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Aleph Champ is officially in full swing! We began by familiarizing ourselves once again with the many different Hebrew letter and vowels. We've had a long break and are ready continue on! This week, each of us was tested to see what Color/Level we would begin on. As each week passes we hope to move up in the ranks, which begin from White Champ, until the final Black Champ! Through constant effort each of us will soon be able to read many Hebrew words clearly and fluently, and we are very excited for that! In addition, we would like to make a special welcome to the Fourth Grade, and to any other new students who are beginning in the Reading Room for the first time. It's only the first week and already everyone is catching on! Looking forward to more Hebrew Reading next week!



DON'T FORGET TO DOWNLOAD **THE DIALOGUE** ON THURSDAYS.
This week's Dialogue will be available on Thursday, May 12, 2011

Dear Parents,

This year got off to a great start! We are excited to have your children in our Hebrew school, so eager and excited to learn. Recently, we have learned about the holidays of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot. Followed by a community Sukkah raising, thank you to all who participated, it was a huge success. Please be on the lookout for our newsletter every two weeks and for "The Dialogue" every week. Our Torah curriculum is now underway, as well as Aleph Champ! It is our desire that your children will not only learn about the stories of the Torah, but also be able to apply these lessons to their own life and grow as Jews. We aspire to do this through hands-on activities, games, projects, and stimulating discussions.

We are looking forward to Café Chabad, where the movie "Ushpizin" will be showing, hope to see you there!

~Rabbi Yitzchok and Malkie Herson

What We Have Been Learning

Gan/Kitah Aleph (K-1)

In the past few weeks we explored the Jewish holidays of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot. Recently we started our Torah course on the book of Bereishit, the first book in the written Torah. We have learned that there are 6 days of creation and on the 7th day Hashem rested, this day is called Shabbat. For the first day of creation we made black and white cookies to demonstrate day and night. Also, this past week we also decorated the front covers of our very own siddur's. We even started learning the Hebrew alphabet; it is called the aleph-bet. So far we have learned letters aleph and bet. We are looking forward to learning more about the Torah!

~Morah Chana Miriam



Grade 2/Kitah Bet

Wow, another exciting week in the Second Grade! We began by putting coins in the Charity box and discussing all the different things less fortunate people could buy with our good deed. We learnt about the Prayer of Shem, and then placed pictures of each of us covering our eyes for the prayer, inside a brand new page of our beautiful Prayer Book. We heard the story of how Abraham was the first person to discover God, at the young age of three! And how God promised that his and Sara's descendants would be the entire Jewish nation! We then made family trees to show how we are all connected to families, and to our Parents and Great Grandparents! We will be learning the book of Shemos this year, which begins with the story of the Jewish nation's travels through the desert and receiving of the Torah! We even got to see a real Torah, and check out its carefully handwritten letters by a scribe, and it's soft, and beautifully decorated cover. All in all, it was another wonderful week in Chabad Hebrew School. Looking forward to next week!

Grade 3/Kitah Gimmel

This year we are learning a curriculum called, Torahpedia which follows the Hebrew Alef Bet. Every week we will learn a mitzvah that is relevant and begins with the next letter in the Alef-Bet. This past week we learned about the mitzvah Ba'al Tashchit (letter Bet)- Take responsibility for our world. This is not only important in the world but it is also a mitzvah in the Torah. We went out to the play ground to collect recyclables, discarded items and made a sculpture, in order to teach the children to take something old and make something new. Different techniques are incorporated to teach these important lessons, such as: using resources around us, games, songs, writing, dramatic play, and other interactive activities.

~Morah Kendel Leah

Grade 4/Kitah Dalet

This year the fourth grade will be learning about the story of the Jews traveling through the desert and how they grew as a nation. We'll also be learning all about the Jewish holidays as we approach them during the year. In class this week we learned all about how the Jews set up camp in the desert. We learned about how each tribe had a flag with which to identify themselves to others. The flags all had specific symbols on them which portrayed their characteristics and what their mission was as a tribe. We each chose a flag that we identified most closely with, created and decorated our own, and then set up our own camp

~Morah Sara Greenberg

Grade 5/Kitah Hey

This week in Hebrew School we continued with our curriculum titled 'My Jewish Home'

We are exploring all the different Mitzvot and details that go in to making a Jewish home.

This week we learned about the Mitzvah of Mezuzah. We learned that it is a piece of parchment with words from the Torah – the Shmah. And that it is not just the case that we put on the door post.

We looked at different kinds of Mezuzah's and what makes them Kosher and how to do the mitzvah.

So you know it is a Mitzvah to put a Mezuzah on every door of the house (besides for the bathroom). See you all next week!

~Morah Mushky

In the past few weeks we had a chance to learn about the different holidays during Tishrei. We made a honey cake and dipped apples in honey while speaking about the significance of Rosh Hashana and the new opportunities coming with it. We also brought a shofar to class and spoke about our decisions for the new year and how we can improve our relationship with Hashem. Finally, we had a chance to spend time in the sukkah and shake the lulav and etrog. The last two classes we have been discussing the journey through life of a Jew. Looking forward for the upcoming classes!

Grade 6/Kitah Vov

The Hebrew School Parents Association Present:
HEBREW SCHOOL PIZZA SOCIAL
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20,



**Hebrew School families are invited to get together
for a pizza & ice cream party and social.**

Parents at 11am

Students 11:30am

\$18 a family and \$8 indiv adults- \$5 kids

**Please RSVP to barbnsv@yahoo.com
so we order the correct amount of pizza**

Grade 7a/Kitah Zion

Our class this year will be focusing on the stories found in the Torah, which are rich in lessons that can be applied to our daily lives. We will do this by following the order of the stories in the Torah, starting from the beginning, Bereishis! We have a new hi-tech curriculum this year that includes short visuals on the Torah stories/parsha's (with a fancy projector and everything!) which aid the class in asking more in depth questions and really gives them a feel for what they are learning. This week we focused on the story of Noah and the Great Flood, or as we call it in Hebrew, Noah and the Mabul. The people in Noah's time weren't the best quality of people and their society was very used to doing wicked things, mainly stealing from others. A person could not leave their house without the fear of their possessions being taken from them the moment they walked out the door. We imagined how it would feel like for us every time we left our home and our cell phones or iPods were snatched from us moments later. Pretty ridiculous! We're so lucky to live in a society where that isn't the social norm. We also discussed how Hashem doesn't bring punishment upon the world without creating the "cure" first. If this wicked society needed to be cleansed, Hashem brought Noah to begin it again. And right after the sin of the Tower of Babel, we see the birth of Abraham who brought the idea of monotheism to the world. Not too shabby! I can't wait to see everyone back in class next week!

~Morah Rachel



Grade 7b/Kitah Zion

This year in Hebrew School the 7th grade are learning from an incredible new curriculum; Youtube, or to be more precise 'G-Dcast'. 'G-Dcast' is a series of short 4 minute clips reflecting on each of the Torah portions and the morals and values we learn that are relevant to our lives. Last week we began with creation, and we evolved in to one of the most amazing discussions I have had as a Hebrew School teacher. The students were firing away thoughts, questions, and observations based on the clip and discussion.

"Do we believe in the big bang?"

"Who created Hashem?"

"Are there other life forms? Is Hashem aware of them?"

"Is there such a thing as destiny? Luck?" How does that fit with free choice?"

And many more.

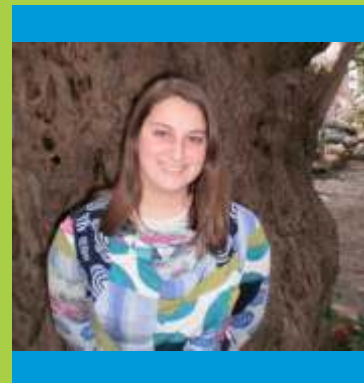
We look forward to an exciting year and will keep you updated. You can also watch the clips we watch at www.g-dcast.com/

~Rabbi Yitzchok

....A little bit about our Morahs!

Gan/Kitah Aleph (K-1)

My name is Chana Miriam Cantz and I am from Chicago, IL. I recently spent the past year learning in Israel. I have have a love for travel and have been fortunate to visit many countries including: Japan, Germany, Italy, Ukraine, Poland, Israel and more. I have a passion for culinary arts and hold degrees both in Culinary arts and Baking and pastry, as well as Nutrition. I am also looking to start work on becoming a Registered Dietician I am excited to be the Morah for K-1 this year!



Grade 3/Kitah Gimmel

Hi my name is Kendel Leah Kolt. I'm from Monsey NY I've always worked with children teaching or being a counselor. I enjoy the outdoors. I like to paint and drink hot cocoa, and love to go hiking with my family.

Grade 4/Kitah Dalet

Hi, my name is Sara Greenberg. I'm from Morristown, New Jersey. I am so excited to be working in Chabad Hebrew School and too spend my Sundays with great Jewish children.



Hi! My name is Mushky Junik. I am really excited to join the team here at Zimmer Preschool. I grew up in Montreal, Canada which has a nice sized Jewish community. I spent this past year in Israel and I cherished my time there. I love learning new things and gaining knowledge. I also enjoy hanging out with my friends, reading and traveling to new places.. As a teacher now I hope to be supportive and encouraging to my students, as well as sensitive to their needs and wants as a young child. To me every child is a whole world and one who can accomplish much. My goal this year is to be a role model and someone who the children will regard as one who they can have fun with and play with as a friend.

Grade 5/Kitah Hey

....A little bit about our Morahs!

Bosmat was born in Israel, and currently resides in Morristown, NJ.. In high school she was acounselor and worked with kids at young ages (3-4 year old) and older ages (13-14 yearold). While attending nursing school, she was a mentor in a Torah learning program for high school girls. She loves playing the piano, baking, hiking and learning new things. This year is very exciting for her because she can't wait to share her love of Judaism and meet the new students and their parents!

Grade 6/Kitah Vov



Grade 7a/Kitah



Hi! My name is Rachel Pekarsky and if you're reading thins I am most probably your child's 7th Grade teacher! I was born and bred in Union County and have lived here for the past 20 years. There is always something new and exciting to be learnt every day and I look forward to conveying this enthusiasm for learning to my students. I also love seeing the beauty in simple, everyday occurrences which probably brought on my love of photography. I'm looking forward to sharing pictures of all the wonderful things we will be doing here... we have a great year ahead of us!

Movie Night
At
Café Chabad

Saturday Night, November 19, 7pm

Presenting award winning film:
USHPIZIN
(THE GUESTS)

STARRING **SHULI RAND**

**Haydallah candle lighting ceremony.
Light supper. Group discussion to follow**