

Toras Emes E.C.E.

Parashas Ki Sisa
Parashas Parah

March 1, 2013
6:04 P.M.

MAZEL TOV:

Rabbi Yitzchak and Rebecca Lefkowitz on the birth of a son.

CALENDAR NOTES:

Pesach Vacation– March 21-April 3. School resumes on April 4 at 8:30 a.m.

MISHLOACH MANOS:

The faculty and staff of Toras Emes/Toras Chaim greatly appreciate the beautiful Shalach Manos Baskets which arrived in time for Purim thanks to the concerted efforts of our hard-working committee. We also thank all the volunteers who delivered packages on Purim day.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Yeshiva Toras Chaim/
Toras Emes
9th Annual Chinese Auction
Sunday, May 26, 2013



SHUSHAN PURIM CARNIVAL

Thank you to Morah Tami Tzur and Morah Nechama Bistriz for organizing the Purim Carnival. Everyone had a wonderful time visiting all of the carnival booths. Thank you to all of the parent volunteers who helped make the carnival such a success:

Mrs. Rochel Albert, Shaina Bedziner, Mrs. Judith Benlolo, Mrs. Lillian Berkowitz, Mrs. Lea Chattah, Raizy Dudovitz, Sarala Dudovitz, Avigail Feldman, Mrs. Stephanie Fridzon, Penina Goldberg, Mrs. Merav Goldsmith, Mrs. Debora Haratz, Mrs. Rachel Holzer, Mrs. Alli Jeger, Mr. Yair Maya, Mrs. Rachel Mendoza, Mrs. Shaindy Paritzky, Chana Polonetsky, Rachel Polonetsky, Yael Polonetsky, Zevi Roth, Mrs. Beth Ruck, Dovi Schwartz, Mrs. Rochie Schwartz, Mrs. Chana Shapiro, Shira Steinberg, Mrs. Arin Taillard and Hinda Wieder.

CHESED CORNER

An opportunity has come up to help an elderly man from Miami Beach (50th and Collins) with a ride to/from his wife who is recuperating at Hampton Court (NMB) over the next few weeks. He is very appreciative of any assistance and will accommodate to whatever times the rides are available. Please call the school office if you are able to help.

**Be on the Lookout
2013-2014 Registration is on
its way!!!**

Enrollment forms will be in the mail this week. We encourage all our parents to take advantage of the early-bird registration fee of \$400 for first child \$350 each additional child. Early-bird ends March 12th.

NURSERY – MORAH TAMI

My name is Mrs. Balabusta
I'm so very busy
With dusting, mopping and shopping
No relaxing, I'm getting so dizzy

"Mrs. Balabusta" arrived in our class this week hustling and bustling and all a fluster because Pesach is on its way. She taught us about the kinds of foods which are chometz such as bread, pretzels, cake, doughnuts etc. and how we have to remove them from all the nooks and crannies in our home. She reminded us that Imma is busy cleaning the house and we must be very careful not to walk around with chometz. For our first Hagaddah page, we made a collage picture of a broom, a sponge and a cleaning cloth. We also **cut out pictures of "chametzdik" foods from magazines.**

To help us understand why our mommies are so busy cleaning, we listened to the stories Everything Is Changing It's Pesach by Julie Auerbach and Messy by Barbara Brother.

The story of Bnei Yisroel in Mitzrayim was introduced this week. We made craft projects depicting Moshe in the teivah and Bnei Yisroel building the cities of Pitom and Ramses.

For Parashas Ki Sisa, we talked about the set of luchos which Hashem gave to Moshe Rabbenu and how **Moshe broke them because of "Chet Ha'Egel."** After Bnei Yisroel did teshuva, Hashem gave Moshe a second set of luchos to give to them. We also learned about Parashas Parah.

NURSERY - MORAH SUSAN

Our Nursery class had a lovely week filled with exciting activities. A new unit on Animals That Live in the Water was introduced in class. We learned about the many different animals that live in the water and created a starfish and a seahorse. We also mixed blue and silver paint to simulate the appearance of water.

We learned a new finger play entitled "Where Is Fishy."

Where is Fishy (wave hands in fists in front of you)
Here I am (open hands up)
Here I am
How are you today fish (shake hands with someone)
Very wet I thank you (hands on waist)
Swim away (wave hands)
Swim away

We really enjoyed reading and looking at the pictures in several books on fish, whales, ducks and frogs. The children loved listening to the stories Froggy Goes To School, Froggy Bakes A Cake and Froggy Goes To Bed by Jonathan Londen and Rainbow Fish And The Big Blue Whale by Marcus Pfister.

PRE-KI, II & III– MOROT ETTIE & HEIDI

Now that Purim is over, we jumped right into leaning about Pesach! We reviewed the story of how Bnei Yisroel were slaves to Paroh in Mitzrayim and how Hashem punished the Mitzrim with the ten makkos. We began working on our Haggados which will be our ongoing Pesach project in class.

We continued reviewing our Nun words from last week and added some Hebrew vocabulary words related to Pesach such as:

הגדה
מצה
כוס
ארבע כוסות
כוס של אליהו
קערה
עבדים

In Parashas Ki Sisa, we learned how Moshe was instructed to count Bnei Yisroel. Hashem also told Moshe to make a Kiyor (a wash basin) that was used in the Mishkan. The Kohanim poured water over their hands and feet before they began their avoda in the Mishkan. We also learned that Hashem chose Betzalel and Oholiav to build the Mishkan. Hashem also told Moshe to tell Bnei Yisroel that they cannot violate Shabbos to build the Mishkan.

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

This week, the Pre-K children continued their unit on Famous Artists. Our featured artists were Henri Matisse and Leonardo DaVinci. The children replicated the techniques of Matisse who created colorful collages with paper cut into different shapes. They were able to cut out many shapes and arrange them into interesting, imaginative designs. Some vocabulary words that relate to Henri Matisse are collage, design and inspire. Leonardo DaVinci was famous for many of paintings. He was an artist, an inventor, a mathematician and a scientist. Many of his paintings took lots of thought, time and measuring. The children learned about the famous Mona Lisa. We discussed her smile and how she may have been feeling. She had to pose for a very long time. The children created their own pictures of the Mona Lisa. Some new vocabulary words associated with Leonardo DaVinci are famous, art gallery, Europe and pose.

Our letter of the week was “LI.” The children sounded out “LI” words such as lion, log, leaf, lollipop, Lincoln and Lizard.

Favorite books this week were A. Lincoln And Me by Louise Borden, Katie And The Mona Lisa by James Mayhew and Let’s Meet Famous Artists by Harriet Kinghorn.

Other books representing the letter “LI” were Little Flower by Gloria Rand, Library Mouse by Daniel Kirk and Look What I Did With A Leaf by Morteza Sohi.

KINDERGARTEN I, II & III-MOROT BAYLA AND RENA

With Purim behind us, we have started preparing for the beautiful Yom Tov of Pesach. We discussed the enslavement of Bnei Yisroel in Mitzrayim and the bitterness of their lives. We reviewed the birth and the early years of Moshe Rabbeinu. We enjoyed discussing how we prepare for Pesach in our homes and how we have to be careful not to spread chometz throughout the house.

Our Haggadas are beginning to take shape. The yeladim enjoy singing the Mah Nishtana and are also becoming experts in the Simanei Haseder. The yeladim also learned the song Avadim Hayinu and many new Hebrew phrases such as:

עבדים היינו לפרעה במצרים
בני ישראל במצרים
פרעה מלך מצרים
משה בתיבה
בת פרעה

The letter “nun” arrived in our classroom. He added many new words to our ever expanding vocabularies such as nes, neshama, near and nachash. We continued working in our aleph bais work books and enjoyed combining our new letter with all the nekudos that we have learned so far.

In Parashas Ki Sisa, we learned about the holy kiyor made from the copper and mirrors that were donated by the women. We learned about the special oil used for anointing. Betzalel and his helper Ohaliav must have been very precise to have been chosen to build the mishkan. They assigned jobs to the men and women who wanted to help with this project. Hashem told Moshe that Shabbos is more important than the Mishkan and that no work for the mishkan may be done on Shabbos. We also learned about the cheit **ha’egel**. **We heard how Hashem was very merciful and kind and forgave Bnei Yisroel for this terrible aveirah.** We heard why the luchos were broken and how Moshe wrote new ones. We learned from here that Hashem forgives us when we do teshuva.

This week is also Parashas Parah so we learned about the Parah Adumah and listened to the story of Dama Ben Nesinah.

For Project Derech, we learned that it is a mitzvah not to wake up our parents.

KINDERGARTEN I, II & III- MOROT BERNEY & HEIDI

The letter “Nn” was introduced this week. We came up with many words that begin and end with the “Nn” sound. **In our listening center, we listened to the story Noisy Nora by Rosemary Wells.** During center time, the children had the opportunity to play Number Bingo.

In social studies, we completed our unit on presidents. We read A. Lincoln And Me by Louise Borden and learned that George Washington is on the nickel and that it is worth five cents.

We started a new math unit this week. **The children will be focusing on “teen” numbers**– how to write them and how to recognize them on the calendar and on the number line in our classroom.

We also had the opportunity to write some journal entries this week, focusing on stories that we read in class.

