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16 Shvat 5772 — Feb 9th 2012



This week in Aleph Champ we were once again hard at work.

We are proud to announce that so many students have been moving up ranks on a constant basis, and are hard at work practicing their Hebrew letters and vowels.

Students that passed this week

5th:

Lindsay Wolf passed to purple
Benjamin Ant passed to blue

6th:

Marisa Weinerman passed to yellow
Gavin Franzon passed to purple

7th:

Jake Simon passed yellow and green to blue
Zachary Terpack passed to purple

Dear Hebrew School Parents,

We are excited to share the upcoming events that our dedicated Hebrew School event coordinators have organized. At the beginning of the year we all met and decided we wanted to build community, and we are doing just that. Thank you all!

Next Sunday, February 12, from 1:30pm-3:00pm we have rented the back rink at the Bridgewater Sports Arena for the Hebrew School families to go Ice Skating. Many of you have expressed interest in it and we are looking forward to a fun event. Entry is \$18 a family and \$50 sponsorship. We will have hot chocolate and snacks at the rink.

Please save the date for a Wine And Cheese Fundraiser Event scheduled for Saturday, March 3rd. The Hebrew School, Olam Academy and Zimmer Pre-School are coming together for this event to raise funds for the entire Chabad Community. Please expect an email about the event and an opportunity to donate a gift basket to be auctioned off.

And see you next Sunday early in time for hot chocolate!

Rabbi Yitzchok

Hebrew School Ice Skating Party Sunday, February 12, 1:30-3:00



Fee: \$18 family (includes skate rental); \$50 sponsorship option
RSVP: to Binstock@verizon.net

At
Bridgewater Sports Arena
1425 Frontier Road
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

What We Have Been Learning

Gan/Kitah Aleph (K-1)

We have had an exciting past 2 weeks in Hebrew school. At the Shabbat dinner last Friday night our class used our points to win a movie and popcorn party! We watched the movie "Young Avraham," our class thoroughly enjoyed our prize! We have been learning about Avraham and Sara, in the parshas Vayeira and Chaya Sara; and how they were very hospitable and generous, welcoming travelers into their tent and offering them food and lodging. In class we learned how we can be hospitable towards guest and towards our peers. We have been moving along with our Hebrew learning and have learned to write the letter "Daled." We also decorated three new letters this week, "Nun, Samach, and Ayin." Next week we are going to explore our Jewish names, so if you were not in class this week please find out from your parents what your Jewish name and bring in a white pillowcase. We are looking forward to seeing you again next week!

Morah Chana Miriam

Grade 2/Kitah Bet

These past two weeks have been very exciting! We all enjoyed the Friday night dinner, filled with fun and puzzling quiz's about Shabbat. We used our 1100 points at the auction to bid for the awesome prize of the Jumping Castle!!! On Sunday, we redeemed this prize and have a blast on the jumping castle!!! In Kriyah (the learning of the Hebrew letters), we learnt the letters Vov and Zayin. And got to play relay races and round the world to see how many of the letter we knew already. When learning the Torah, we learnt how Moshe went to Pharaoh to let the Jewish People go, and when he stubbornly said no, Hashem sent 10 Plagues upon the Egyptians. We learnt that although the Egyptians suffered we do not gloat, but rather we spill out grape juice (or wine) at our Passover Seder Meal as if to say we are sorry you had pain, you should have made better choices and not have forced the Jews to be your slaves in Egypt. Our Morah took a picture of us each reenacting this and we wrote down a message we would say to the Egyptians. Hope everyone has a amazing week!! See you all next week!

Morah Chana

Grade 3/Kitah Gimmel

We have had a great time exploring the mitzvos of Challah with hands on experience. From ingredients to delicious rolls, we worked our way through the process of challah baking while discussing the mitzvah of separating challah. We also discovered the mitzvah of tzitzit in our very own tzitzit display - ranging from the small garment a child of three would wear to the giant prayer shawl married men wear in synagoge on Shabbat. Using our math skill we discovered the secret of tzitzit - that its numerical value plus the 8 strings and 5 knots on each corner make 613, the total number of mitzvot. And if we use a string to remember, these strings can serve as our reminder of G-d above!

Morah Sara Moses





<-- Morah Sara M. 3rd grade class hart at work!

Grade 4/Kitah Dalet

We had such a great time at the Friday night dinner! We are so excited because our class won a chocolate party in the auction and we will soon be having our party. In the meantime we've been continuing to hear the story of the Jews as they traveled through the desert on the way to Israel. These past two weeks we learned about how the Jews got scared at the last minute and begged Moshe to send spies into the land, ahead of them, to scout it out. We learned about how even when the spies had gone and come back, having seen the miraculous land, they turned every miracle into something terrible and convinced the whole nation that going into Israel was a bad idea. We discussed how if the Jews had kept up their good attitude they'd have remembered that G-d was always with them, protecting them, and how we can change our behavior if we have the right attitude. We also discussed how quickly the whole camp joined the mob scene protesting their entrance into the land and how peer pressure affects everyone, even us. We talked about where peer pressure plays a role in our lives- and all suggested ways to respond in the face of it.

Morah Sara G.



Grade 5/Kitah Hey

This week at Hebrew School we learnt about the Mitzvah of Tzedakah- charity. It is a Mitzvah to help those that have less than we do. We heard a story about Rabbi Akiva's daughter whose life was saved because she had given food to a poor man on her wedding day.

Morah Mushky

Grade 6/Kitah Vov

The past two weeks we have been learning about the meaning of "having" a Bar/Bat-Mitzvah. We also started learning about some of the special mitzvot that boys and girls start performing at that age (so far we mostly focused on the mitzvah of Tefillin, which connects the mind and the heart and reminding us of the "oneness" of Hashem). Next week we will be learning more about mitzvot that the girls do. Looking forward to next week!

Morah Bosmat

Grade 7a/Kitah Zion

This week in kitza zayin we started wrapping up the story of Yosef in Egypt. Yosef became the second in command to the Pharaoh after being an inmate, once again making a name for himself from a low position. Not only did Yosef essentially rule the world's largest empire at that time, but he did so while simultaneously being a Jew and keeping his faith in Hashem at the forefront of his life. Our class talked about the positives and negatives of living in a secular world while keeping our Jewish values intact, using Yosef as our role model. We ended the lesson with none other than... TYE DYING!!! Only the best for kitah zayin =]

Grade 7b/Kitah Zion

Morah Rachel

This week the Grade 7 class began learning about the book of Shmot – Exodus, about the story of the Jewish people leaving Egypt. In this week's issue we learned that Moshe had a speech defect, which made representing the Jewish people to Pharaoh difficult. The question is asked, why did G-D not fix Moshe's speech difficulty? We answered and discussed we all have difficulties and it is our mission in life to work through them and despite of them. As the discussion continued we watched a clip of Nick Vujicic who was born with no arms and no legs and is an inspirational speaker on what we can achieve despite our challenges.

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