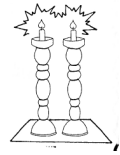


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Light the menorah before lighting  
Shabbat Candles at: 4:09 pm



Dear Parents,

Following Thanksgiving, our thoughts immediately turned to Chanukah. The children have been learning blessings over the menorah, learning the letters on the dreidel, and of course learning the story behind the festival of lights. We love to march like Maccabees and dance around the Shamash while the Shamash lights us all. Once we are lit we melt down just like Shabbat and Chanukah candles. Our favorite part of the day is the time to dance, sing, and play along with our Chanukah music. While we dance and sing, we hold hands with all of our friends.

Our room is brightly lit with beautiful Chanukah decorations and child-made crafts. Don't forget to take a peek at our Chanukah menorah bulletin board because each child is a flame that brings light to our room. Our crafts include individual menorahs and latkes plates that the children have lovingly made. We have learned to improve our cutting skills, and our awareness of shapes by making a hand cut dreidel.

We have been enjoying holiday flannel board stories while learning to recognize Nun, Gimel, Hay, and Shin. "What Sarah Wears in the Winter" teaches us how to dress properly according to the weather. We added into our morning routine the days of the week song.

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Today is ..... x2  
Yesterday was ..... x2  
Tomorrow is ..... x2  
Today is ..... x2

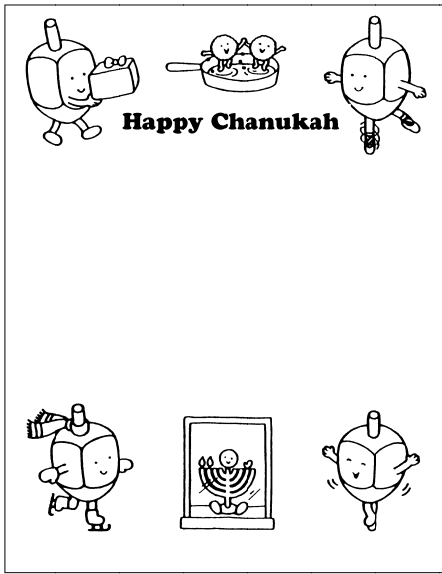
We also love taking turns looking out the window to see the weather... is it raining? Is it Snowing? Is it Cloudy? Or is it sunny?

**Picture of the Week**  
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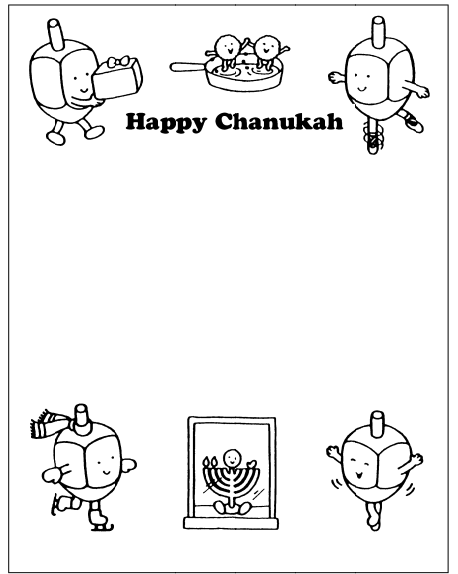
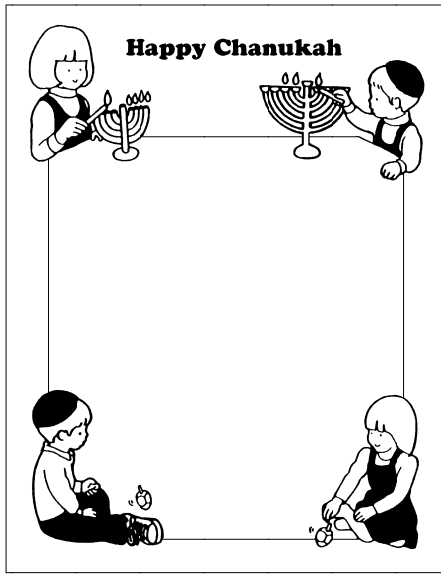


We would like to thank Mrs. Heather Cetina (Chava Tova's mommy) for coming and doing a wonderful craft with us, as well as Mrs. Katayev (Kayla's mommy) for bringing in the holiday cookie cutters we will be using, beginning next week.

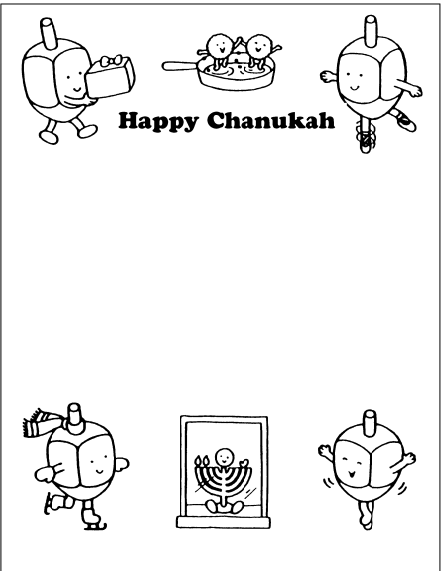
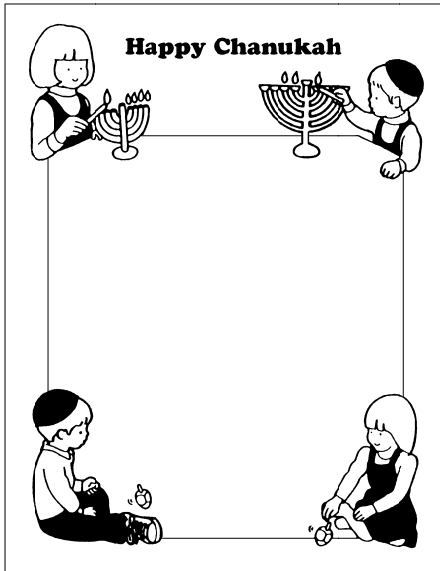
Stay tuned for our next exiting chapter!  
Have a Shabbat Shalom and a HAPPY CHANUKAH!  
Morah Myrna, Morah Chani, Morah Grace and Morah Kelly



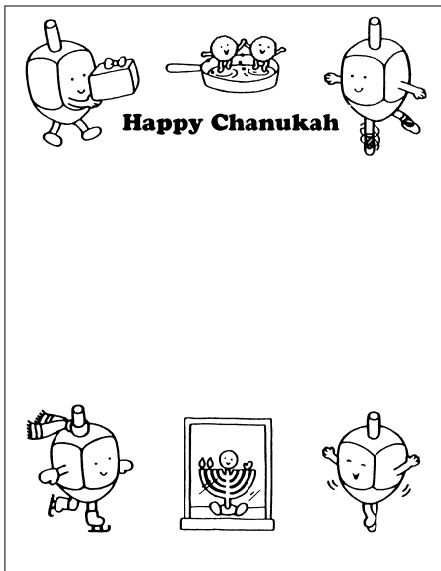
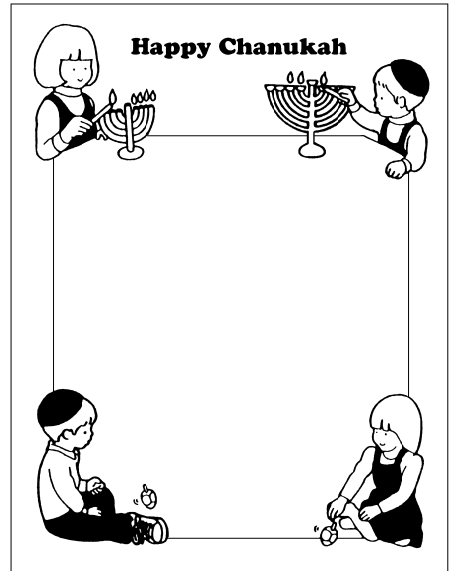
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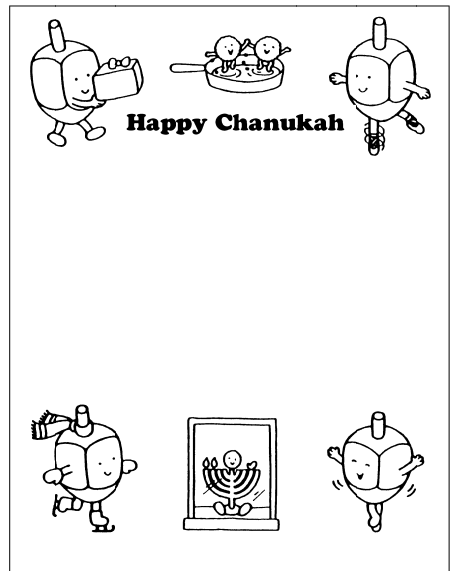
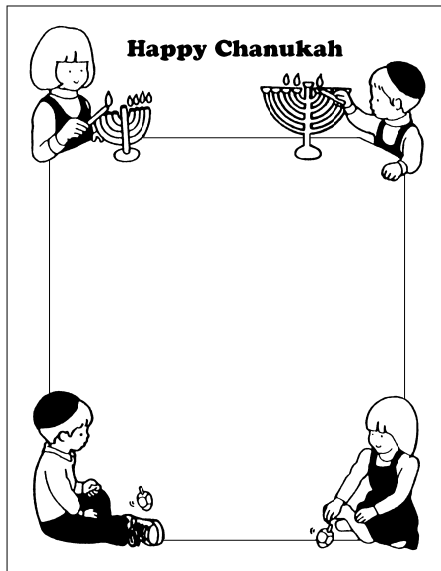
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