

Toras Emes E.C.E.

Parshios Behar Bechukosai

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CHINESE AUCTION UPDATE

Our 9th Annual Chinese Auction is under way. By now you should have received the auction booklets in the mail. Make sure to go through it as we have added amazing new items this year and visit ytcteam.org/auction to choose your prizes and earn a free Bonus Gift. Hope to see you all on May 26!

MAZEL TOV:

Dr. Dovid and Nechama Bistriz on the birth of a grandson to their children Sruli and Suri Bistriz.

SAVE THE DATE
Wednesday, May 8

Women's Pre-Shavuos
Evening of Inspiration
featuring
Rabbi Leiby Burnham
of Binah Magazine



LAG BA'OMER

A wonderful, interactive Lag Ba'Omer program was presented to the Nursery and Pre-K children on Monday. They listened to stories about the lives of Rabbi Akiva and Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, ate ices and **"roasted" marshmallows at a pretend bonfire.** The Kindergarten children danced around a "bonfire", ate ices and participated in many sports activities in the boys playground.

YOM YERUSHALAYIM PROGRAM

We will be having a special program in commemoration of Yom Yerushalayim on Wednesday, May 8. The building will be converted into four separate centers each one reflecting one aspect of life in Yerushalayim.

Save The Date



Pre-K Around The World Programs

Pre-KI Morah Judy and Morah Rachel
Wednesday, May 29 10:15 a.m.

Pre-KII Morah Judy and Morah Rachel
Thursday, May 30 10:15 a.m.

Pre-KIII Morah Nechama and Morah Malka
Wednesday, May 29 1:15 p.m.

Kindergarten Graduation

June 5
10:30 a.m.

If you have not yet submitted the \$30 graduation fee, please send it in with your child. Please call the school office if you would like to assist the graduation committee.

THANK YOU:

Rabbi Avrohom and Shoshana Jablon for donating educational equipment to the Kindergarten II class in honor of Hadassah's sixth birthday.

Mr. Yirmi and Shaindy Paritzky for donating educational equipment to the Kindergarten II class in honor of Ariella's sixth birthday.

Mr. Chaim and Bryna Roth for donating educational equipment to the Pre-KII class in honor of A.J.'s fifth birthday.

NURSERY – MORAH TAMI

In preparation for the Yom Tov of Shavuos, the children learned about Matan Torah. They enjoyed acting out the midrash which describes how Hashem asked the different nations of the world if they wanted the Torah.

Only Bnei Yisroel responded with the words “Naase V’Nishma.”

We talked about Matan Torah and learned about the minhagim connected with this chag such as decorating our homes with flowers, eating dairy foods and learning **Torah all night long. We song the songs “Tov, Tov, Lilmod Torah” and listened to the stories Two Brothers by Judith Belsky and The Scribe Who Lived In A Tree by Michael Muchnik.**

We also listened to the story of Ruth and learned three additional names for Chag HaShavuos; Chag **HaBikurim, Chag HaKatzir and Z’man Matan Toraseinu.**

To prepare for Yom Yerushalayim, we talked about our thankfulness to Hashem for allowing us to once again **daven at the Kotel and sang the songs “Yerushalayim” and “Yibaneh Hamikdash”.**

For Parshios Behar-Bechukosai, we talked about Shmittah and how important it is to keep the mitzvos in the Torah.

Mr. Bais and Vais came to visit our class this week. We learned the Hebrew words barvaz, bakbuk, balon, banana, bubba and bayit. We had lots of fun making a booklet featuring the letters bais and vais. The mitzvah of bikur cholim was taught for this letter.

NURSERY - MORAH SUSAN

This week, we continued our unit on Food and Nutrition. We talked about the four food groups and practiced packing food from each group into a lunchbox. The children are beginning to learn which foods belong to each of the four groups. They created **fruits and vegetables to go into a “healthy foods” basket** and enjoyed finger painting fruits and vegetables. We **also learned the song “Have A Banana” to the tune of “Hava Nagila.”**

Have a banana, have two bananas
Have three bananas and an apple too.
Have a banana, have a banana
Have a banana and an apple too.

Stewed fruits and tomatoes
Stewed fruits and tomatoes
Stewed fruits and tomatoes too!

The books with food themes that we listened to this week were The Berenstain Bears And Too Much Junk Food by Stan and Jan Berenstain, Eating The Alphabet and Growing Vegetable Soup both by Lois Elhert, What Food Is This by Rosemarie Hausherr and The Hungry Thing by Jan Stepien and Ann Seidler.

In our science center, we cut up apples and viewed them every day to see how they change color.

PRE-KI, II & III– 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 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.

We celebrated Lag Ba'Omer on Monday by building a "bonfire", roasting marshmallows and singing and dancing around the camp fire. The amazing story of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai was told to the children. They learned how Hashem made a nes and when Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai woke up, there was water flowing down a rock as well as a carob tree so that he and his son Elazar would have water to drink and food to eat while they were in hiding. We talked about how Lag Ba'Omer is celebrated in Meron.

Many new Hebrew vocabulary words were taught for the letters צ and ז such as:

צפור
צדקה
צבעים
ציצית
צפרדע
צעף
זך
זף

The mitzvah of tzedakah was discussed in conjunction with this letter.

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

The Pre-K children launched their letter "Rr" rockets! They designed their own paper rockets. They counted down from 10 and they yelled "Take Off!" The look of excitement on their faces was a sight to see. The letter "Rr" will never be the same. The Pre-K children also sounded out words that start with the letter "Rr" such as race, rat, ridiculous and rabbit. This week, the Pre-K children reviewed all the letters "Aa" through "Rr."

The children are excited about their upcoming "Around The World" performance. This week, they visited France. The children were fascinated to see the beautiful and famous buildings such as the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe. We learned that "Bonjour" means hello in French. We discussed that a street in France is called a "rue" and that the French people like to eat baguettes.

The Pre-K children have been working on their writing skills. They are practicing writing their first and last names using appropriate upper and lower case letters. They have also been practicing writing the date.

Some of our favorite books this week were Madeline In London and Madeline's Rescue by Ludwig Bemelman, Rise And Shine by Raffi, The Relatives Came by Cynthia Rylant and The Right Number Of Elephants by Jeff Sheppard.

KINDERGARTEN I, II & III-MOROT BAYLA AND RENA

With Sunday being Lag Ba'Omer, we had a special outing on Monday in the playground across the street. After playing on all of the playground equipment, we cooled off with a delicious ice pop.

The letter ק was taught this week. We pointed out that it has the same sound as the כ. The children remembered that the ב and ו, כ and ה and א and ע also sound alike.

We stressed the concept of Kiddush Hashem and discussed how when we eat and make a bracha, our eating becomes a Kiddush Hashem.

The children are progressing nicely in their reading. Keep practicing with them and you will surely shep nachas.

The Parsha of Behar taught us about the special mitzvos which can be done only in Eretz Yisroel. One of these mitzvos is Shmittah. During the Shmittah year, the farmer stops working the land and trusts in Hashem to provide for him just like Hashem provided for us in the previous seven years.

For Parashas Bechukosai, we learned that when we follow Derech Hashem, Hashem will bless us.

We will of course try to go to shul and say "Chazak, Chazak V'Nischazek."

As we continued to count the Omer, we realized that we are very close to Chag HaShavuot. We discussed how Hashem asked the nations to accept the Torah and how Bnei Yisroel answered Na'aseh V'Nishmah. We acted out the famous midrash of how Hashem chose Har Sinai as the mountain on which the Torah would be given. We started working on our chovrot for Shavuot which depicts the special minhagim of the chag. We learned the Hebrew vocabulary words gvinah, chalav and prachim.

In Pirkei Avos, we learned the mishna of לפום צערא אגרא—according to the amount of effort that you put in, that is the amount of the reward that Hashem will give you.

KINDERGARTEN I, II & III- MOROT BERNEY & HEIDI

We jumped right into letterbook "J" and had a jam packed week filled with many joyous activities. We jogged around and jumped as much as we could.

In our Lipincott reading series, the concept of quotation marks was introduced as well as the sight word "said." The children are making progress with their sight word vocabularies. Because they are reading so much, the children are becoming more comfortable with writing in their journals. In fact, their journal writing is quite impressive. They sound out words and write them the way they think they should be spelled. Sometimes, **their "inventive spelling" makes more sense than the correct way.**

In math, we are continuing our work on clocks and telling time on the hour and half hour.

Our Social Studies topic is an important one. We started a unit on pollution. The subject has much more relevance because of Earth Day and the recycling done in our communities. We learned that there are different kinds of pollution such as land, air, water and noise. We are now much more aware of how we can all work together to prevent pollution.



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Erev Shabbos Behar-Bechukosai 5773

Dear Parents,

Little things can have far-reaching consequences. This is a foundation of our faith; that every action done and every word spoken is recorded for eternity and will bring about an appropriate consequence – either now, later or a lifetime later. We believe this intellectually, but when confronted with an example of it, it is awe inspiring. I am writing these words from the annual Torah Umesorah Principals Convention in Pennsylvania. I was approached yesterday by an individual I barely recognized. He knew who I was and thrust a book into my hand saying – “you were so kind to my father, A’H, we want you to have this book.” It took me several moments to figure out who and what this was all about.

Here is the rest of the story. Approximately 12 years ago at a previous *Torah Umesorah* convention I was approached by one of the organizers asking for help. One of the early pioneers of the day school movement, now an elderly gentleman had come from *Eretz Yisroel* to attend the convention, and through some glitch, did not have a handicap accessible room assigned to him. Being there without my wife, they asked if it was OK to allow a cot to be brought into my room to make room for this gentleman. It was not a problem and I was now privileged to having a distinguished personage with whom to share my room.

I don’t recall exactly who won the argument about which one of us would sleep on the cot – I seem to recall losing. Nevertheless, he couldn’t stop thanking me and from that time until his passing several years later, he would repeatedly express his appreciation to me by sending articles on *Chinuch* that he authored and published. I appreciated them and was somewhat overwhelmed by his ongoing efforts to keep in touch.

It’s been a number of years since his passing and I honestly have not had occasion to think about or recall him on more than one or two occasions. After his passing, his family gathered his numerous articles and compiled them into a beautiful *Sefer*, which is the book I was presented with yesterday, and am excited to read through. While this little incident is an inspiring portrayal of one man and his family’s elevated expression of *Hakoras HaTov* for a minor, minor *Chesed*, it struck me as a manifestation of how the impact and consequence of even a small, seemingly insignificant action remains present in this world.

We need to internalize this idea and imprint it upon our children. *Hashem* cares so deeply about us, and considers us so important, that every action and every word has cosmic significance. This should help temper our behavior and inspire our actions and enable our children to see their own greatness and thereby propel them to reach for the stars.

May you be amply rewarded for all the ‘little’ things and have a wonderful *Shabbos*,

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