



Gan Israel Preschool

Date: Sept 15, 2017

Parsha: Nitzavim- Vayelech

Theme: Rosh Hashanah

Nachas News

Announcements

- No School for Rosh Hashanah next week- Wed, Thurs, and Fri.
- Thank you to: Andrea and Dave (Haily's mom and dad) for helping to get our sensory garden looking better. Watch that space!
- Thank you to: Talya (Maya's mom) for volunteering to chair our PTO this year. Look for emails from her when it is your family's fruit week.
- Thank you to Chani Deitsch (kosher Gift Collection) for the honey jar donations. Children will be bringing home honey jars for Rosh Hashana next week.
- Thank you to everyone who joined us for back to school night. It was wonderful seeing you all and sharing together in the excitement of our new school year.

Photo of the Week



Next Week's Snack Family
Deutsch(pre k&2's), Armellini-Keren, Winerman

Director's Message

We celebrated our Tishrei birthdays this week at a special Shabbat Sing. The children got to learn about the phases of the moon and how that brings us a new month. We finished off the activity by trying to eat our cookies into moon shapes. Rabbi Deitsch came to Shabbat Sing and blew the shofar for us. When he asked what sound the shofar makes one child answered "Tequila" (he was looking for the answer 'Tkiyah') making us all feel happy and in the mood for the new year! Finally, happy birthday to Morah Shari, our Tishrei birthday. We wish her a year of joy, good health, and plenty of nachas from her children and preschoolers. Hope to see all the moms on Sept 27th @ our moms night out. Shabbat Shalom

Aftercare Antics!



Skipping around!



Shooting hoops!



Bubbles!

Shabbos Times:

Candle lighting: 6:59 PM

Shabbos ends: 7:55 PM

2- Year Old - 3 day class

This week we focused on learning our new classroom routines and exploring Rosh Hashanah. We started our Rosh Hashanah art projects this week and explored the concept of bees making honey. During circle time, we learned about the shofar and the sounds it makes and we also listened to Rosh Hashanah, apples, and bee themed music. Rosh Hashanah is a new beginning of the year and we are starting off fabulously in our class!



Seen around the classroom:
 Everyone dancing at the table during lunchtime to our Rosh Hashanah music.
 Maya and Jordanna enjoying cucumbers for snack. Lots of cucumbers.
 Hirsh and Jordanna driving cars on the porch. Jordi told us they were going to the mountains.
 Noa making lunch for our classroom stuffed kitty and carrying Buzz Buzz the bee around the room.
 Making art with crayons, paint and glue.
 Rhett using the washing cup at circle time for the first time and scooting around the rug following the roads.
 Children playing on the playground with the other classes, especially the bouncing car.
 Jordanna being startled by the sound of the shofar and then making the sound repeatedly.
 Hirsh and Jordanna sharing the pegs at center time.



Shabbat Shalom
 Morah Amy & Morah Zelda

2-Year-Old – 5 day class

This week we continued to get to know each other. We experimented with sound and really enjoyed hearing the shofer. Some of the children could not stop making the shofer noises.

Exploring apple shapes and colors for Rosh hashanah.



Dress up! There was lots of laughter as the children tried on different dress up clothes. We especially liked dancing with the instruments in our "fancy" clothes.



Can you guess who is behind this big smile?



Our first class trip to the Beit Keneset (synagogue). the children were so excited to visit and see the real Torah!
 Shabbat Shalom
 Morah Suzy, Morah Shari and Morah Miki

3-Year-Old Class

This week our theme is.....Rosh Hashanah, of course! We're having fun singing songs, exploring Rosh Hashanah symbols and colors, and greeting each other with Shana Tova. The shofar is the children's favorite symbol as we practice our blasts each day during this Jewish month of Elul.

Shabbat Shalom and Shana Tova U'Metukah!
Morah Amy and Morah Zelda

Avi was thrilled to pull an apple out of our Rosh Hashanah mystery box. And Ayalah got the honey to go with the apples. We're looking forward to eating apples and honey next week for Rosh Hashanah. We're practicing this song so we know what to do:

Dip the Apple in the Honey
Say a bracha loud-n-clear
L'Shana Tov U'Metuka
Have a happy, sweet new year!



We've been learning about bees, and insects in general since bees make honey. The yellow and black stripes on bees make a nice introduction to the concept of color patterns.

The children are fascinated by the insects. Searching outside for insects with binoculars and magnifying glasses became an all-consuming activity. Ben was ecstatic to catch a bug with Morah Zelda's assistance. He loved showing it to all his friends and seemed to want to take it home as a pet.



Painting cards for Rosh Hashanah was lots of fun as we explored with the apple colors of red, yellow, and green. Paintbrush painting devolved into finger (actually whole-hand) painting as Ben discovered that he made the color brown.



Lyla volunteered to be Morah Amy's assist in picking the seeds out of the apples. This task took focus and patience.

We all had so much fun with the pre-K planting the apple seeds and hypothesizing what might happen. Afterward we got to paint a mural with red, yellow, and green paint and shaving cream using our hands. How much fun is that!



Shabbat Shalom!

Pre K Class

Growing, growing, growing.

Pre-K is talking about what it's like to grow & start new, start over...have a fresh start. We began by discovering & discussing the difference between old and new.

Becca says a kitchen can be new and the old one goes away.

Lila says an oven can be old so you get a new oven.

Owen was met very matter-of-fact when he explained when a chicken gets old, it stops clucking so loud.

Bina said that flowers get old....

The class started to think and wonder how flowers get old. We all looked at Morah Terri's two year old Apple Tree which is very small and started to think...



Science rocks!

Art this week was composed of a class project with pants underneath shaving cream that was discovered through sensory play. First we discovered the three colors of apples, red, yellow, green and chose those paints from our Color Cubes in the classroom. children got to wear their smocks and got very dirty. It was so much fun.

When we stepped back from our apples (from the opposite side of the long paper) we noticed that it wasn't a tree yet...just red, green and yellow apples on the top and dirt on the bottom.

Owen suggested that our tree needs a trunk and Elle said that we needed branches. Morah Terri suggested glitter...our tree was complete.

Nosson...The petals fall off.

We thought together..."What does a new flower look like?"

Uri said... it starts with a seed and it grows down roots.

Daveed explain that when flowers are babies they need sun and water and then they can grow.

Eli said that dirt is important too.

The Pre-K class decided to plant apple seeds to grow a tree and also make an apple tree project for the class. We asked the 3s class to join us.

A new tree, brand new plant...starting over, not like the Apple's we already had on the table. This would be a new plant, with new Apple.



Shabbat Shalom, Morah Terri and Morah Maria