



Breitman Family  
CHABAD HEBREW SCHOOL

# RECap



## Hebrew Reading Room

Dear Parents, Another week in Aleph Champ has shown remarkable progress! Congratulations to all those who hit up another rank this week.

### 4th Grade:

Jack Turkel passed to yellow  
Emma Barrison passed to yellow  
Jordon Orloff passed to green  
Michael Skolnick passed to green

### 5th Grade:

Benjamin Ant passed to purple

### 6th Grade:

Marissa Weinerman passed to blue

### 7th Grade:

Shout out to Emma Leiberman, who passed to BLACK this week! Mazel Tov on your Bat Mitzvah Emma!

## New Staff Member

We would like to share some news with you, Morah chana Miriam the K/1 Hebrew School teacher has recently announced her engagement, and will be getting married in the summer.

While we wish her Mazel Tov, we also had to say good bye, as she left to prepare for her wedding.

We would like to welcome Morah Eliana Sohn who will be the K/1 teacher for the remainder of the year.

You are welcome to meet Morah Eliana after Hebrew school on Sunday

Wednesday, Iyar 3 - April 25, 2012

## Registration is now open for 2012/13

Dear Hebrew School Parents,

It is that time of year again, spring is here and as people start thinking of summer we start thinking about the next school year.

In order to plan for the new year it is important to get registrations in order.

In an effort to make registering for next year easier for you, this past Sunday we gave out a form with all the information we have on file for you.

Please review the information carefully, if it is all correct please either return the form to school or go to the Hebrew School site and fill out the short renewal form.

Thank you very much for enabling us to begin preparation for the new year with your updated registration form.

If you have any questions please feel free to call or email.

### Kindergarten/Grades 1

This week we learned about the importance of doing the right thing even when it is hard. Abraham was getting on in years and knew that it was time for his son Yitzchak to marry. Avraham decided that the best place to look for such a lady would be in Haran, a far away town deep in the desert. Avraham was too old to make the long journey through the desert, so he sent his trusted friend, Eliezer, to find a wife for Yitzchak. As a group we discussed what it might be like to travel through the desert and what Eliezer should bring. Many students suggested that he bring lots of water because the desert can get very hot. This was true, and when Eliezer got to Haran, he and the camels he traveled with were very thirsty.

In order to put ourselves in our ancestors shoes, we built the city of Haran out of blocks. Everybody built something including a well, a trough for camels, a jail and a hotel. Using puppets, we reenacted the scene of Eliezer coming to the well where Rivka was drawing water. Eliezer had prayed that Hashem make it clear who Yitzchak should marry based on his great kindness. Using our homemade well, we discovered just how hard it is to draw up buckets and buckets of water from deep within the ground. Offering water to Eliezer and his camels was not an easy task, but Rivka did it with a smile because she knew it was the right thing to do.

## Grade 2

I would like to welcome you all back to an exciting last few weeks of Hebrew School. We started off this week by wishing everyone a happy birthday as in our class we were having a birthday party to celebrate everyone's birthday. We made a cake and learnt our Jewish birthday date. We learnt why our Jewish birthday is so special and things to do in honor of it. Morah told us all about how when the Jewish People left Egypt and travel for Forty-nine days through the desert to the Mount Sinai which Hashem had shown us. It was there that we received the Torah. We learnt that Hashem choose us, the Jewish girls and boys to be the guarantor of the Torah. This meant that we had a extremely important job. It is our job to make sure that the goodness that is inside the Torah is a part of our daily lives.

We all spoke about how we could all do something in our families to make this world filled with more goodness that before. A few of our friends chose to make sure to give a coin or two to charity everyday. We will be discussing how it all went next week in class.

-Morah Chana



## Grades 3

After Pesach vacation what a fantastic week at Hebrew School we had. We learnt all about the power of speech and how we can affect the world with what we say. Words have a very special power and we need to know that lift and make things great as well as cause harm and hurt. And we have the power to choose what we do with our words.

Can't wait for next week and what we'll be learning!

Until then,

-Morah Chanie

## Grade 4

This week we learned how all throughout the Jews' journey through the desert Hashem taught them many mitzvot through their leader, Moshe. We learned how mitzvot are not just good deeds or commandments from Hashem, but act as ropes that connect to us to Hashem. Every time we do a mitzva our rope gets stronger. We discussed how doing something for someone strengthens your relationship with that person and how even though Hashem loves us unconditionally our Mitzvot make us closer.. We thought of mitzvot and all tried to think what kind of categories they would each fall into. We learned that there are three categories altogether. Ask me what they are!

## Grade 5

Welcome back from your Pesach vacation!

This week at Hebrew School we started our unit on Brachos-blessings, focusing mainly on the ones that we make before eating food.

We learnt that the Bracha to make on bread and Challah is Hamotzi and the one for cookies , cakes and crackers is Mezonot.

We made our own cake for the Bracha of Mezonot!

Looking forward to seeing yuo next week!

-Morah Mushky

## Grade 6

This week we continued with our regular curriculum and spoke about the new stage after Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Even though in Judaism we are considered to be mature when we turn 12 (for girls) or 13 (for boys) we are still not completely accountable for our won actions until the age of 20, when we become adults. The Teen years are our "bridge" that prepares us to be a successful adults. During this time, we develop spiritually and psychologically, gain life skills for adulthood and enjoy the beauty of youth (being full of energy and idealism). Next week we will speak about Jewish Marriage!

## Grade 7

This week we continued with our regular curriculum, where we learnt about the Torah portions concerning Moshe and his rise to leadership of the Jewish people. We talked about why Hashem didn't make Moshe's lisp disappear, why the Jews had to be taken out by 10 Plagues and not by a number of other different miracles Hashem could have utilized, and many more puzzling questions. It was also a very special Sunday morning as it was the Hebrew first day of the month - Rosh Chodesh! The Mitzvah of Rosh Chodesh was the first Mitzvah ever given to the Jewish people to keep, so we celebrated by making some yummy Rosh Chodesh cake! Your kids can tell you all about it :)



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