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27 Adar 5772 — March 21th, 2012



This week in Aleph Champ we became familiar with some new Passover prayers from the Haggadah. Over the next few weeks we hope to practice them thoroughly, so we'll be able to recite them at the Passover Seder!

Students to master another level in Aleph Champ this week:

4th Grade:
Julie Ashare passed to purple

5th Grade:
Sophia Epstein passed to brown

6th Grade:
Valerie Gorsky passed to green
Jared Collins passed to purple
Lizi Hedden passed to brown
Tea Simon passed to brown
Jarrett Schwartz passed to brown

7th Grade:
> Jake Simon passed to purple

Dear parents,

Spring is in the air, even if it is not on yet the calendar, and in Hebrew School we are beginning to prepare for the spring time Holiday of Passover!

This year **Passover begins on Friday evening, April 6th** and goes through to April 14th.

Each class is preparing their own Hagadah – the Seder companion book - which they will take home and share at your family's Seder.

As part of our preparation for Passover we are inviting the parents to join us as we go through the process of baking Matza – ourselves. All the Hebrew School students will have a chance to grind flour, roll their dough and watch as their Matza goes in to the oven.

Grades 1-3 will bake Matza from 10:30am – 11:00am

Grades 4-7 will bake Matza from 11:00am – 11:30am

Parents are welcome and encouraged to join.

This Thursday night is our **Pre-Passover wine tasting & sale at 7pm** with Royal Wine, the leader in kosher wine, please join us for the best in Kosher wine today.

See you soon
The Chabad Team

What We Have Been Learning

Gan/Kitah Aleph (K-1)

This past week in Hebrew school we began learning about Pesach (Passover). The kids were very excited to share everything they already knew about the holiday and had a keen interest in learning more! We started off by learning the story of Pesach and then went into learning a little bit about the Haggadah, the Seder meal, and the 4 cups of wines. Next week we are going to go more in depth and learn the details of the story, about the 10 plagues, and do some fun arts and crafts.

Last week we finished learning and decorating all the letters of the Aleph-Bet, they are hanging up outside our classroom for all to see. We are looking forward to learning how to write more letters, so far we have learned how to write: Aleph, bet, gimel, daled, hey, and vav. Last week we also learned about Yaakov's (Jacob's) dream and ladder. We made sock puppets of either Lavan and Yaakov or Rachel and Leah; all people involved in Yaakov's story. Looking forward to seeing you all next week!

Morah Chana Miriam

A WEEKLY MAGAZINE TO PROVIDE FAMILY DISCUSSION
THE DIALOGUE
FOR THE CHABAD HEBREW SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Grade 2/Kitah Bet

These past weeks in Hebrew school we have learnt about how Hashem took the Jewish People out of the slavery in Egypt. And with the festival of Pesach/Passover coming up in just a few short weeks we will be learning more about this special time and all its special practices. The children will each be making their very own Haggadah which they will be able to use at your seder table during Pesach. We watched as Morah Chana set up our very own seder table in our classroom and we all gathered around for a closer look. Together we discussed all the different items on the table and what we knew about each item. These past two weeks when during Kriyah we focused on reviewing the letter we already know. Keep up the fantastic work grade 2!! Hope to see you all next week!

Morah Chana

Grade 3/Kitah Gimmel

What an amazing lesson we had and kickstart to the holiday of Pesach. We started to discuss and learn the story of the Jews leaving Egypt and about our present day "Egypt" we live in today. Also, we are making our very own Hagadas that we can use at our Seders this year! Looking forward to next lesson!

Morah Chanie

Grade 5/Kitah Hey

This week at Hebrew School we began learning about the upcoming holiday of Pesach(Passover). We learned how the Jews came down to Egypt when there was a famine in the Land of Israel. They were enslaved there by King Pharaoh. King Pharaoh made a decree that all the Jewish boys that were born were to be thrown in the river because his advisers had told him that the Savior of the Jews was to be a boy.

Yocheved, Moses's mother put him in a basket on the river. Eventually when Moshe grew older he came to take the Jews out and King Pharaoh refused to let them out. So Hashem brought on the Egyptians 10 plagues. By the tenth plague, the death of all firstborn son, Pharaoh agreed that the Jews leave. The following morning the Jews left Egypt. They left in a hurry and their dough did not have time to rise. It got baked by the desert sun into thin Matza. Looking forward to learning more next week!

Morah Mushky

Grade 4/Kitah Dalet

Last week we continued to learn about the Jews' journey through the desert. We learned how every Jew was responsible to help donate to the salary of the Kohanim who were in charge of taking care of the Mishkan and how even now Tzedaka is a responsibility of ours to make things more fair by giving to those who have less. We discussed the different levels of Tzedaka and how the greatest is help someone find a job.

This week we began learn about Passover. We all went around and shared what we knew about Passover. We heard the whole story- from Joseph coming down to Egypt to the Jews crossing over the Red Sea. We all contributed the parts and details we knew and asked so many questions on the story. We remembered the matza that baked on the Jews' backs while they hurried out of Egypt and that now we must search through our whole house to make sure there is no chamatz (leavened bread.) Finally. we went on a Chamatz Hunt- we looked for pieces all over the building.

Morah Sara G.

Grade 6/Kitah Vov

This week we learned about the main theme of Passover, which is breaking out of your limitations. We learned to free ourselves from our bad habits in order to be better people. We do this by having humility and honestly saying to ourselves whether we have things needing to be worked on. Humility is represented by Matzah because it has not ever risen and become "puffed up" like Chametz which represents arrogance for this

Morah Bosmat



Grade 7a/Kitah Zion

This week in Kitah Zayin we began learning about the next upcoming holiday... Pesach! We started off by talking about symbols and why could it possibly be the Matzah stands out in our minds as the mascot for this holiday. There MUST be something special to be learnt from Matzah if it's at the forefront of our Seder! Contrasting it to the bread that we don't eat on this holiday, we realized Matzah is very plain and simple, only made of two ingredients and it doesn't rise or get "puffed up". Many beautiful answers were given by our Kitah Zayin students but the one approach we took is that the Matzah shows us how to be humble in everything we do, and not to be unhealthy "puffed up" and arrogant in our character traits.

Morah Rachel

Grade 7b/Kitah Zion

This week we explored the symbolisms and meaning of the upcoming Holiday of Passover. We explored the difference between Matza and bread and how Matza is flat symbolizing humility. We came up with different ideas of what we can learn from Matza and the lessons of not eating bread for a week. We watched a video on the production of Matza and will delve into the Seder next week.

Rabbi Yitzchok

Pre Passover

WINE TASTING & SALE

March 22 7PM

Wines will be
available for sale.
A portion of sales
will benefit Chabad

At the Chabad Jewish Center
3048 Valley Road, Basking Ridge, NJ

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Join us for
Chabad's Interactive Seder

Saturday Evening, 8pm
 April 7th, 2012

Adults: \$36
 Children \$18
 Event sponsor \$180



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