

# Nachas News



Gan Israel Preschool

Date: May 19, 2017

Parsha: Behar-Bechukotai

## Announcements

- Preschool Picnic- Sunday, June 11  
11:30 – 1:00 PM
- Pre K Graduation- Thur. June 15<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 – 1:00 PM
- No School- Shavout- Wed. May 31  
& Thur. June 1
- Looking for adult helpers on  
Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> for play ground  
re-mulching and clean up. Please  
let Morah Amy know if you are  
available in the afternoon.

## Photo of the Week



Next Week's Snack Family  
Pfeferman, Lummer, Deutsch (Yaakov)

## Director's Message

Congratulations to Morah Melissa on the completion of her early childhood degree. Morah Melissa has worked diligently on her education while working at the preschool. She is an amazing example of dedication to our children and education. Mazel Tov and we wish her well as she continues to go from strength to strength! REMINDER: The weather is warming up. Please check your children's spare clothes to make sure they have appropriate spare outfits for this warm weather. Thank you

2's



3's



Pre-K



## Shabbos Times:

Candle lighting: 8:00 PM

Shabbos ends: 9:05 PM

## Aftercare

The Aftercare kids have been fascinated with all the cicadas on the playground. So we decided to do some cicada exploration. We learned that much of what we see on the playground are actually cicada shells from which the cicadas have emerged. We also learned that there are many different types of cicadas that live underground for various lengths of time, and that different cicadas make different sounds. Listening online to about 20 different cicada sounds was so cool!

A couple days it was so hot outside that we brought out the water spritzers. The children had much fun being sprayed. Bubbles were a hit too. The children loved blowing and catching them. Our foray through the tunnel and onto the scooters was so much fun, you'd thought "We're Going on a Lion Hunt" like that book we read. Jordanna spent her time honing her basketball skills, and Jonah learned a new word from a book, "owl". Jonah loves singing Old McDonald song with the doggies and the cats, and now he has a new animal he can include (so what if owls don't live on farms). Ben is very excited about his "Batman" backpack and is even learning to put his lunchbox inside.

Shabbat Shalom!

Morahs Amy, Suzy, Melissa, Maria, and Natalie



## 2-Year-Old Class

This week our theme was about animals around us! We looked outside and our conversation was sparked by the many cicadas around. We took out the bugs from the science center and explored. Then we looked at other animals.

Lyla was excited to start her project! Mora asked what animal you making? She said it's a Bunny!! I finished !!!



Jonah really wanted to make an animal. He wasn't sure what animal he wanted but he knew he wanted it to be orange! Ben wanted to create a bear. He practiced his bear growl!



The flowers in our garden are so beautiful we had to come have closer look.



Shabbat Shalom,  
Morah Suzy, Morah Shari, Morah Miki



## 3-Year-Old Class

Such fun was had by all during our school Lag B'Omer celebration on Monday. When asked "what was your favorite activity, the children couldn't choose. They replied "All of it!". Lila said "This was the best day!". The obstacle course was so much fun, not only doing it ourselves but also watching our friends. And who knew there were so many different fun games one could play with a parachute.



Then we transitioned right into learning about Shavuot, our next Jewish holiday (other than Shabbat). We've been dutifully counting the 7 weeks of the Omer since the second day of Pesach (after returning from break) and can't wait to reach day 50 atop Har Sinai (Mt. Sinai) when we received the Torah from Hashem. We know from a song that Har Sinai was a small, humble mountain -- not a tall, wide, or beautiful one. And yet Hashem chose Har Sinai on which to give the Torah - a good reminder to all of us. Owen built an awesome Har Sinai from blocks and Elle climbed the jungle gym Har Sinai on the playground. Making our own paper mache' Har Sinai is a messy play experience -- of which some children love and some children aren't so sure about. But finding the Torah "hidden" in our classroom atop a "mountain" is fun that all the children can agree upon. Painting their Har Sinai in whatever colors they wanted, allowed for color exploration. Elle discovered that pink and blue make purple. Uri recognized that red and blue did too!

The children have gravitated towards the linked foam letters that have been out on our table several mornings this week. Many are finding letters to spell their names and some carried this forward during snack using Cheerios to spell letters in their names.



Happy Birthday to Eli on turning 4 years old! And a huge Mazel Tov to Morah Melissa on graduating this past Sunday with her Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education. Not an easy thing to do while simultaneously working. We loved celebrating with both Eli and Morah Melissa this week.

Shabbat Shalom!

Morah Amy and Morah Melissa

## Pre K Class

It's Torah Time, Alphabet Time, 100 Days Time. & Graduation time!

We are counting, counting, counting...until we finish the Alphabet, until Shavuot & 100 Days Party. We are counting so much, we can't stop.

- 3 more letters (3 weeks, that's 21 Days) until we complete the ABCs,

-10 Days until our 100 Days Party.

-12 Days until Shavuot

-24 Days until Graduation, June 15th

In preparation for our 100 Days party, each child will choose their favorite "100 things" in the classroom; trinkets chosen by Morah Terri.

Counting 100 (out loud) of their favorite things, then adding it to the pile of 100's (also counted out loud by each child in Pre K) then, making their very own 100 Days Pre K Poster (also counted out loud, by each child in Pre K). And glued, taped, painted & glitter-glued. We love 100!



We had so much fun at the Lag B'Omer obstacle course. It was a challenge driving through cones and then balancing and walking on the "monster feet".



Eyal lead us off and then encouraged each friend by cheering their name as they tried to maneuver their way through the course.

Shabbat Shalom, Morah Terri & Morah Maria