

Toras Emes E.C.E.

Parshas Beshalach
Shabbos Shira

February 3 2012
Candle Lighting 5:46 P.M.

CALENDAR NOTES:

Museum of Discovery and Science—
Pre-K Classes— Tuesday, February 7. Please dress your children in their Toras Emes T-shirts. All children should wear sneakers on the trip.

Rabbi Yossi Heber Day— Friday, February 10— NO SCHOOL

THANK YOU:

Mr. Ari and Malka Feldman for donating educational equipment to the Pre-KII class in honor of Leora's fifth birthday.

Mr. Binyomin and Chani Richmond for donating educational equipment to the Kindergarten II class in honor of Shira's sixth birthday.

FIRE TRUCK DEMONSTRATION

A fascinating program on fire safety was presented to the children by the Miami Dade Fire Department on Thursday. The firemen spoke to the children about the importance of having fire extinguishers and smoke detectors in their homes and reviewed with them the concept of "stop, drop and roll."

They demonstrated the procedures that they follow when they rescue people from fires and showed them all the equipment in their fire trucks.

It was a very informative program for the children. Please make sure that you have a fire extinguisher and a smoke detector in your home and review the fire safety concepts with your children.

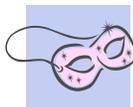
NICHUM AVEILIM:

Mr. Mayer Rosenberg on the loss of his father, Mr. Moshe Rosenberg. Mr. Rosenberg will be sitting Shiva in New York and returning to North Miami Beach on Monday, evening, February 6. Shiva will continue through Wednesday morning at 1320 NE 172nd Street. Mr. Rosenberg can be reached in Miami at 305-651-0115.

Calling All Women

Pre-Purim Spectacular Event
Wednesday, February 15

Please see the attached flyer and check your mailboxes for invitations



MAZEL TOV:

Rabbi Moshe and Rena Gruenstein on the engagement of their son Yaakov to Miriam Metchik of Boston

Dr. Eddie and Zelda Zemel on the marriage of their son Chaim to Basya Gruman of L.A.

TU B'SHEVAT

This month, the Early childhood program is beginning an **integrated unit for Tu B'Shevat**. The children will be planting seeds, doing various experiments with plants, learning about the Shivat Haminim and discussing how Tu B'Shevat is celebrated in America and in Israel. Our arts and crafts projects will also center around plants, seeds and trees. The kindergarten classes will be planting an outdoor vegetable garden.



SAVE THE DATE!!!

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



FAMILY FUN DAY

Please note that Family Fun Day has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 19 and will NOT take place this Sunday. We are looking forward to a terrific day filled with family fun, fabulous food and great games and sports activities.

NURSERY I & II- MOROT ETTIE & TAMI

A new unit on plants and seeds was started this week in preparation for Tu B'Shevat. We talked about the different parts of a plant; the roots, stems, leaves and flowers. We learned that a healthy plant needs air, sun and water to grow. To help us understand these concepts, we planted lima beans in soil and in a wet paper towel. We are eagerly awaiting the sprouting of the roots and the stems. We also learned about the different parts of a tree; the trunk, branches and leaves. We also discussed how Tu B'Shevat is celebrated in Eretz Yisroel and learned that Hashem gave the gift of beauty to this special land. Although Eretz Yisroel is so small, Hashem gave it nine tenths of all the beauty in the world, while the rest of the world has only one tenth.

We listened to the stories The Carrot Seed by Ruth Kraus, A Tree Full Of Mitzvos by Dina Rosenfeld and The Secret Of The Leaves by Esther Van Handel.

For Parashas B'Shalach, we learned about the many "nissim" connected with Yetzias Mitzrayim and Krias Yam Suf.

For Shabbos Shira, we made a special bird feeder.

As we continued our unit on Shabos, the following phrases were taught to the children:

נרות על השלחן
חלה על השלחן
יין על השלחן
אבא אוכל חלה
אמא אוכלת חלה
אמא מדליקה נרות
אבא עושה קדוש



NURSERY I & II- MOROT NECHAMA & SUSAN

This week, we began a new unit on The Family. We talked about our mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers and even our grandmothers and grandfathers. The class enjoyed listening to the stories The Family-Children by Marcia Ruis, Grandfather Twilight by Barbara Berger and We're Very Good Friends by P.K. Hallinan. We created paintings and postcards depicting members of our families. We also made paper doll puppets.

Our dramatic play area was set up as a family room this week. The children enjoyed preparing pretend meals, sweeping the floors and reading stories to each other. The song "Are You Sleeping" was introduced this week. The children took turns selecting which sibling they would like to wake up.

Are You Sleeping

Are you sleeping (2x)

Brother (insert name) (2x)

I would like to play with you (2x)

Please wake up (2x)

PRE-KI & II- MOROT ETTIE & HEIDI

In honor of Tu B'Shevat, we talked about the importance of trees and plants and how we need to take good care of them. We listened to the stories A Tree Full Of Mitzvos by Dina Rosenfeld, A Tree Is Nice by Janice Udry and I Am A Tree by Jose Sanchez. We learned about the Shivas Haminim, and looked at beautiful photographs depicting these foods. We also discussed how Tu B'Shevat is celebrated in Eretz Yisroel.

I wish I were an airplane
I'd fly across the sea
I'd fly to Eretz Yisroel
And there I'd plant a tree
For Tu Tu Tu Tu B'Shevat (3x)
For Tu B'Shevat.

The letter מ was introduced this week. We learned many words which begin with this letter such as:

מורה	מלך
מזוזה	מעגל
מעיל	מזלג
מגפים	מלכה
מלח	מים

For Tu B'Shevat, the following phrases were taught:

איפה הפרות? הפרות על העץ
איפה העץ? העץ על האדמה
הגשם יורד על האדמה
השמש זורחת בשמים

Parashas B'Shalach was very exciting for the children.

They were amazed to hear about the many nissim that took place during Kriyas Yam Suf. They learned how Hashem provided for Bnei Yisroel with the "Ananei Hakavod" and the "mun" as they traveled through the midbar.

For Shabbos Shira, the children had a lot of fun making an edible bird feeder.

In conjunction with our unit on Shabbos, the following phrases were taught:

נרות על השלחן
חלה על השלחן
יין על השלחן
אבא אוכל חלה
אמא אוכלת חלה
אמא מדליקה נרות
אבא עושה קדוש
אבא שותה יין
אמא שותה יין

PRE-KI & II-MORAH JUDY

This week, the Pre-K children were introduced to a new unit about Plants and Seeds. They planted their own seeds and will observe the process of growth from seedlings to plants. The children enjoyed pretending to be the little seeds that grew into the large trees of the forest. They stretched their hands and feet as they simulated the growth of trees. They also danced to the music of "Kings and Queens of the Forest" by Kira Willey. Thank you to Leora Feldman's family for donating this wonderful movement and music CD to our Pre-K class.

We reviewed the letters A-F this week, and participated in repeating stories and poems that emphasize the sounds of these letters.

Our art activities included creating flowers out of various colors and shapes. The children were so excited to create their own flowers.

We also counted and sorted seeds. With the use of a magnifying glass, we were able to see the shapes of the tiny seeds and decided how to sort each one properly. Some shapes that the children discovered were round and others were oval. Some of the seeds were flat and some were raised or bumpy.

The songs that we learned this week were "Everything Grows and Grows" by Rafi and "I Am An Apple Tree" by Kira Willey. Books that we read were The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein, The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle, Where Does your Garden Grow by Augusta Golden and I Love Bugs by Steve Parker.



KINDERGARTEN I, II & III-MOROT BAYLA AND RENA

It was great seeing all of our friends and Morahs as we returned to school this week. We discovered that we are now in Chodesh Shevat so we promptly began a unit on Tu B'shevat. The yeladim planted seeds which they are watering and carefully nurturing as they anxiously wait for them to sprout.

For Parshat B'Shalach, we felt as if we were actually leaving Mitzraim with dough on our backs. We learned many beautiful midrashim of how Hashem took care of Am Yisroel as they crossed the Yam Suf and how Hashem provided the mun for them in the midbar. We also learned that we use lechem mishneh at our Shabbos table because of the double portion of the mun that was left for Bnei Yisroel on Fridays. This Shabbos, as we all know, is Shabbos Shira. We enjoyed making bird feeders as we discussed the importance of Hakaras Hatov.

As we culminated our bracha unit with the bracha of Shehakol Nihiyeh Bidvaro, we are definitely **seeing a big change in the children's awareness of the importance of saying the proper bracha out loud.** We learned that the bracha of Shehakol is said on everything that DOES NOT GROW! Chicken, meat, eggs, fish, cheese and drinks all fall in this category but **let's not forget all the candy, chocolate, and ice cream too! Each week our brachos snacks were "the best yet."** Our parties have been a terrific hands-on experience to help us remember each individual bracha. Thank you for sending in the different food items each week. Working together has really benefitted our children. Thank you for your continuous cooperation.

We scored a triple header this week with our aleph-beis program as we welcomed the letters kaf-כ, chaf-כּ, and chaf sofis-ך to our class this week. Even though the kaf and chaf look like beis-ב and veis-בּ, we all noticed how the kaf and chaf are cut off on the bottom **and they do not have a "boat" on the bottom.**

In Project Derech, we learned that it is a mitzvah **not to disobey or say "no" to a parent. However, if you think that an error was made, you may ask politely in a questioning way; such as, "Mother, is it possible that...?"**

KINDERGARTEN I, II & III- MOROT BERNEY & HEIDI

Everyone was excited to be back after vacation and to share their adventures with their friends. Our letterbook this week featured the last of our five vowels- the "Uu". **We were amazed at how we could change the vowel in a word and came up with an entirely new word- cat, cot, cut, hit, hat, hot, hut etc.** In our letterbooks, we read the story Tug. We are really getting better at reading. Please review the stories in the letterbooks over the weekend.

In honor of the letter "Uu," we made umbrellas and listened to the story The Ugly Duckling by Hans Christian Anderson. In journal time, we asked each child to complete the sentence- **"I am unhappy when..."**

In honor of Tu B'Shevat, we began a new unit on plants and seeds. It is miraculous to see how a tiny seed can turn into a vegetable, plant or tree. We learned that plants come in different sizes, shapes and colors and that each part of a plant has a different function. Among the books we read were The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss and A Seed Is A Promise by Claire Merrill.

A new math unit on measurement was introduced. The children practiced ordering objects by different lengths, measuring the length of an object using snap cubes and unifix cubes and they practiced estimating or guessing how long an object is.

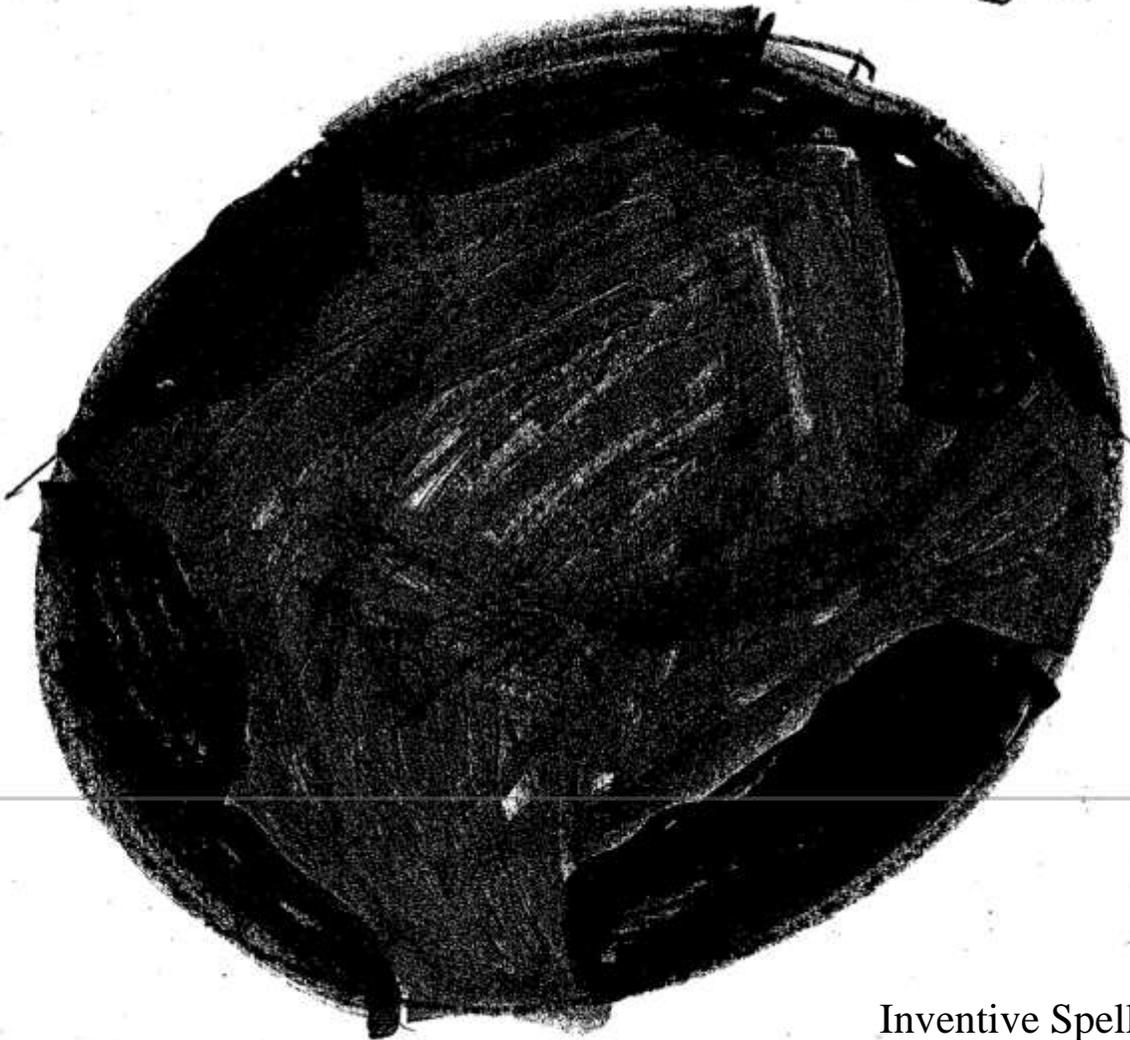




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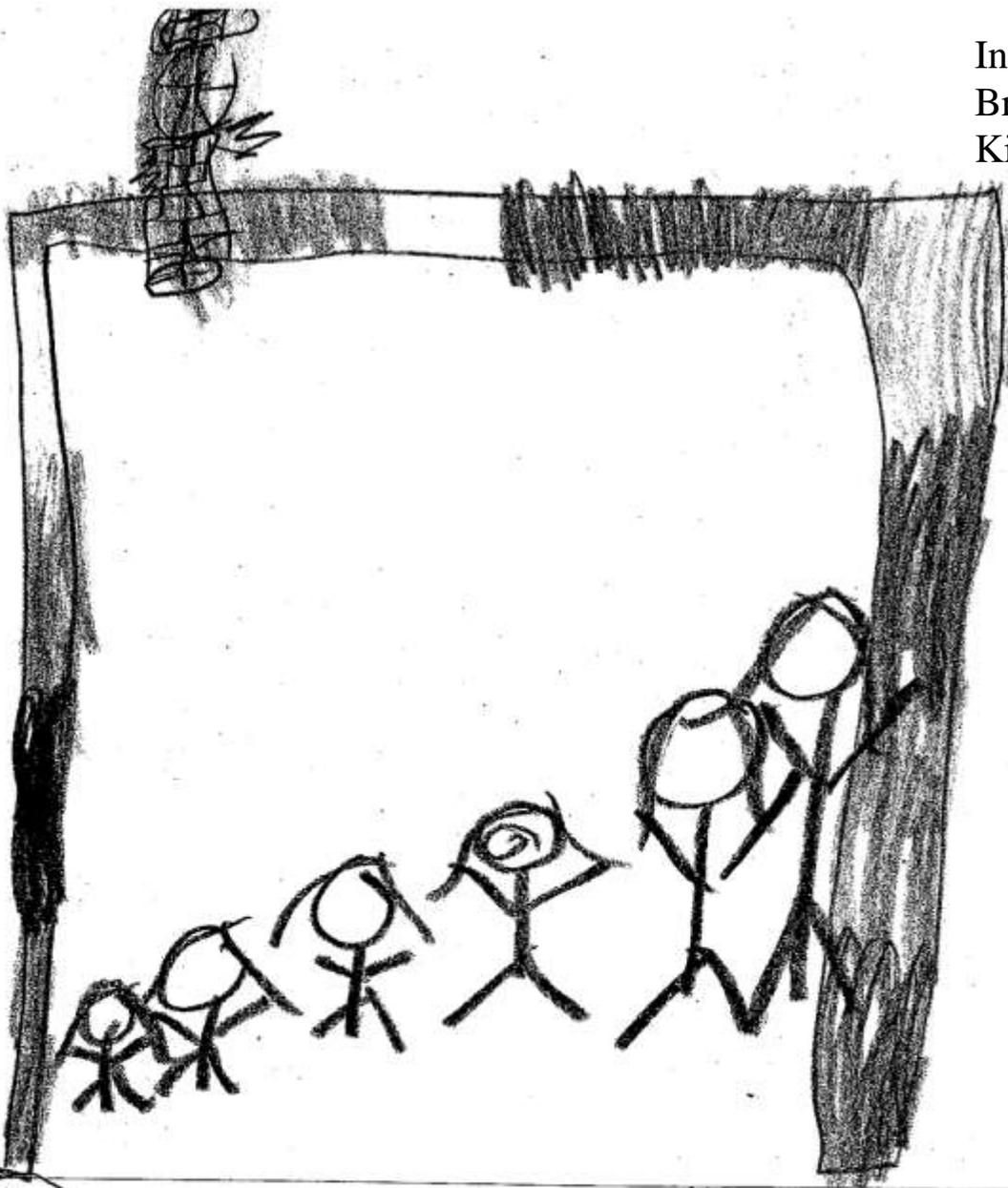


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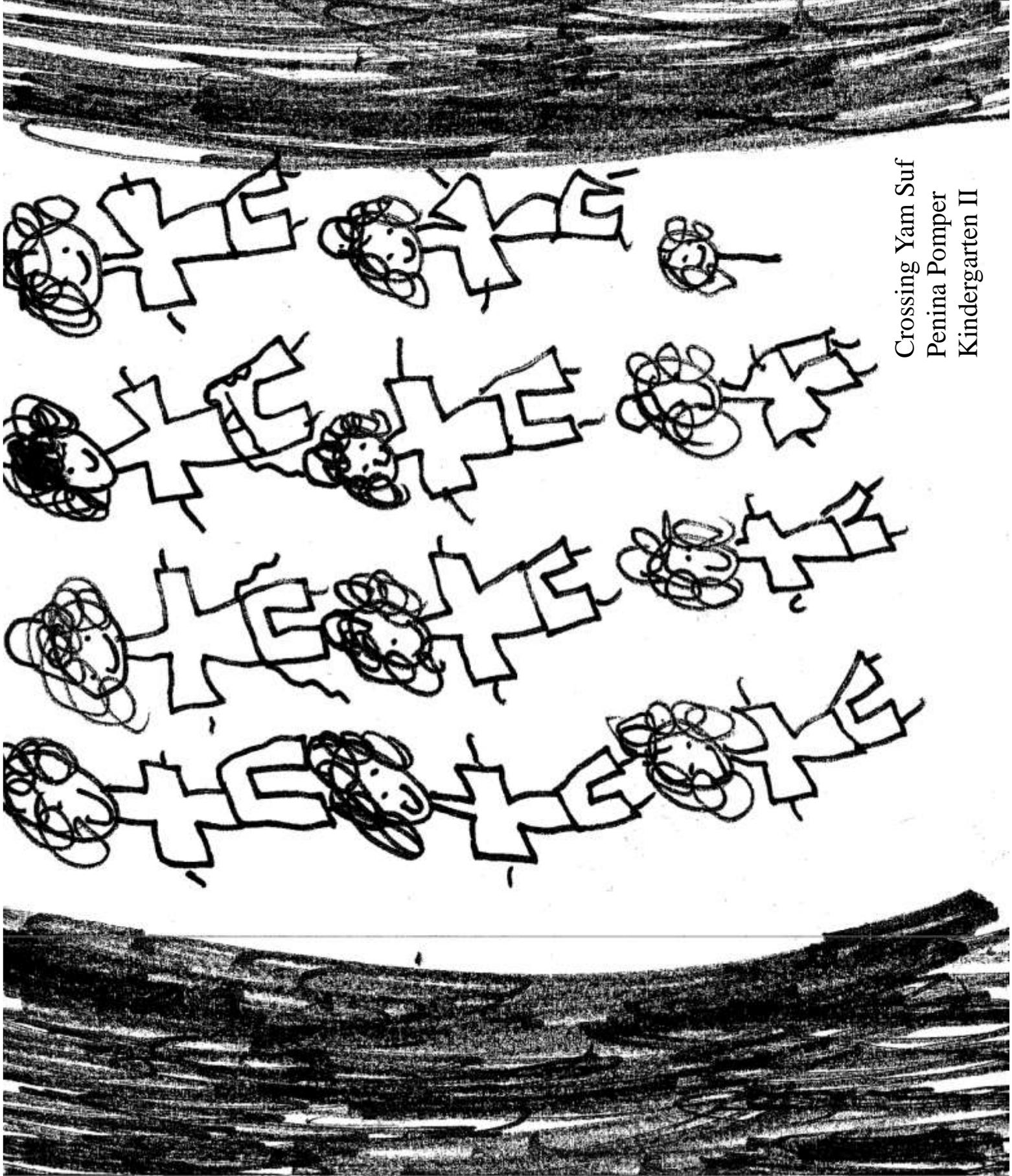


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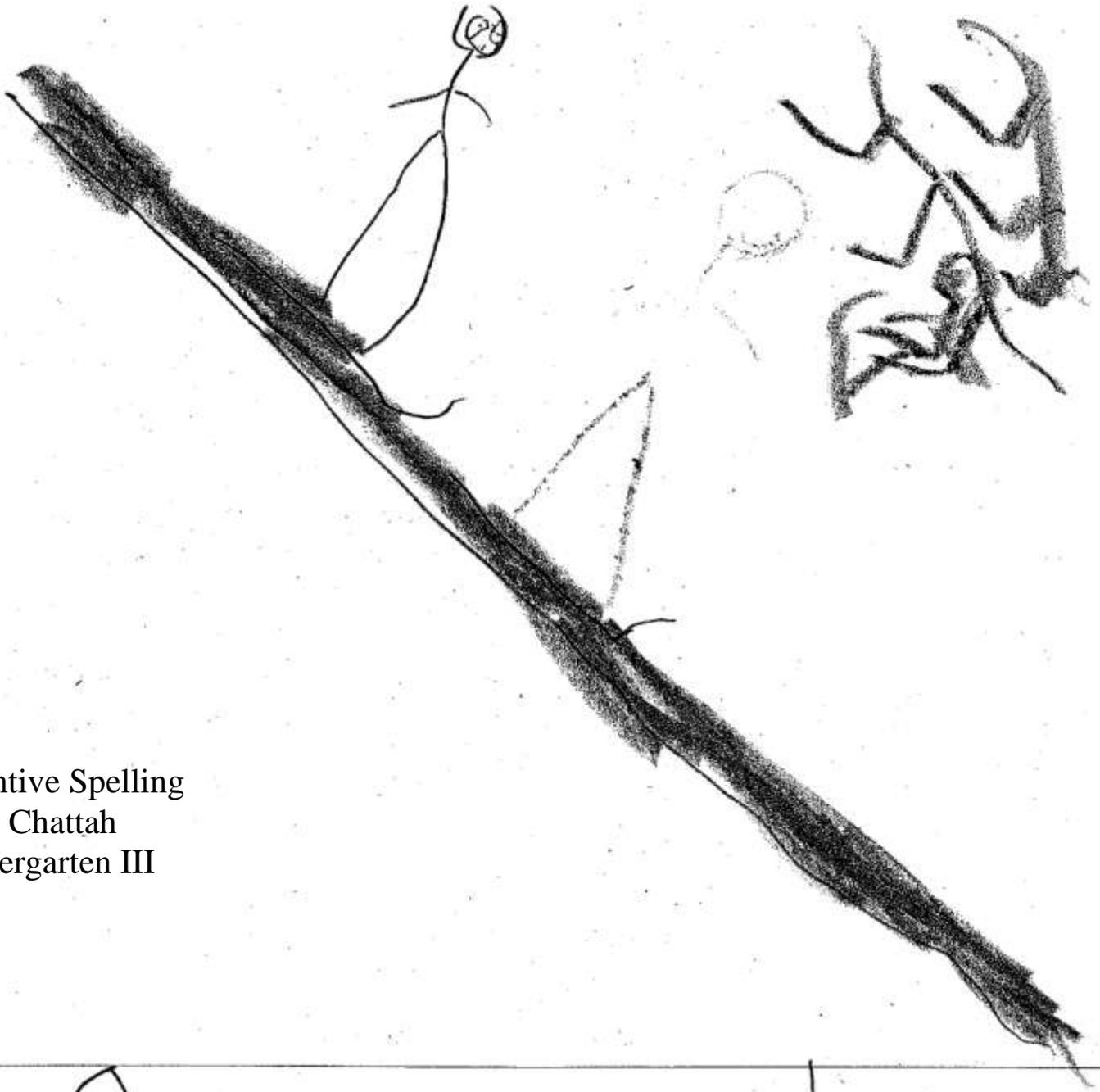
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Racheli Sova
Kindergarten II



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Penina Pomper
Kindergarten II



Inventive Spelling
Ariel Chattah
Kindergarten III

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Inventive Spelling
Abigail Rubinov
Kindergarten III



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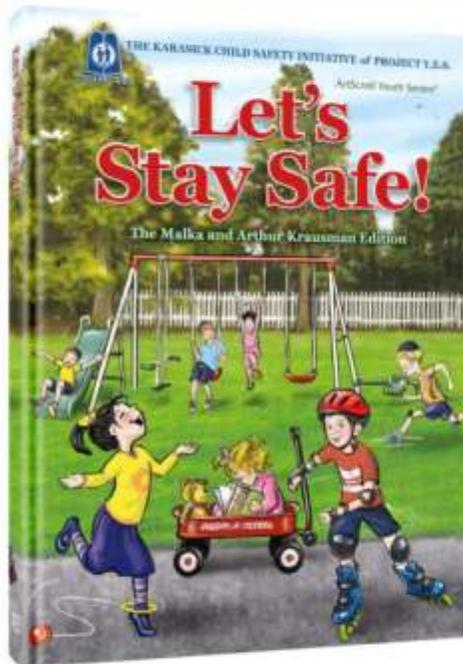
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