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Calendar Notes

December 27-30

Chanukah Break



Mazel Tov

Rabbi Shimon and Henny Eisemann on the birth of a daughter

YAHADUS EXPERIENCE

The miracle of Chanukah came to life in Yahadus this week. The children learned how the Yevanim wanted to take away the holiness of the Jewish people and broke or removed the seal of all the olive oil jars. We learned that each jar of oil needs to have the special stamp of the Kohen Gadol, that proves the purity of the oil and that the Menorah can not be lit with anything else. The children had the opportunity to see a real wax seal being created and then made their own seal on clay. It was truly an amazing experience for all and they gained a deeper understanding of the Chanukah miracle.



PRIORITY REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

It's time to register your children for next year!

We are expecting to have limited space and will fill up our classes early this year. The deadline for our current families to have priority is **Wednesday January 1st**, after which registration will be open equally to new families. Please go to ytcte.org/register to reserve your spot.

Don't forget! If you would like to register a new sibling, or have a son transitioning to RMS or DACHS, an application needs to be completed at ytcte.org/apply. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us in the admission office at [305-947-9477](tel:305-947-9477) or admission@ytcte.org.

From the desk of Rabbi Baumann

Principal: Rabbi Kalman Baumann Director: Mrs. Talia Levine



Dear Parents,

Erev Erev Shabbos Parashas Mikeitz Shabbos Chanuka Rosh Chodesh Teves 5780

Living among and interacting with the non-Jewish world has been a struggle for the Jewish people for the entirety of our existence. The perils and pitfalls seem to have become even more pronounced in the recent past. We lay claim to equal rights and privileges as other citizens of our respective countries, while at the same time recognizing the precariousness of our standing as supposed equals to our non-Jewish neighbors. We are blessed with unprecedented affluence while we confront a world-wide increase in anti-Semitism.

We have co-religionists who openly flaunt their financial success, seemingly unaware of the potential to arouse jealousy among our fellow citizens. Some of them consider themselves to be above the law and line their pockets with questionably acquired profits, employing various rationalizations to justify their behavior. Is this really OK?

What can we learn from our great ancestors in this regard? The *Pasuk* tells us in this week's *Parsha* (*Bereishis 42:1*) - *And Yaakov saw that there was food in Egypt, and he said... Why do you make yourselves conspicuous? Rashi explains this to mean: Why do you show yourselves to the sons of Yishmael and Esav as if you have food? (Because at this time, Yaakov's family did still have food.)*

Rashi's comment is based on the *Gemara* in *Taanis* (10B) which says – *Don't make yourselves appear satiated before them, for perhaps they will become jealous. Rashi points out that the entire reason the brothers were sent to buy food at that time, was in order not to appear well fed and well situated while their non-Jewish neighbors were suffering.*

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Rashi points out ... the entire reason the brothers were sent to buy food ..., was in order not to appear well fed.

This is difficult to understand. If a person has something precious, such as a nice house or nice car and others do not, one is not obligated to throw that item away because others are feeling jealous about it. We know that feeling jealous is inappropriate and it should be the other's responsibility to work on addressing those feelings.

Nevertheless, we see how *Yaakov Avinu* reacted when anticipating jealousy on the part of *Esav* and *Yishmael's* descendants. He instructed his sons to embark on a dangerous journey to Egypt to buy food, which was essentially unnecessary, in order to mitigate the pained feelings of his neighbors. There undoubtedly were many ways that *Yaakov* could have justified doing nothing to help his non-Jewish neighbors deal with their inappropriate jealousy, but he is teaching us the profound level of sensitivity we need to have for those around us, even and perhaps especially non-Jews.

We need to internalize this nuanced approach and to pass it on to our children. Our existence in an increasingly hostile non-Jewish world calls for deep insight into human behavior and the teachings of our *Chazal*. We do not live in a vacuum and our words and actions are under increasing scrutiny. We need to develop the sensitivity of *Yaakov Avinu* and keep in mind constantly the impact of what we do and say is having on the world around us.

Mastering this balancing act will, with Hashem's help, assure our safety and the well-being and successful future of our children.

As we celebrate *Chanuka*, which itself is another link in the chain of the Jewish people's ongoing confrontation with the non-Jewish world, we need to focus on finding the balance between strengthening ourselves and our communities, while being ever conscious that we are visitors on others' turf. Mastering this balancing act will, with Hashem's help, assure our safety and the well-being and successful future of our children.

Best wishes for an inspiring Shabbos and illuminating Chanuka,

JUNIOR PRE-K PRESS

MOROT NAOMI & RIVKY

The children came in Monday morning very excited to tell all their friends and Morahs about lighting the Menorah. During circle time, we went around the circle and each child had a chance to tell everyone about their favorite part of Chanukah.

The fire department came and spoke to the children about fire safety. They showed us all the different equipment they have in their truck. The firefighters told the children that even though a firefighter may look scary when he is dressed in his gear, they are just there to help.

The highlight of our week was baking donuts! The children enjoyed counting, mixing and adding ingredients to the batter. After the donuts were baked each child received icing and sprinkles to decorate their very own donut.

Enjoy Chanukah break and have a great Shabbos!!



MOROT LINDSAY & SUSAN

Jr Pre K had an exciting week as we continued working on fire safety, wax exploration and candles. We practiced stop drop and roll and reviewed our fire safety rules. It was so exciting to see a real fire truck at our school this week! Jr Pre K 2 and 3 also created a fire truck and made a candle out of wax.

The children in JPK1 listened to the book My Teacher is My Friend by P.K. Hallinan. The class drew pictures about the book and we hung them up in our room. It was so exciting to see the pictures displayed next to the book. The children worked on their fine motor skills in centers this week as we played with play dough, laced alphabet cards and practiced scissor skills.

Have a Happy Chanukah!!



PRE-K PAGES

MOROT NECHAMA, MIRIAM & MORIEL

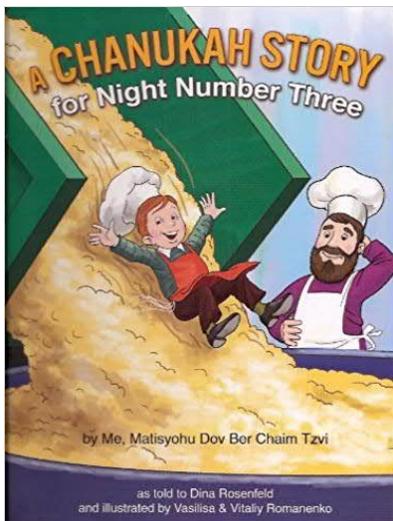
What a fun and busy week we had in Pre K!!

We spent the week doing special Chanukah activities like; dreidel painting, shaping and decorating Chanukah cookies, playing games of dreidel and creating Menorahs and Dreidels out of different materials. We also enjoyed listening to the book A Chanukah Story for Night Number Three by Dina Rosenfeld. The children were very entertained by the funny story.

We reviewed all the Aleph Bais letters we learned so far - through . We played fun games like Alef Bais chocolate coin sorting for a Chanukah treat.

In Parshas Miketz, we heard about Pharaoh's two dreams and how Yosef was able to interpret them for him. Pharaoh was so impressed and made Yosef the Mishne La'melech. Pharaoh's dreams came true and the brothers had to travel to Mitzrayim to get food for the family. The children are very curious to hear what will happen when the Shvatim find out that Pharaoh's helper is really Yosef their brother.

Have a great shabbos and Happy Chanukah!!!



MOROT ARIELLA, ELYSE & SARAH

We were very optimistic to learn letter O on Chanukah! There were many exciting experiments done with olive oil this week. Using our senses, we recognized the differences of olive oil compared to coconut, vegetable, and corn oil. They all looked and smelled very different. Another interesting experiment we did was to see if olive oil mixed with water. We saw that soda and juice mixed with water, but oil did not. We discussed how olive oil is made in the book From Olive to Olive Oil by Meish Goldish and we watched a video about it as well. We enjoyed using oil pastels to make Chanukah pictures in the art center. We had fun doing Chanukah math activities this week. We rolled the dice and counted out that amount of candles and put them into a base Menorah made out of Play-Doh. We also filled out a graph counting the amount of times we landed on each of the four letters of the dreidel. The letter that reached the top first, was the winner! It was a really fun and engaging Chanukah week! May you continue to enjoy the light!



KINDERGARTEN CORNER

MOROT BAYLA, DEVORAH, ESTHER, ESTY & RENA

Wow, what a week! This week has been packed with fun-filled learning experiences.

The children enjoyed daily Chanukah activities such as; dreidel art, light bright, making candle cookies and even a Kriah game in the form of a Shemen Zayis Zuch hunt. We have moved on to the letters Fey and Ending Fay and some classes enjoyed forming the Ending Fey with marshmallow fluff. To top it off, we were visited by a Fire truck in honor of Chanukah, which happened to coincide with our Aleph Bais letter of the week. The children were very excited.

Please keep up the Aleph Bais review as best as you can. It will only make it that much easier for your child as we move on to learning the next letters.

A freilechin Chanukah!



MOROT HEIDI, MORAL, PEARLY & RACHELI

This week we learned the last two letters in the alphabet; letters q-queen-/kw/ and z-zebra-/z/. Both letters start on the plane line, however the q ends on the worm line. We spend a great amount of time on sentence structure; always starting with a capital letter and keeping spaces between words. All words are written in lowercase letters, except for the first letter of a word, a name of a person or place, and the word I. We are also practicing using different punctuation marks; period, exclamation and question mark and learning how they are used in a sentence. We reviewed rhyming words and read different rhyming poems and books.

In math, we continued with addition. The children mastered the concept of joining two numbers together to make a larger number. This week, the children enjoyed making the equation of 8 in different ways using a Menorah and two colors of candles. Then, they drew and wrote their addition sentence that equaled 8.

Chanukah is a time where we have to be very vigilant about safety, specifically fire safety! We started out this unit by having an open class discussion about fire and fire safety rules. We first discussed the difference between safe fire and dangerous fire. Safe fire is fire that helps us, such as; candles, fire for cooking and a campfire. Dangerous fire is when the good fire gets out of control and starts to grow, such as; forest fire. We learned about having a plan when there is a fire. In school we have fire drills and at home you can make a family plan. The most important lesson learned this week was what to do in case of a fire. We learned that we need to call 911 and leave the house immediately. If there is smoke in the room, we should get low to the ground because smoke rises. If there is a fire on a person, we should stop, drop and roll on the floor until the fire is out. This week the children created a fire safety pamphlet. The pamphlet has a lot of important information that the children learned in class. We also enjoyed a visit from the fire department.

Enjoy your Chanukah vacation!

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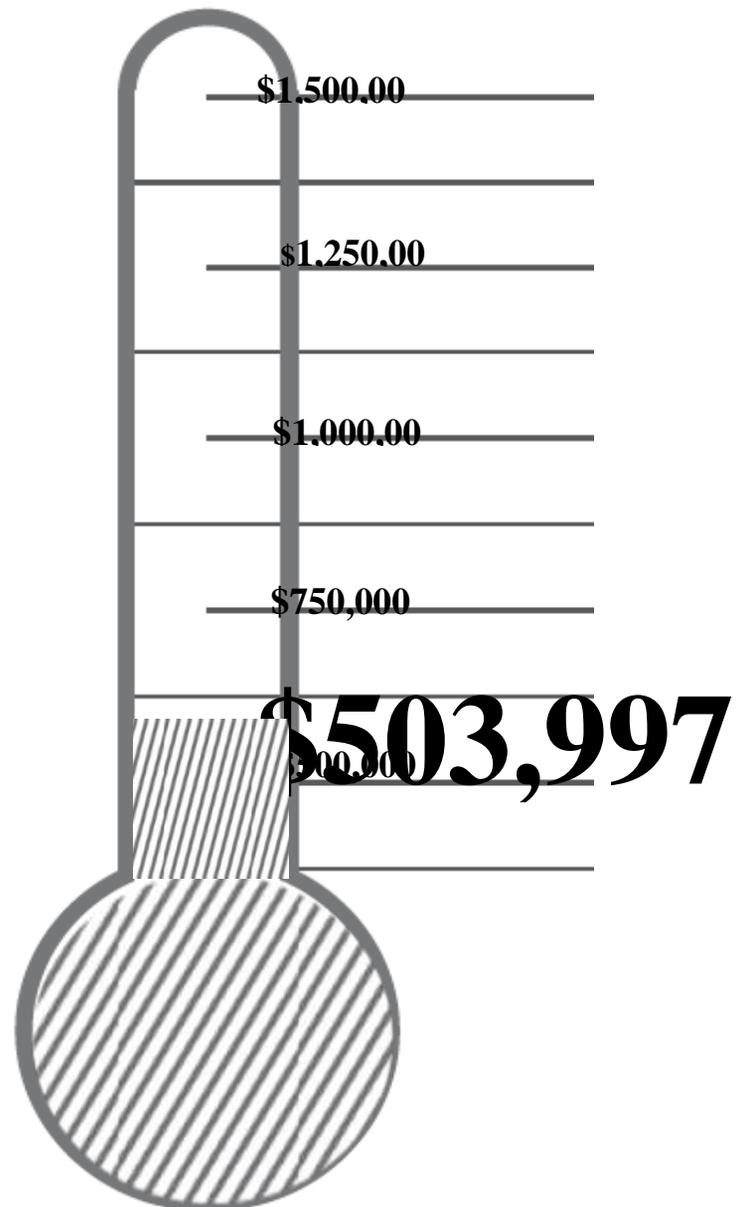
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We look forward to having all our parents and friends at the Dinner.