry blocks to make several patterns. We also made bracelets using patterns.



PRE-KI & II- MOROT ETTIE & HEIDI

In Parashas Vayechi, we learned about the brachos that Yaakov gave to his grandsons. We spoke about Yaakov crossing his hands over the heads of Menashe and Ephraim when he gave them their special brachos. We discussed the many mitzvos that we do **with our hands. We sang the tefillah "Hamalach Hagoel"** and discussed the brachos that parents give their children on Friday night at the Shabbos table.

This week, the letter yud was introduced. Some of the words that we learned were:

ילד
ילדה
ירח
יד
יום
יום הולדת
יין

The children had fun tracing their **ידיים** for their aleph-bais books.

A new unit on Shabbos was started this week. We learned that on Shabbos, when we want to hello to **people we say: "Shabbat Shalom Ima," Shabbat Shalom Abba" and "Shabbat Shalom Yeladim."** Some of the books that we read this week were: Is It Shabbos Yet? by Ellen Emerman, Sammy Spider's First Shabbos by Sylvia Rouss, Hurry, Friday is a Short Day by Yeshara Gold and Way Too Much Challah Dough by Goldie Shulman.

We discussed Maaseh Beraishis and how Hashem rested on the seventh day. We talked about the kedusha of Shabbos and how we prepare ourselves **and our homes for Shabbos. Any books, tapes or CD's** about Shabbos would be welcome in our classroom.

For our Hebrew Language Program, D'Vash V'Chalav, a unit featuring food vocabulary was introduced to the children. Included in this unit were the following phrases:

יש לי תפוח, יש לי תפוז
על השלחן לחם
על השלחן הלה
אני אוכל תפוח
אני אוכלת תפוז

For Asarah B'Teves, we learned that this day is a fast day which commemorates the beginning of the destruction of the Bais Hamikdash.

PRE-KI & II-MORAH JUDY

We continued to work on our unit on "Famous Artists." They learned about the artistic styles of Pollock, Mondrian, Monet and Seurat. This week, paintings featuring the artistic style of Matisse were presented to the children. They explored the unique use of shapes to create collages and created interesting designs by overlapping pieces of paper and materials. The children **were fascinated to hear the story of Henri Matisse's life** as a boy in France. Matisse became interested in art after he was bedridden and observed the patterns in his bedroom while he was recovering. He enjoyed combining shapes from many patterns to create **masterpieces. Some words associated with Matisse's** techniques are: overlap, design, pattern and bold colors.

The Pre-K II children enjoyed a visit from Dr. **and Mrs. Turner in honor of the letter "Dd."** Doctor Turner showed the children how he uses his instruments to give people check-ups. Mrs. Turner read the story Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr. which features all the letters of the alphabet. Daniella, their daughter, brought in her pretend pet dog. The children **sounded out many "Dd" words during the visit such as** Daniella, do, dad, daughter, delighted and as a finale, they all received a donut from Dr. and Mrs. Turner. Mrs. Turner declared that now the children were ready to go **on to the letter "Ee".**

Our new letter of the week was "Ee." The children sounded out words such as eggs, elephant, Esther, empty and exit. We ventured out into the cold to find many exit signs around the school.

A favorite "Raffi" counting song that we sang for the letter "Ee" was "One Elephant Went Out To Play".

One elephant went out to play
On a spider's web one day
He had such enormous fun
That he asked another elephant to come.

Each time a new elephant is added, another child joined the circle. It was enormous fun!

Favorite books this week were Meet The Artists by Elizabeth And Larry by Marilyn Sadler, Eggs Marks The Spot by Mary Jane Auch, Emma's Pet by David McPhail and Emma's Rug by Allen Say.

KINDERGARTEN I, II & III-MOROT BAYLA AND RENA

We started a fun and delicious unit on Ochel and Brachos. We discussed the importance of thanking Hashem for the many wonderful things that He gives us. We focused on the brachos “Boreh Pri Hagafen” and “Hamotzi Lechem Min Ha’aretz.” We made a beautiful Hamotzi project and created wine bottle necklaces in honor of the bracha of Hagafen. We integrated the Bracha unit with our D’vash V’Chalav program. We learned the phrases:

יש לי תפוח
יש לי תפוז
יש לי חלה
יש לי בננה
יש לי ביצה
על השלחן תפוח
על השלחן תפוז
אני אוכל תפוח
אני אוכלת תפוז
מי רוצה לחם
מי רוצה יין

Little Yud, the smallest letter, came to our class this week. He showed the children how the name of Hashem appears as a double yud in the Torah and in Siddurim. We need to be careful how we treat sefarim because they have the name of Hashem in them which makes them kadosh.

For Parashas Vayechi, the children acted out the story of Yaakov Avinu blessing Ephraim and Menashe and sang the tefillah “Hamalach Hagoel.” We also discussed the brachos which Yaakov gave to his children-the twelve shevatim.

We hope that all of the children are going to be in shul this Shabbos so they can sing “Chazak, Chazak V’Nischazek” when Sefer Beraishis is completed.

We discussed Asara B’Teves which commemorates the beginning of the destruction of the Bais Hamikdash.

In Project Derech, we learned that it is wrong to shame any person, especially a teacher or someone who is older. (However, if it is important to correct a mistake, you may ask a question in a way that they will not be embarrassed.)

KINDERGARTEN I, II & III- MOROT BERNEY & HEIDI

What an extraordinary week our kindergartners had-one filled with so many exciting activities! “Ee” was our letter of the week. The children are very excited about expanding their reading vocabularies. Some of the new word families we learned were led, Ted, fed, sled; sell, tell, fell; and get, set and let. We read our second story entitled “Ed’s Sled” and learned the rule of apostrophe s. We now know that the apostrophe shows possession. We retold the story by putting pictures in their correct sequence.

Other “Ee” activities we did during the week were doing exercises and flexing our muscles, making envelopes and writing language experience stories. We listened to the stories Elephant Baby by Ann McGovern and Babar The Elephant by Jean De Brunhoff. We really learned many exciting facts about elephants, the largest land animals. We learned that when we make a mistake, we are making an error. We also heard poems about escalators, elves and elephants by Laura E. Richards.

In honor of the letter “Ee”, we played a game called “scrambled eggs.” We read sentences on the board that were scrambled. We had to unscramble them. The first word was underlined. For example: flag The is flat (The flag is flat.)

We are continuing to work in our math booklets where we are focusing on writing the numbers 7-10 and working on number combinations.

In journal writing, we reinforced the concept of using ‘s to show the possession of something.

We are continuing our unit on feelings and being sensitive to one another. Some books that we read were Feelings To Share by Todd and Peggy Snow, Sometimes I’m Afraid by Jane Watson and Sometimes I Feel Like A Mouse by Jane Modesitt.





"Dd" is for Doctor

*27th Annual Dinner & Journal Campaign
Journal Update January 5, 2012*

*Harbotzas HaTorah Award
Rabbi & Mrs. David & Shifra Sharfman
Mashgiach Ruchani, Bais Medrash Zichron Ezra*

*Honoring
Mr. & Mrs. Irving & Roslyn Seidel ז"ל
Beloved Parents of Mrs. Deborah S. Chames &
Mrs. Shira S. Westreich*

*Young Leadership Award
Mr. & Mrs. Chaim & Bryna Roth
In Loving Memory of their Beloved Father
R' Reuven Yisroel Ben Chaim Hirsch Roth ז"ל*

Campaign Goal \$1,000,000 Raised to date \$676,500.00

*We thank all parents who participated in this campaign by placing
their personal ad and by soliciting friends, family and business
acquaintances.*

*We look forward to having all our parents attend the dinner
Sunday, January 8th at the Treetop Ballroom at Jungle Island.
If you haven't already made your dinner reservations please call
our administrative offices at 305-944-5344 Ext 223 or email
us at ads@ytcteam.org*

Thanks again for all your help and have a great Shabbos!