

Early Childhood Newsletter

Yeshiva Toras Chaim Toras Emes

Parashas Vayechi

December 13, 2013
Candle Lighting 5:13 P.M.

30th Anniversary Journal and Dinner

*Our annual campaign is
underway!
Please see the attached flyer
For our weekly update!*

THANK YOU:

Rabbi Yitzchak and Rebecca Lefkowitz for donating educational equipment to the Kindergarten II class in honor of Esther's fifth birthday.

Mr. Yaakov and Stacey Waldman for donating educational equipment to the Kindergarten II class in honor of Shira's fifth birthday.



- Help us make this years dinner campaign the most successful campaign ever.
- Phone-a-thons are taking place 12/15, 12/16, 12/17, 12/22, 12/23, 12/24 from 7:00 PM-10:00 PM at the Klurman Campus (Miami Gardens Drive).
- All money raised will be applied to your Give or Get obligation.
- Email rschwartz@ytcteam.org to reserve your spot.

SAVE THE DATE! Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

- ◆ Pre-KII
 - ◆ KI
 - ◆ KII

Tuesday, January 14

- ◆ Nursery
- ◆ Pre-KI
 - ◆ KIII
 - ◆ KIV

Please watch for details on how to sign-up for your conferences!

NURSERY – MORAH TAMI

The excitement of our "Read Aloud" program is in full swing in the Nursery class. Our theme on Monday was rhyming words.. We had a great time listening to many rhyming stories. Our class author is Laura Numeroff. We listened to several stories written by this author. Our favorite was If You Give A Mouse A Muffin. After we heard the story, we baked delicious chocolate chip muffins. On Thursday, we had a lot of fun at our Pajama party. We climbed under the tables and read books while holding flashlights.

A Hebrew Language unit featuring food vocabulary was also introduced this week. Included in this unit are the following phrases:

תן לי עוגה
מי רוצה עוגיה?
אני רוצה עוגיה בבקשה
מי רוצה מים?
אני רוצה מים בבקשה

For Parashas Vayechi, we learned how Yaakov Avinu blessed Menashe and Efraim as he crossed his hands. We sang the passuk "Hamalach Hagoel." As a parsha project, we made bedtime pictures featuring this tefillah. We can't wait to go to shul this week to hear the people say "Chazak, Chazak V'nischazak."

NURSERY- MORAH SUSAN

This has been a very special and exciting week for the afternoon Nursery class. Our Read Aloud Program was a great success. We all enjoyed looking at the pictures that the children drew to illustrate their favorite books. We proudly displayed these pictures in our classroom and had a great time at our outdoor "story" picnic on Thursday.

Our featured classroom author is P.K. Hallinan. We enjoyed listening to books by this author such as My Mommy And Me and That's What Friends Are For, We're Very Good Friends My Grandma And I, We're Very Good Friends My Father And I and How Do I Love You? After we listened to these stories, we made friendship bracelets, did easel paintings and enjoyed eating ice cream cones together.

We learned a new friendship rhyming song "Wiggle Your Fingers."

Wiggle your fingers (2x)
(wiggle fingers)
Shake your fingers so
(shake fingers)
Stretch your fingers so
(stretch fingers)
Stretch them out
(stretch out your hands)
Touch your friend
(touch your friend)
And he'll be glad I know
(clap hands)

PRE-KI & II MOROT HEIDI & NECHAMA

In Parashas Vayechi, we learned about the brachos that Yaakov gave to his sons and grandsons. We learned how Yaakov crossed his hands when he blessed Menashe and Efraim. We spoke about the many mitzvos that we do with our hands. We sang the passuk "Hamalach Hagoel" and discussed the brachos that parents give their children on Friday night at the Shabbos table.

This week, the letter tes was introduced. Some of the words that the children learned were:

טלפון
טוב
טבע
טלית
טפה
טבעת

Now that Chanukah is over, we have started a new unit on Brachos. We will continue this theme over the next few weeks. We welcome any books, tapes or CD's that you might have at home on this topic that can be shared with the classrooms. For our Hebrew language program, a unit featuring food items was also introduced. Some of the phrases that the children are becoming familiar with are:

למי יש לחם?
יש לי לחם
אני אומר ברכת המוציא
אני אומר ברכת המוציא על הלחם
אני אומרת ברכת המוציא
אני אומרת ברכת המוציא על הלחם

PRE-KI & II- MORAH JUDY

This week, the children were excited about their Favorite Author Unit. The featured author of the Pre-K classes is Leo Lionni. He is an illustrator as well as an author. Some of the books that we read were Frederick, Little Blue And Little Yellow, Inch By Inch, Fish Is Fish and A Color Of His Own. The children created their own book reports in the style similar to that of Leo Lionni.

Thursday was the highlight of our week. The children brought in flashlights, wore night shirts and pretended to go to sleep. The Morah read the Leo Lionni story Matthew's Dream and then discussed the concept of dreams with the children.

In continuation of our literacy program, we reviewed the letters A-F.

Thank you to Mrs. Daisy Chocron, who represented the letter "Ee" in our class. She brought in so many exciting "Ee" items. Thank you to Mrs. Yael Simkins for bringing in items in a "Ff" bag. The children also enjoyed eating the "Ff" snack of fluff on a fork.

As a science experiment, the children observed rain accumulating on a cloud (made of shaving cream), and falling into the ocean (water in a jar). They were fascinated by the process.

KINDERGARTEN I, II, III & IV
MOROT BAYLA, HEIDI & RENA

Though Chanukah is behind us, the excitement in the kindergarten never subsides. We started a fun and delicious unit on Brachos. We discussed the importance of thanking Hashem for the many wonderful things that He gives us. We focused on the brachos "Boreh Pri Hagafen" and "Hamotzi Lechem Min Haaretz". We baked challah as we focused on the bracha of Hamotzi and created wine bottle necklaces in honor of the bracha Hagafen. We enjoyed special Hagafen and Hamotzi snacks. Our bracha unit was integrated with the D'Vash V'Chalav Program and learned the phrases:

מי רוצה לחם?
אני רוצה לחם
מי רוצה יין?
אני רוצה יין
אני רוצה לשתות יין

The letter Ches was introduced this week. We listed many new words that begin with this letter and enjoyed working in our alef-bais books.

For Parashas Vayechi, the children acted out the story of Yaakov Avinu blessing Efraim and Menashe and sang the tefillah "Hamalach Hagoel." We discussed the brachos which Yaakov gave to his children –the twelve shevatim.

We hope that the children are going to be in shul this Shabbos so that they can sing "Chazak, Chazak V'nischazak" when Sefer Beraishis is completed.

We discussed Asara B'Teves which commemorates the beginning of the destruction of the Bais Hamikdash.

In Project Derech, we learned that it is a mitzvah to wait for parents to eat first.

KINDERGARTEN I, II, III & IV
MOROT BERNEY, PEARLY & TALIA

The children are so excited about Favorite Author Week. This week, the kindergarten classes learned about Eric Carle and his amazing work. They were fascinated to discover that Eric Carle was both an author and an illustrator. He started drawing when he was just a little boy. He wrote more than 70 books. Nature and animals are the focus of most of his books. To illustrate his books, Eric Carle used bright painted tissue paper in a vibrant collage style. Most of his books have flaps, holes and other interactive items. During the course of this unit, the children will write their own versions of an Eric Carle book. Each child filled out a graphic organizer to help plan out what they will write in their books. They first picked a character that they wanted to write about and then the action which their character would be doing on each day of the week, just like the book, The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Once we completed our planning sheet we started writing our books. We made sure to use sight words in our book.

Thursday was Pajama Day. The children wore their pajamas and had a wonderful time hearing stories in the tents we made in each classroom. The students loved reading books with their flashlights and a snack in the dark. It was a special treat enjoyed by all.

We started our letterbook "li." We reviewed all the other letters and sounds that we have learned so far. Please continue to review all the sight words that we learned in class: I, am, is, my, and, the, it, a, in.

We are continuing to work on chapter 3 in our math books. The children have learned to count and write the numbers 6-9.



Dear Parents,

In Western culture, the idea of manhood provokes thoughts of ruggedness, strength, leadership-- someone unemotional, but powerful. The notion of a man is of one who is self-assured, decisive and independent. What typical man ever asks for directions...? It is therefore very relevant to investigate what is the *Torah's* image of a "man".

In the *Haftora* for this week, which is the 2nd *Perek of Melachim Aleph, Dovid HaMelech* is on his deathbed (hence the connection to this week's *Parsha*) and is exhorting his son *Shlomo*, the future king, to "be strong, and become a man." (*V'Chazakta VeHayisa L'Ish – Melachim I 2:2*) The *Ralbag*, in his commentary explains what it means to "become a man." He explains that *Dovid* is telling *Shlomo* not to act like an adolescent but rather like a mature adult. What is that line of demarcation between an immature youth and a wise older person? The *Ralbag* says it is "seeking counsel." How counterintuitive! Asking for advice may conjure up an image of indecisiveness, hesitancy and even a lack of confidence. It is quite the opposite of the modern image of "manliness."

This is a window into the *Torah's* concept of what an adult should look like, and here specifically, how the King of the Jewish People should conduct himself. Seek advice, don't just act independently. Consult with those greater than you and bounce ideas off of even those smaller than you. Asking *sheilos*, consulting with friends and mentors do

not diminish one's 'bigness', on the contrary, they are the very essence of an adult *Torah* personality. Someone who is truly 'manlike' is confident enough and wise enough to "network" and seek out the wisdom and guidance that will help him accomplish his goals.

How do we inculcate this notion within our children? As with other approaches to life – the greatest impact is the model the parents present to their children. Do we form our ideas and act on them based only on our own feelings and perceptions? When an issue arises that evokes strong emotions – are we smart enough to seek an unbiased opinion from a trusted friend or confidant, or perhaps an expert or someone with experience in this area, or do we plow ahead with what our feelings of the moment push us to do? Do our children hear the words come out of our lips: "I'll have to ask the *Rav* for a *Psak*," "Let me consult with my *chevrusa* – he's a very wise fellow." "I need to contact my *Rosh Yeshiva* – this is a very important decision."

Closer to home, when a seemingly intractable issue arises with a child, do we offer to go to a trusted *Rebbi* or *Mechanech* to discuss our concerns? When reflecting upon a school issue in our child's life that to our child seems unfair – do we jump to condemn, or do we help our child see the possibility of another point of view. Are decisions made after due deliberation, or is a snap decision made and then we find our ego doesn't allow us to reconsider our decision, despite mounting evidence to the contrary.

The hallmark of youthfulness is being impetuous – doing things with too little forethought before acting. The hallmark of adulthood is giving thought to one's actions, and that was the core of *Dovid's* advice to the crown prince.

Best wishes for a wonderfully thoughtful *Shabbos* with all our princes and princesses!

Rabbi Kalman Baumann

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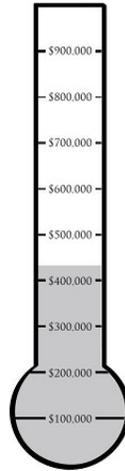
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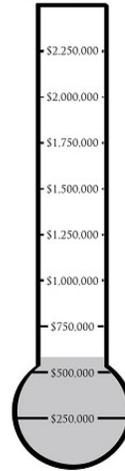
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Campaign Goal*

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\$532,500

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We look forward to having all our parents and friends attend our Dinner, Sunday January 5th at the Treetop Ballroom at Jungle Island.

Have a great Shabbos!

*We would like to thank the following people who have already contributed to our
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WHEN:

Monday,
December 16th
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