

Nachas News



Gan Israel Preschool

Date: Dec. 1, 2017

Parsha: Vayishlach

Announcements

Reminder: No School Thursday Dec. 7th Preschool Conference for area Jewish preschools.

Reminder: Friday Dec 8th – Pajama Day at preschool. Children are invited to come in their PJ's for a day of bedtime fun. (Slippers are welcome but please send shoes for outdoor play.)

Reminder: Chanukah Family Program- please join us on *Friday morning Dec 16th for a Chanukah celebration. There will be an exhibit of our Chanukah learning, songs and dance, and a yummy party with Latkas and donuts. * THIS IS A DATE CHANGE FROM THE PRINTED CALANDER

Photo of the Week



Next Week's Snack Family
2's /3's Ham, 2's/ Pre k Tsikvashvilli

Director's Message

This week all the children were sent home with an information sheet about this year's quiz and auction night. It is our biggest fundraiser and the proceeds directly benefit your children. Tuition alone does not cover the costs of running our preschool. I hope you will show your support for our school by soliciting for auction items (directions on the flyer that went home) and attending this fun night out. All parents receive paid admission to the event as part of their enrichment fee. Please invite friends and family to join you. Make up a table (6 -8 people) and enjoy the night. I look forward to working with you in ensuring the future success of our Gan. Thank you and Shabbat Shalom

Aftercare Antics!



Story time with Morah Katie



We are going on a bear hunt



Loving the good weather

Shabbos Times:

Candle lighting: 4:29 PM

Shabbos ends: 5:31 PM

2- Year Old - 3 day class

This week we finished up our lessons on fall and starting exploring Hanukkah. The children created tree art using q-tips and a tree outline and loved the fine motor exploration.



On Wednesday we had a Hanukkah music dance party and read some Hanukkah books. We enjoyed the wonderful weather and spent a good portion of time outside on the playground. They love the airplane and the car. We are running low on tzedakah coins, if you can send some in, we would appreciate it!

Seen around school:

Noa being brave and trying the big slide without holding a hand.

Rhett painting all on his own.

Hirsh, Maya and Rhett moving chairs to the rug to listen to a book.

Noa cleaning all the chairs with a wipe.

Jordanna getting Noa and Maya and holding hands down the hallway.



Shabbat Shalom

Morah Amy and Morah Zelda

2-Year-Old – 5 day class

We are having fun exploring Chanukah with all our senses. This week we used touch and felt squishy painted sponges. The children had very different reactions to the feeling the paint on their hands. Grant enjoyed feeling the sponge wet with color but he really didn't want to mess his hand. Hailey loved trying the texture of the sponge. Azaryah was happy and said "Wow I like the colors." Elisheva was a little bit worried to touch the sponge and get messy but had fun once she tried it.



We used our ears to hear the story of the Macabees and Chanukah and then the children used their hands playing with dreidels. Miles tried showing his friends how to make it spin.



Counting candles- we need 8 and the shamash makes 9!



3-Year-Old Class

Dear Parents:

We hope everyone had a joyous Thanksgiving. Now, Chanukah is coming and we've started to get ready with a focus this week on the story of Chanukah. We're reading books, putting on puppet shows, singing songs, and doing crafts. Our curiosity and other interests are also been keeping us busy. We are enthralled by dinosaurs and discovered the song "We Are The Dinosaurs" on the music CD Bumblebees and Googleheads. This song is now playing repeatedly in our classroom while we pretend to be dinosaurs. So much fun! We've had the good fortune of unseasonably beautiful weather so we tried to make the most of it by spending much time playing outside.

Wishing you a relaxing and restorative Shabbat Shalom!
Morah Amy and Morah Zelda

Seen and heard around school:

We start the week with Havdalah. Lyla loves smelling the besamim and our fingernails shine against the light.



It's a Maccabee puppet show! Ayalah loved the king puppet but Yaakov wanted to know why the king (Antiochus) was bad, "just like Paroah in Mitzrayim".



We're building menorahs (Yaakov and Ben worked together).....and robots (Jacob)! Wait, is that a froggy. It isn't Pesach!

Making Maccabee shields. While mixing colors, Avi discovered "I made orange" and Jacob discovered "I made green."

Outdoor fun! Can we have a picnic everyday?



Pre K Class

Nes Gadol Haya Sham - a big miracle happen there. The children are learning all about Hanukkah. This week we began learning about dreidels, Maccabees & King Antiochus...the first part of the Hanukkah story and one of the reasons we play with dreidels.

We have had such a great time reading our books (studying Torah & learning) then hiding them when Morah Maddy & Morah Terri walk by. We pretend we're playing dreidel so they don't call King Antiochus on the special phone.

Fine-tuning our dreidel spinning skills, learning to take turns, and learning the rules of the game have made practicing & learning the structure (writing) & sounds of Nun, Gimel, Shin, and Hey so much fun.

The Hebrew letters of Chanukah are making an appearance as well as the letter E. Yes, for letter E we actually made elephants. Complete with big ears and an accordion folded trunk. Lots of cutting & folding - fine motor skills.

Next week we will learn about the letter F, and we will keep reinforcing the Hebrew letters around Hanukkah - learning about Menorahs vs Chanukiah.

