

Early Childhood Newsletter

Yeshiva Toras Chaim Toras Emes

Parashas Bechukosai

May 16, 2014 **תז אייר תשע"ד**
Candle Lighting 7:38 P.M.

MAZEL TOV:

Mr. Barry and Ana Wulwick on the birth of a granddaughter to their children Tova and Yaakov Cohen

Rabbi Moshe and Jennifer Lehrfield on being honored this past Wednesday night at the Young Israel of Greater Miami dinner.

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION

KII & KIV

Wednesday, June 11
10:30 a.m.

KI & KIII

Thursday, June 12
10:30 a.m.



SAFETY KID PROGRAM

Our thanks to Magen Yeladim International, JCS, OHEL and all those involved in bringing the Safety Kid Program to our community.

As a school, we embraced the various opportunities to glean valuable information-from staff and administrative training to parent workshops, volunteer training courses and classroom presentations.

As a result, we all feel more empowered to recognize, address and resolve issues regarding the safety of our precious children.



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Sunday, May 25
Beit David Highland Lakes
Shul

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AROUND THE WORLD IN SONG AND DANCE

PRE-KI

THURSDAY, MAY 22
10:00 A.M.

PRE-KII

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21
10:00 A.M.



NURSERY – MORAH TAMI

In Parashas Bechukosai, we learned how Hashem wants us to keep the mitzvos and learn Torah. Hashem promised B'nei Yisroel that if they learn Torah, and keep the mitzvos, He will bring wonderful brachos to them. We discussed the minhagim associated with Lag Ba'Omer and continued listening to stories about Rabbi Akiva.

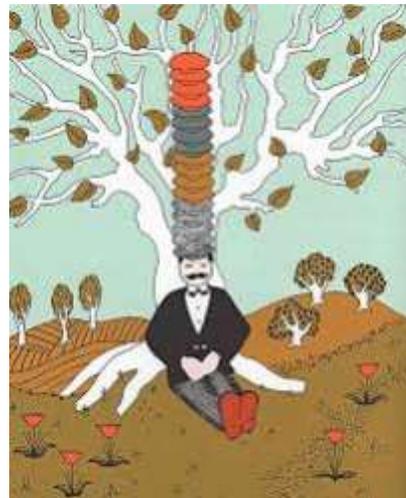
The children were also fascinated to hear the story of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai. We discussed why he had to hide from the Romans and how he learned Torah for many years. We heard about the carob tree that provided the food for him and his son Elazar as they learned Torah for thirteen years in a cave.



NURSERY – MORAH SUSAN

We continued our unit on opposites. The children learned this concept easily. They enjoyed using all of the pre-reading materials such as matching opposite cards to reinforce this unit. During our learning center activities, we learned about top and bottom. The children were asked to draw certain items on the top and the bottom of the page. What a great job they did!

Our book of the week was Caps For Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina. The class really loved this book and created a monkey and cap. They also marched around the school saying "Caps for Sale, 50 Cents a Cap." This book also reinforced the concepts of top and bottom. The peddler in the book wore red caps on top of his head and his own cap on the bottom!



PRE-KI & II MOROT HEIDI & NECHAMA

This week's Parsha is Parashas Bechukosai. 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 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 celebrated Lag Ba'Omer by "building a bonfire," roasting marshmallows and singing and dancing around the camp fire. We talked about how Lag Ba'Omer is celebrated in Meron.

Our Hebrew letter this week is shin. Some of the words that we focused on this week were:

שתיים
שלוש
שש
שבע
שמונה
שבת
שופר
שעון
שלחן
שמש
שג

PRE-KI & II- MORAH JUDY

This week, the Pre-K children were taught the letter "Xx." They sounded out words ending in "Xx" such as box, fox and lox. Some favorite books were My Box Of Color Lorianne Siomades, Fix It Up by Melissa Stevens, Cub and Fox by Olivia Dean and Where Will Max Sit by Stephanie Coggins.

Thank you to everyone who sent in the costumes for our performances on May 21 (Pre-KII) and May 22 (Pre-KI). The children are busily finishing all of the decorations for this exciting day.

This week, the Pre-K children learned about safety rules. They watched a video that explained how to deal with strangers. We role played what we should do if approached by a stranger. We also talked about safe procedures when we swim in a swimming pool as well as the importance of wearing sunscreen and staying hydrated.

We look forward to seeing all of the parents at our Around The World show next week.



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

The kindergarten children learned the story of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai. We discussed why he had to hide from the Romans and how he learned Torah for many years. We heard about the miraculous tree that sustained him and his son Elazar for thirteen years in the cave. His kever is a special place of gathering for people in Israel today. Bonfires, hair cuts and special songs are all part of the celebration in Meron. We also learned about the life of Rabbi Akiva and his favorite saying "V'Ahavta L'Reacha Kamocha." We are trying to respect our friends. We are being careful to speak nicely to each other and to take good care of our friends' toys.

We learned the song "Don't Walk In Front Of Me" from the Uncle Moishy tape. Each child made a beautiful Ahavas Yisroel Heart with a picture and description of how they will keep this important mitzvah.

We are constantly reviewing the alef-bais letters and the nekudos. The letter kuf was introduced this week. We thought of many word combinations using that letter.

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 V'Nischazek."



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

What a packed week. The students are maturing rapidly and strengthening their skills in preparation for first grade. This week we learned the letters x and y. We discussed how the letter x is mainly seen at the end or the middle of a word and rarely comes at the beginning of a word. We also read words with consonant digraphs and even some with consonant trigraphs like, plum, drum, brick, and scrap. We reviewed quotation marks and talked about the different kinds of sentences used with each end mark. A sentence that ends with a period is a telling sentence. An exclamation mark is used in a sentence that shows lots of emotion. A question mark goes at the end of an asking sentence.

Our sight word for the week was the word yes. "No" is already in our sight word vocabulary, so the students practiced reading questions and answering appropriately with a yes or a no.

In math, we concentrated on and reviewed the numbers above 10. We practiced writing numbers above ten and understanding the value of numbers above ten. We also practiced counting to 100 and understanding the value of 100 by breaking it down into tens, five and fifties.

You have probably heard the sounds of kindergarten graduation songs emanating through your house. That is because we are well on our way preparing for graduation. The students are so excited about the performance and can't wait to celebrate such a successful year.





Dear Parents,

This past week was filled with discussions and presentations of a topic that we must address, and address in a comprehensive manner, as part of our responsibility to the children we love. Child abuse occurs all too often – the good news is there is something to be done about it.

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We heard this week that sexual abuse is more likely to occur in a community that does nothing about it, and is much less likely to occur in a community that does something about it. That places an obligation on every individual member of the community to be involved in some way, to reduce the likelihood of abuse occurring. With Hashem's help, we were able and have taken the steps to do something about it, to work at creating a safer environment.

We salute the volunteers who underwent extensive training and gave up much of this week to observe and ultimately present the program to the children. Their involvement now and in the future, bespeaks a passion to protect our children and to elevate our community to one of safety and *kedusha*. It is my prayer that they continue their involvement and form the nucleus of an advocacy group that will help further safety protocols and awareness in our schools, shuls and community.

To the more than 150 parents who attended Monday night's training, your attendance and concern for this issue sends a strong message that we are united in our efforts to address this challenge in a mature, reasoned and forthright manner. By equipping ourselves with the awareness, tools and understanding of how our children can stay safe, we are creating an environment where perpetrators will realize they cannot succeed with their heinous plans, and will leave our community IY'H.

Our staff of 75 teachers, assistants, secretaries, sports coaches, guidance counselors, specialty instructors and administrators gave of their own time for training and have been following through to gauge student feedback and to be sensitive to and aware of any concerns students may express or merely hint at, to see if anyone needs further attention. They are our front lines of defense and have gained invaluable additional tools to be able to detect anything untoward going on in a child's life, to be sensitive and caring, even more than before.

All of us can take pride and comfort in being a part of a community-wide effort that is tackling a most vexing problem within our community with sanity, insight and sensitivity. I urge you, the parents to further these efforts by bringing safeguards into all areas of our children's life – on the playgrounds, camps, shuls, youth groups and everywhere else where children interact and may be accessible to other adults, with minimal supervision. We stand ready to assist in these efforts.

With best wishes for a Shabbos of Blessing,

Rabbi Kalman Baumann

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