

Toras Emes E.C.E.

Parashas Vayera

November 2, 2012
6:19 P.M.

THANK YOU TO:

Dr. Moshe Haratz for reading parsha stories to the Kindergarten III class.

Alex Bugay, Yehuda Gassner, Yochanan Gittelson, Hillel Libson, Zevi Roth and Shimmy Siev from the Rohr Middle School who played their musical instruments for the pre-school children.

MAZEL TOV:

Mr. Naftali and Shulamis Tyberg– on the birth of a boy.

Mr. Nissan and Tami Tzur on the birth of a grandson to their children Oded and Dina Tzur.

Calendar Notes

Yossi Bayles Concert: November 6

Animal Kingdom: November 8

REMINDER

This Motzai Shabbos, daylight savings time ends, turn your clocks back. Early Dismissal will begin on Friday, November 9. Dismissal will be at 1:30 p.m.



SCHOOL CALENDAR CLARIFICATION

PLEASE NOTE: Mid-Winter vacation begins January 21. There is regular school for ECE, KES and RMS on Friday, January 18. Don't be misled by the (mistaken) shading on that date in the calendar.



NURSERY – MORAH TAMI

Our unit on the farm continued this week. We discussed which animals live on a farm and what sounds they make. We learned many songs this week such as “Old MacDonald,” “Mary Had A Little Lamb” and “Are You Listening?”

String instruments were the theme of our unit on music. We learned about the different string instruments and made our own harps. We listened to many different kinds of music.

For Parashas Vayera, we talked about the mitzvos of “Bikur Cholim” and “Hachnasas Orchim.” We learned that Avraham’s tent had four doors so that guests could enter from all four directions. We learned that we can perform the mitzvah of Hachnasas Orchim and listened to the Uncly Moishy Song, “Hachnasas Orchim.” As our Parsha project, we made a tent just like that of Avraham Avinu.

To help us understand the mitzvah of Hachnasas Orchim, we listened to the stories The Mentchkins Make Shabbos by Chaya Rothstein, Dovy And The Surprise Shabbos Guests by Goldie Golding and Who’s Sleeping In My Bed? by Rudy Grossblatt.

For our Hebrew Language unit Bakitah, we learned the following phrases:

הנה כסא
לשבת בכסא
לשבת בשטיח
הנה שלחן אדום
הנה שלחן צהוב
אני יושב
אני אוכל

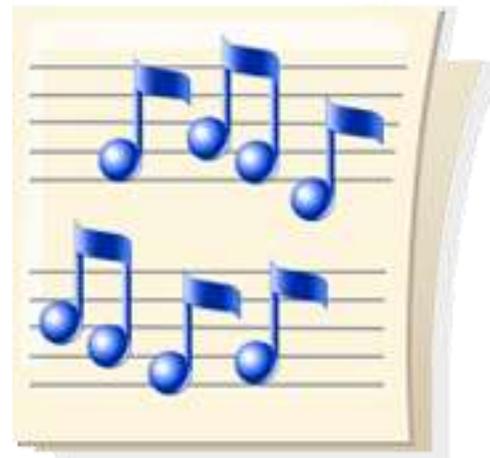


NURSERY - MORAH SUSAN

Music month was so much fun this week. One of our activities was creating a class orchestra. The children made a conductor’s baton and pretended that they were conductors as they listened to the “Nutcracker Suite.” We also reviewed the song “Do, Re, Mi”. Another instrument that we created and used in class this week was a humming cup.

We marched around the school making our own marching band just like they did in the book The Little Band by James Sage. The class was so excited to be able to act out the stories that we read in class. When using our humming cups, we talked about the vibrations that you hear and feel on your mouth.

To reinforce our fine motor skills, we used a paper plate to practice lacing. We also created a bracelet using beads.



PRE-KI, II & III- MOROT ETTIE & HEIDI

In Parashas Vayera, we learned about many important mitzvos. Hashem visited Avraham when he was not feeling well. From here we learn the mitzvah of Bikur Cholim. Avraham and Sarah loved to have guests in their tents. From this example, we learn how important it is to invite guests into our homes. We discussed that the mitzvah of Bikur Cholim can be done in many different ways; you can visit someone, call them on the phone or send them a card or a gift to help them feel better. Avraham had the doors to his tent open in all directions. He would welcome people graciously and bring them food and water to drink. He would also try to teach his guests about Hashem.

Our unit on Bakitah continued this week. Some phrases that we practiced were:

הנה כסא
הנה שלחן
הנה כדור
הנה בובה
הנה שלחן קטן
הנה שלחן גדול
הנה כסא קטן
הנה כסא גדול

Our Hebrew letter of the week is Gimmel. Some vocabulary words that we learned that start with the letter gimmel include:

גשם
גיר
גן
גלידה
גזר
גן חיות



PRE-KI, II & III-MOROT JUDY & NECHAMA

Learning about musical instruments continued to **be the focus of our week's activities.** We reviewed the four instrument families. This week, the spotlight was on the woodwind and brass families. We listened to several pieces by famous composers. The children were amazed to hear about the lives of those composers who were child prodigies. Mozart, at the age of four, wrote his own compositions.

We enjoyed playing different instruments and pretending to be in an orchestra. We realized that our names have rhythm and clapped according to the number of syllables in each name.

Some of the stories that we listened to this week were Woodwinds by Dee Lillegard, The Little Band by James Sage and The Music In Me.

In art, we created our own woodwind and brass instruments that are a nice addition to the other instruments that the children created.

Our math activity this week was putting objects in graduated order from shortest to tallest. We also focused on writing the numeral one.



KINDERGARTEN I, II & III-MOROT BAYLA AND RENA

What an exciting, fun filled week we had in Kindergarten. We were introduced to Mrs. Funny Face who needed help from Doctor Nekudos. The Patach was the nekudah taught this week. We blended the letters aleph though hey with the patach. Hurray for the children who did their homework and received a stamp on their special homework chart.

Parashas Vayera is full of many beautiful stories about Avraham Avinu. We can learn so many great lessons from his behavior. Avraham is so well known for his Hachnasas Orchim that even his nephew Lot practiced this important mitzvah while living in the wicked **city of S'dom. We learned about the mitzvah of Bikur Cholim** and how Hashem came to visit Avraham when he was recovering from his Bris Milah.

"Emor Me'at V'aseh Harbeh" was the midah tova that Avraham possessed, which was so apparent when Avraham offered his guests bread and water and came back with a sumptuous meal. We learned about the many challenges with which Hashem repeatedly tested Avraham, from sending away Hagar and her son Yishmael to Akeidas Yitzchak. The children were **amazed at Avraham's continuous love for Hashem.** Some interesting books about these mitzvos were read in class. Dovy And The Surprise Shabbos Guests by Goldie Golding was a favorite.

Project Derech taught us that it is a mitzvah to say we are sorry when we make a mistake.

In our Hebrew language unit Bakitah, we added the phrases:

איפה שלחן? הנה שלחן
איפה כסא? הנה כסא
שלחן כחול
איפה מורה?
הנה מורה
איפה הילדות?
לעמוד ידים בצד



KINDERGARTEN I, II & III- MOROT BERNEY & HEIDI

It is our third week of Music Month and we are having so much fun listening to music and learning about different types of instruments. This week, our focus was the brass instruments. We learned that the trumpet makes the highest notes as it is the smallest instrument in the brass family, while the tuba, which is the largest instrument in the brass family makes the lowest notes. The French horn looks different from some of the other brass instruments, due to its circular shape. The trombone has a sliding section which the player moves in and out. Some stories we read this week were Ben's Trumpet by Rachel Isadora, Brass by Dee Lillegrad and Birthday Trombone by Margaret Hartelius.

In math, we completed our unit on patterns and began learning the numbers 1-5. Some concepts that were introduced in this unit are: more and fewer, ordinal numbers (until five) and sorting by colors and shapes.

We also began the new letterbook "Aa" focusing on the short "a" sounds such as apple, astronaut, ask, am, alligator and many more. We combined our math unit on graphs and our unit on the letter "Aa" to make graphs of what type of apples the children like best— red, yellow or green. Can you guess which color was their favorite? Ask your children for the results!

We welcome Mrs. Malka Blejer into our kindergarten classes. Mrs. Blejer is a reading specialist and we are so excited to have her join our class a few times a week. She does shared reading with the children and uses Big Books. The children have **become excellent "readers" as they practice reading the story of "Mrs. Wishy Washy."** Mrs. Blejer has taught the children some decoding skills such as look at the **pictures, look at the letters and ask yourself "Do the words that you are trying to read make sense in the context of the story?"** We look forward to more interactive reading sessions.



Music Month Activities

Music Month

Percussion instruments were featured this week. Morah Zelda, our music teacher, brought many instruments from the percussion family to school. We learned that different drums produce different sounds. The children's favorite instrument was the Conga drum. They took turns tapping the drum and observing how the skin of the drum vibrated.



Mr. Schwartz's Program on Percussion Instruments

Mr. Yoni Schwartz presented a fascinating program to the pre-school children about percussion instruments.

Bongo drums, snare drums and a collection of cymbals were just some of the instruments that were shown to the children. What fun they had playing the drums!!



Dr. Siev Plays The Cello

Dr. Jed Siev spoke to the children about the characteristics of the cello. He explained to the children that the bows used with the instruments are made out of horse hair and that the knobs on the top of the cello correspond to the number of strings that the instrument has. (If you have 8 knobs, you have 8 strings.)

Dr. Siev played several songs for the Kindergarten children and then they were each given the opportunity to play the cello.





Percussion Instruments in Pre-K-III



Dr. Siev Plays the Cello in Kindergarten

Mr. Schwartz Plays the Drums



RMS Visits ECE





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Early Childhood Director

Erev Shabbos Parashas Vayera 5773

Dear Parents,

The central theme underlying these weeks' *Parshiyos HaShavua* is *Nisayon* – the trials and tribulations endured by *Avraham Avinu*, through which he achieved the pinnacle of human greatness. Some tests were the result of his own choices (e.g. the fiery furnace of *Ur Kasdim*) and some were thrust upon him by *Hashem* without his choosing (e.g. *Akeidas Yitzchak* – the binding of Isaac). *Nisyonos* are the gateway to greatness, yet paradoxically, we pray that we won't need to endure any.

In a totally unexpected and shocking fashion, our friends, relatives and fellow Jews to the north, with whom we share a common shore on the Atlantic Ocean, have been handed an unsolicited *Nisayon* of epic proportions. For many, it will be over in a few more frustrating days, but for others the hardest is yet to come, *R'L*. We in South Florida can relate well to what they are experiencing, and therefore need to have an even greater level of empathy. Aside from the *Nisayon* of tremendous property damage and loss, and a total disruption of normal life, many communities are experiencing fear from looters, the prospect of no schools or *shuls* for the foreseeable future, and nerves and patience frayed beyond what one can usually endure.

Why *Hashem* thrusts *Nisyonos* upon certain individuals and communities, at certain times and with certain circumstances is beyond our understanding. We hope and pray that *Hashem* gives those individuals and communities the strength to persevere and use this *Nisayon* to rise to greatness, and rebuild even more productive and fulfilling lives.

Make no mistake – we are also faced with a *Nisayon*, albeit far less disruptive, unpleasant and challenging. Our *Nisayon* is to step in and help in whatever way we can. The short term need is cash – plenty of it - to purchase necessities, and to rebuild homes, acquire basic furnishings and rebuild community institutions. There are Funds in the process of being set up – we all need to respond with a generosity beyond what we previously thought we were capable of.

Financial help is just the beginning. Looking ahead to the next few months, it is not hard to imagine that a Florida vacation may not be just a luxury in the middle of a Northern winter, but a therapeutic necessity to maintain sanity in the midst of an insane experience. Our friends and relatives may no longer have the means to stay at hotels and eat out regularly. We can anticipate requests for hospitality, meals and our company to an unprecedented degree. Perhaps we can initiate trips to our community for those unable to afford it. One thing is certainly clear – how we face up to the “easier” *Nisayon* of reaching out and helping will have a profound effect on our future growth, and most importantly, on our children who will be watching and waiting to see how we “step up to the plate.”

Keep our brothers and sisters in your thoughts and prayers, give thought to how much you can be supportive, help your children process their feelings and reactions to what is happening, as we have been doing in school, and best wishes for a reflective and uplifting *Shabbos*,

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Please join us at

the Young Israel of Hollywood, Sunday, November 11th, 7:30 pm for a

Women's Evening of Inspiration

as we commemorate the 3rd yartzheit of our beloved,

Jeanette Levine, ע"ה

(Chaya Yachet Elka bas R' Yisroel Yitzchak, ע"ה)

We are honored to have as our guest speaker:

Rebbetzin Rochel Stefansky,

esteemed counselor and Torah studies teacher at Bais Yaakov High School of Manchester, England. Rebbetzin Stefansky is also well known for her inspirational weekly shiurim to large groups of women and her renowned "History & Hashkafa" tours throughout Eastern Europe. She will address the women of our community on:

Ahavas Hashem

Loving Hashem with all your heart, soul and resources

"בכל לבבך בכל נפשך ובכל מאודך"

Light refreshments will be served.

We look forward to seeing you there.

*Levine, Sipper and
Himmelstein families*



28th Annual Dinner & Journal Campaign

Guests of Honor

Dr. & Mrs. Richard & Jody Bennett

Kesser Shem Tov Award

Dr. & Mrs. Stan & Marla Frohlinger

Kesser Torah Award

Mr. & Mrs. Chaim & Samantha Hirsch

Accepted in Loving Memory of Chaim's Beloved Father,
Raphael Mordechai ben Yitzchak (Marvin) Hirsch A"H



Last week, we introduced you to Dr. and Mrs. Richard and Jody Bennett, the first of three extraordinary couples who have given so much of themselves for the Yeshiva and who all share a common thread: their *ma'asim tovim* are performed in a quiet and unassuming way, almost always below the radar.

This week, it is our pleasure to introduce you to the Frohlingers.

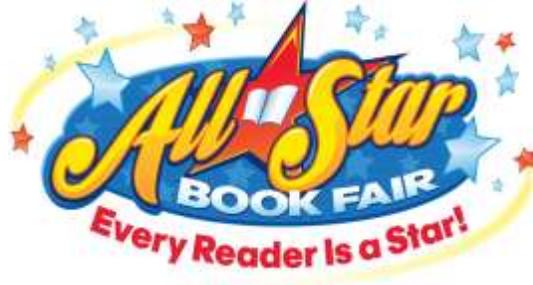
Accepting the **Kesser Shem Tov Award** are **Dr. and Mrs. Stan and Marla Frohlinger.**

In addition to the rigorous demands of their professions - he, a dentist and she, the Director of Professional Programs Coordination and Communication at Nova Southeastern University, the Frohlingers are involved in numerous communal organizations. Dr. Frohlinger serves on Kasher Miami's and Congregation Ohr Chaim's Board of Directors, is Vice-President of the Miami Beach Eruv Committee and is the Orthodox Union's South Florida regional representative on the National Board of Directors. He also learns daily in the Miami Beach Kollel Boker. The Frohlingers devote much time and energy to Bikur Cholim of Miami Beach. Mrs. Frohlinger is also a member of the Chevrah Kadisha and is involved in Project Heritage. Their shared vision is to reach out to the Jewish community at large, bringing them to a heightened awareness of and a desire to embrace their rich *mesorah*. A long-standing member of our Board of Directors, Dr. Frohlinger "loves the product, and is excited to be an active participant in educating and inspiring the next generation." Their *ma'asim tovim* surely merit them to bear the **Kesser Shem Tov**, and we are grateful for the opportunity to highlight their accomplishments in this most meaningful way.

Next week, we will introduce you to the Hirschs.

An ad blank is attached. Your generous response will help make this our best campaign ever!!

Have a great Shabbos!



Dear Parents,

The whole school is excited about our upcoming Book Fair; this year's selection of books, from easy readers, to picture books, to best sellers and more, is something you don't want to. Take the opportunity to light up your young reader's face with a good book.

Book Fair Schedule: Monday, 11/26 - Monday, 12/3 from 8:30am – 4:00pm in the Toras Emes Auditorium

Volunteers are needed and greatly appreciated.
Please call Racheli Grossman at 305-651-6541 or fill out the attached form.

NEW: This year you can start your shopping early!
Our online Book Fair begins 11/13 and runs through the book fair closing date of 12/3.

Shopping online will give you access to the full scholastic line, including titles that may not be available at the book fair. You can also create a wish list for extended family to give them the opportunity to shop as well, Chanukah is just around the corner and books make great presents. All orders will be delivered to the school. The URL is <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/torasemes>

Here's how the Book Fair works: During the week, each child will visit the Book Fair twice with his/her class, the first time to make a wish list to bring home for parents and the second time to make purchases. You and your family are invited to shop during our open hours, during your child's class visit or during our special family event on Sunday. We have books for all ages, and we think you'll be pleasantly surprised at the various selections and reasonable prices. Not to mention the benefit to our school library and PTA from the profits of your purchases.

Besides bringing affordable, appropriate books to our school, a goal of our Book Fair is to increase classroom libraries. One way is with the Teacher Wish List, which allows you to donate books to your child's classroom in your child's name. Be sure to look for the Classroom Wish List display when you arrive. Donating books to the classroom and school library is even easier with the new Gift Certificate program, see gift certificates attached.

Participating with our 1 for Books program helps the students in our school. All loose change and dollars donated through this program is used to buy books for needy students in our school. Simply fill out an attached slip and send it in with your loose change or dollars, each child bringing in a donation will be entered into a raffle for a reading treasure!

Sincerely,
Rachel F. Breier, Esta Rosenberg, Esther Entin and Racheli Grossman,
Book Fair Chairpersons

It's never too early to think about Pesach! Take this opportunity to clean out your bookshelves and donate your gently used books. All donated book will be sold in our dollar (or less) section at 100% profit to the PTA, while giving children who are unable to purchase full price books the ability to buy something proudly.

P.S. For your convenience, our Book Fair accepts credit cards and secured debit cards (with Visa or MasterCard logos on them).

For more information or volunteering questions please contact: Racheli Grossman 305-651-6541

Enter your full name and phone # for the hours available – Your time is GREATLY appreciated and will help this be the most successful book fair yet!

Scholastic Book Fair Volunteer Schedule

	Date Mon 11/26 or Mon 12/3	Date Tuesday 11/27	Date Wednesday 11/28	Date Thursday 11/29	Date Friday 11/30 or Sun 12/2
Morning 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____				
Afternoon 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____				
Evening 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____				



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