

Toras Emes E.C.E.

Parshios Behar-Bechukosai

May 18 2012
Candle Lighting 7:42 P.M.

MAZEL TOV:

Rabbi Moshe and Rena Gruenstein on the birth of a grandson to their children Shevy and Mordechai Yachnes.

THANK YOU:

Dr. Shai and Moriah Libson for donating educational equipment to the Kindergarten II class in honor of Ruth's sixth birthday.

Rabbi Yehoshua and Chelli Schloss for donating educational equipment to the Kindergarten II class in honor of Faigy's sixth birthday.

CALENDAR NOTES:

Friday, May 25– Monday, May 28– Shavuot Vacation.
No School

Tuesday, May 29– Classes resume at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, June 6– Kindergarten Graduation 10:30 a.m.

Monday, June 11– Last Day of School. 12:00 Noon Dismissal. No Aftercare

Kindergarten Graduation

June 6
10:30 a.m.

Graduation DVD's

If you would like to order a DVD of the graduation, please send in a check for \$25 to the school office.

Graduation Gown

Please iron your child's graduation gown and send it back on a hanger this week.

Graduation Invitation

If you would like extra invitations for grandparents or friends, please call the school office.

Save The Date

YTC/TEAM invites all women of the community to a

Pre-Shavuot evening of Inspiration

Monday, May 21st
8:00 p.m.

At the home of Mrs. Nechama Bistriz

Featuring Guest Speaker:

Mrs. Perl Abramovitz

See Attached flyer for details

LICHVOD YERUSHALAYIM

Learning about Yerushalayim was the focus of our **week's activities**. On Friday, the Nursery and Pre-K classes were divided into four areas each one dedicated to a different aspect of life in Yerushalayim.

In the Nursery I classroom, the children "walked" to Yerushalayim on a large floor mat. Some started from the North and others from the South but they all ended up in Yerushalayim. In the Nursery II class, the children painted a Yerushalayim skyline picture. The Pre-KI classroom was turned into an airplane where the children watched a DVD about Israel. The wall outside of the Pre-KII class was transformed by the children into the Kotel.

The kindergarten classes also divided up into four centers with four different activities. In the first center, they learned about the history and importance of Yerushalayim. In the second center, they davened at the kotel. In the third center, there was a falafel stand where the children enjoyed making falafel, and in the fourth center, the children created making a mizrach sign.

NURSERY I & II- MOROT ETTIE & TAMI

Friday was a very exciting day in our Early Childhood Program. Our classes were divided into four areas, each one dedicated to a different aspect of life in Yerushalayim.

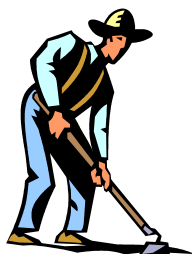
The yeladim enjoyed counting the days on our **Sefiras Ha'Omer chart to see when Shavuot is coming.** We talked about Matan Torah, and learned how Hashem asked the other nations of the world if they wanted the Torah. Every nation of the world rejected the Torah **except for B'nei Yisroel, who responded with the words "Na'aseh V'Nishma."** We also learned how Har Sinai was selected to be the mountain on which the Torah would be given. We sang the song "On Top Of Har Sinai."

The letter gimel was introduced this week. The children assembled gimmels with bristle blocks and worked with clay to create large and small gimmels. Gimel words taught this week included :

גבינה
גג
גזר
גלידה
גיטרה

The midah of gemilus chassadim was introduced this week in conjunction with the letter "gimmel." We discussed different ways we can do acts of chessed both at home and at school. To help reinforce this midah, we read several books such as Kind Little Rivka by Dina Rosenfeld, Clifford's Good Deeds by Norman Bridwell and The Mentchkins Make Friends by Chaya Leah Rothstein.

For Parshios Behar-Bechukosai, we talked about shemittah. We learned that the farmers in Eretz Yisroel stop working every seventh year. No planting, no plowing and no cutting can be done. It is a year of Shabbos for the earth.



NURSERY II & II- MOROT NECHAMA & SUSAN

This week, we started a unit on Birds, Bees and Butterflies. We used Q-tips and sponges to paint birds, bees and butterflies. We also created bees out of yellow and black construction paper and listened to many stories about birds, bees and butterflies such as; Bees And Butterflies And Caterpillars by Melvin and Gilda Berger, The Happy Bee by Ian Beck, The Crunching, Munching Caterpillar by Sheridan Cain and Jack Tickle and Butterflies by Scholastic.

We learned that birds fly to Miami where it is warm in the winter and fly back to New York in the spring when the winter is over. Each child made a bird puppet.

The children looked at pictures of a beehive, learned that bees make honey and even tasted some honey. Many pictures of caterpillars were shown to the children as well as pictures of cocoons and butterflies.

We learned a new song about beehives:

The Beehive

Here are the beehives
(make two fists)
Where are all the bees?
Here they are
(wiggle fingers)
They are all alive
One, two, three, four, five



PRE-KI & II- MOROT ETTIE & HEIDI

This week, we learned about the parshios of Behar and Bechukosai. In Parashas Behar we learn about the mitvah of Shmittah. The farmers in Eretz Yisroel work 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 to give the farmers more time to learn Torah.

In Parashas Bechukosai, we learn how Hashem wants us to keep the mitzvos and learn a lot of Torah. Hashem promised Bnei Yisroel that if they learn a lot of Torah and keep the mitzvos, Hashem will bring wonderful brachos to them. Some of the brachos that we focused on were enough rain at the right time (in Eretz Yisroel) and that the fruits and grains in Eretz Yisroel will ripen at the right time.

The holiday of Shavuos was introduced this week. The children enjoyed learning the midrash of how Hashem chose Har Sinai as the mountain on which the Torah would be given. The children were interested to learn the story of Naomi and Rus and how Dovid HaMelech is a descendent of Rus.

What a wonderful time we had celebrating Yom Yerushalayim! We davened, placed notes in the kotel, decorated Yerushalayim Shel Zahav and ate delicious treats!

Many new Hebrew vocabulary words were taught for the letters shin and sin:

שלוש	שמים
שבע	שש
שלחן	שמונה
שג	שעון
שופר	שמש
שדה	שבת
שר	שמלה
שערות	שמח



PRE-KI & II- MORAH JUDY

The Pre-K children were excited to complete the decorations and preparation for their upcoming "Around The World" performance. They were excited to talk about the costumes they chose.

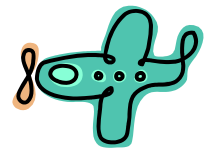
Our letters of the week were "Ss" and "Tt".

Some words the children sounded out were swan, sit, snake, snack and stop. Some of the "Tt" words that they were able to sound out were train, top, toe, tiger and tornado.

The Pre-K children continued their number recognition games, by counting days on our calendar and recognizing numbers that are associated with their birthdays.

Our favorite songs this week were the "Around The World" songs. Our books of the week were Yertle The Turtle by Dr. Seuss, Itsy Bitsy Spider by Keith Chapman and Curious George Takes A Train by H.A. Rey.

As a special fun day honoring Yom Yerushalayim, the children enjoyed centers which gave them the feeling of being in Eretz Yisroel. Some events they enjoyed were flying on a simulated plane to Eretz Yisroel and davening at the Kotel. They also ate delicious falafel and made projects that were memorable for Yom Yerushalayim.



KINDERGARTEN I, II & III– MOROT BAYLA & RENA

As we continue to count the days of the Omer, we realized that we are coming closer to the Yom Tov of Shavuos. We acted out the famous midrash of how Hashem chose Har Sinai as the mountain on which the Torah would be given. We began working on a choveret for Shavuos.

The letters Tzadee and Tzadee Sofis were taught this week. We stressed the importance of wearing tzitzis and giving tzedakah. We enjoyed reading stories on these topics. The children are progressing nicely in their reading. Keep practicing with them.

We started practicing for our graduation. Each child will receive a part. Please review it daily, making **sure your child says it slowly and clearly. Won't we shep nachas on June 6th.**

For Parashas Behar, we learned about the special mitzvah of Shemittah. 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 too will He provide for us during the seventh. During this year, the farmer is supposed to dedicate his time to learning Torah.

For Parashas Bechukosai, we learned that when we follow Derech Hashem, Hashem will bless us. **Of course, we will try to go to shul and say "Chazak Chazak Venischazaik."**



KINDERGARTEN I, II & III– MOROT BERNEY & HEIDI

What an exciting week our kindergartners had. **We finished the letter "Jj" and were introduced to the letters "Xx" and "Yy". The children were fascinated to discover that although "Xx" at the beginning of a word is very rare, it is often found at the end of a word. We also learned that "Yy" acts as both a vowel (long "i" at the end of one syllable words such as my, try, fly and by and as a long "e" at the end of two syllable words such as happy, pony, many and baby.)** It can also be used as a consonant in words such as yellow, yes, yolk and yarn.

In our letterbooks, we read the story The Big Big Box. Please review this story with your child over the weekend.

To reinforce our letters of the week, we played Tic-Tac-Toe with X's and Y's, exercised a lot and learned how to flex our muscles.

We finished our unit on pollution this week and reviewed all the concepts the we learned about air, land and water pollution. We read the story The Lorax by Dr. Seuss. This book really demonstrates how a person can pollute and ruin the environment. We also listened to many other stories about recycling.

In math, we finished our unit on time, and continued practicing simple addition equations.



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to an elegant pre-Shavuos evening of inspiration

Featuring:

Mrs. Perl Abramovitz

Creator of the popular “Victory” series & noted Binah columnist

“Building Myself; One Victory At a Time”

Monday, May 21st

At the home of Mrs. Nechama Bistriz
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Doors open 8:00pm

Program begins at 8:30pm

Introducing an exciting Shavuos auction of
delectable desserts and exquisite flower arrangements

Elegant dessert buffet

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