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CALENDAR NOTES



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 – TÁANIS ESTHER.

DISMISSAL AT 1:45 P.M.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5 – PURIM. NO SCHOOL

FRIDAY, MARCH 5 – SHUSHAN PURIM PUPPET

SHOW. SCHOOL FROM 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 NOON.

NO AFTERCARE.

NICHUM AVEILIM:

Mrs. Joanna Dennis on the loss of her father, Mr. Barry Garfield.

Mrs. Rachelle Kannoff on the loss of her mother, Victoria Galimidi.



Dr. Yanky and Sorelle Silverstone on the birth of a son.

In the spirit of Purim we will be sending Mishloach Manos to the entire faculty, staff and board of the Yeshiva. Please join us in expressing our Hakaras HaTov to the faculty, staff and board members of Yeshiva Toras Chaim Toras Emes by participating in the Mishloach Manos campaign. All orders will be applied to your Give or Get. Orders can be made online at www.ytcteam.org/purim.



PRE-K PAGES

JUDAIC STUDIES- MOROT HEIDI & NECHAMA

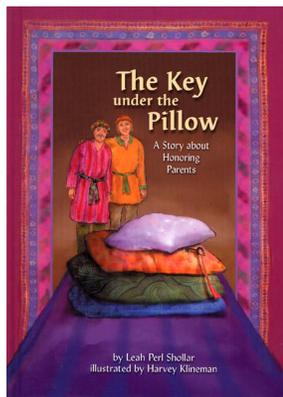
This week's parsha is Parshas Tetzaveh. We learned all about the different Bigdei Kehuna that the Kohen and Kohen Gadol wore. We listened to the story The Key Under The Pillow by Leah Pearl Shollar, which is about Dama Ben Nesinah who excelled in the mitzvah of Kibud Av. Even though Rabbis from Yerushalayim came to his house and offered him many gold coins to purchase a precious stone, Dama Ben Nesinah would not wake up his father to sell the special stone that they came to buy.

The letters nun and nun sofis were introduced this week. Some of the vocabulary words that we learned were:

ארון
רעשן
שלחן
ארמון
נעלים
נחש
נס
נייר

The children had a wonderful time happily celebrating the month of Adar! Along with all the special school-wide activities, the children have been busy learning more details about the story of Purim and making beautiful Purim projects! Thank you to Mrs. Adar for helping with the baking in Pre-KII.

Have a wonderful Shabbos!



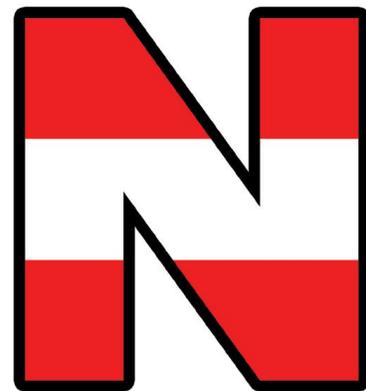
SECULAR STUDIES- MORAH JUDY

Our Pre-K children were full of excitement as they participated in our week of Purim activities. Each day, they entered school with anticipation of that day's activities. Laughter was heard throughout the classrooms as children marched, sang and dramatized the story of Purim. A humorous book we read to enhance our face painting day was I Aint Gonna Paint No More by Karen Beaumont.

Our letter of the week was Nn. The children sounded out many words, such as, nurse, nickel, numbers, needle, nest, nine, note, no and noodles. They became creative as they made their own nests out of leaves, twigs, yarn and other natural items found on our playground. They counted and created at least nine eggs to put into their nests. Along with that activity we read My Nest is Best by P.D. Eastman. We also continued our Famous Authors Week. Leo Lionni's books were featured. A favorite this week was Matthew's Dream an enchanting book about a character dreaming about becoming a famous artist. Pre-K children learned the simple artistic techniques and style of Leo Lionni.

As we continued our pre-reading, early literacy program, Pre-K children worked on their rhyming. They participated in an activity called, "Odd One Out", where they listen for the words that do not rhyme in a group of words. It is a fun activity to practice at home with your children.

The children also practiced counting to 30. During circle time, we did problem solving activities in which we added and subtracted using numbers 1,2,3 and 4. The children came up with their own math problems and shared them at the circle with their peers.



KINDERGARTEN CORNER

JUDAIC STUDIES- MOROT BAYLA & RENA

Purim preparations wound down this week as we completed our megillos, ra'ashanim and mishloach manos baskets. We have had lots of fun enjoying all the different and exciting activities leading up to Purim. Between face painting, hamentashen baking, acts of kindness, crazy hair/hat day and pajama day, the yeladim can hardly wait for each new day to begin. We also can't wait until Purim arrives and we will be able to perform all the special mitzvos for the chag.

The letter samech was introduced this week. We compared the shapes of the samech and mem sofis. We added new words to our growing vocabulary list, such as:

סביבון
סוכות
סל
סדר

For Parshas Tetzaveh, we learned about the Bigdei Kehunah. The yeladim were intrigued by the different clothing worn by the Kohen Hediot and Kohen Gadol. We enjoyed looking at the beautiful pictures in the book, The Tabernacle by Moshe Davis. We discussed going to shul to hear Parshas Zachor this week.

In Project Derech we learned that it is a mitzvah to stand up for a parent or grandparent.

In our Hebrew vocabulary, some of the phrases we reviewed this week include:

אני מלך
אני מלכה
יש לי כתר
יש לי רעשן
אני אוכל אזני המן



SECULAR STUDIES- MOROT HEIDI & PEARLY

What an exciting week we had in Kindergarten! The highlight of our week was celebrating the 100th day of school. The children made 100 Bingo marker dots on their very "royal" 100 day crowns and wore their Fruit Loop necklaces, which were strung together in groups of 5 or 10. They made a "100" place mat, which they used to count out their 100 special treats...of course, sampling some of the treats was extra fun! Thank you to all the parents that sent in cans to be donated to the Kosher Food Bank; together we collected over 300 cans of food! On Wednesday, Mrs. Bonnie Schwartzbaum, a representative of the Kosher Food Bank, came to talk to the children about the wonderful mitzvah they did by collecting all of these cans. She spoke about some other functions of the food bank; for example, making birthday parties for children that cannot afford to, finding jobs for people, and collecting clothes as well. Mrs. Schwartzbaum read letters that were written by children expressing their thanks, to the food bank, for giving them a special birthday party. Before Mrs. Schwartzbaum left, the entire Kindergarten loaded up her truck with the cans they collected. We were so excited to be a part of this wonderful mitzvah!

In Math, we have been playing various math games and using additional worksheets that help reinforce the recognition of the numbers 10-20. We have also been counting by 5's and 10's and practicing using 10 frames.

Our Superkids units are continuing. This week we focused on the letter P. The Superkids book that the children are currently working on includes the letters P,V, and W. The children are strengthening their reading and writing skills each week through the individualized reading program and journal writing. Please keep sending back the books your child brings home every few days. Thank you!

Our school is a proud participant in the:



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Erev Shabbos Parashas Tetzaveh Parshas Zachor 5775

Dear Parents,

Purim has so much to offer our children – an exciting story with a dramatically wonderful outcome, costumes, treats, legal noise-making in shul, excitement, delivering Shalach Manos and much, much more. It's a day that children look forward to with eager and delighted expectation, as well it should be.

There is, however, an aspect of the Purim celebrations that is not universally adored by children. There are in fact any number of children who have a conscious or subconscious feeling of embarrassment or even worse, actual dread as Purim approaches. I am not referring to some unfortunate children whose family lacks the basic resources to celebrate the holiday. There are children who fear confronting yet another Purim when their father loses control due to excessive drinking.

There is ample support in Sifrei Halacha to justify imbibing greater amounts of alcohol at the Purim Seuda than the small amounts that are acceptable throughout the year. The injunction to feast until the distinction between the curse of Haman and the blessing of Mordechai becomes blurred certainly seems to indicate a rationale for dulling of the senses through ingesting wine and liquor. And yet, as with all our other actions, and all other Mitzvos D'Oraysa (Biblical laws) and Mitzvos D'Rabbanan (Rabbinic Laws) there are guidelines and parameters as to what is called for.

No one would consider that stealing an Esrog is justified in order to fulfill this most important and significant Mitzvah. Hitting and cursing workers to ensure that the matzos they are baking contain no chometz isn't something acceptable in anyone's book. The same is true of Ad D'Lo Yada on Purim. If a person, especially a father in the presence of his own children, gets to a state where he has lost control of his actions due to alcohol presumably consumed L'Shem Shamayim (for the sake of Heaven), this is no longer an acceptable or effective Mitzvah act.

Purim is for children and for mothers and for fathers. The adults in this picture have the responsibility to achieve personal Simcha in a manner that will enhance everyone else's Simcha, not detract from it through self-centered, self-absorbed behavior. Think of your children before you are too far gone. Ask a good friend to be your drinking buddy, agree beforehand to allow him to help you stop before your behavior disintegrates to the point your children start getting traumatized.

Enjoy Simchas Purim – prepare now to understand the deep joy and special opportunities for Mitzvos, Tefillah and Torah growth that Purim represents, so when Thursday arrives, the schnapps will merely be useful to put the icing on your already achieved state of Simcha, and not be its foundation.

Have a wonderful Shabbos and achieve true Simcha shel Mitzvah this Purim,

L'CHAIM!

Rabbi Baumann
Principal

WEEKLY WRAP-UP

