

Issue 2
Friday, October 8, 2010



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Friday evening,
6:07 pm



Dear Parents,

NEWS

Wow! What a fabulous first month we've had at the Jewish ELC. Anyone who comes to visit the school can feel that we are already a special family. As we celebrated the holidays of Sukkot and Simchat Torah and the completion of the Torah, we began preparing for our study of the "beginning" of many new things.

The children learned all about the six days of creation culminating with Yom Shabbat as the day of rest. All week, the children sang the song: "Hashem Created A World So Fine" and worked on making their "Creation" books. It always brings the warmest smiles to our hearts when we hear the children say "Morah Rochel or Morah Tara, look at what I did!" with the biggest smiles on their faces. More important than receiving the praise from their teachers for a job well done, is observing the satisfaction children are feeling within themselves for working so hard and being so successful.

As your children were involved in learning about "the beginning" of the world, we found it perfectly fitting to introduce the beginning of the Alphabet and the Alef-Bet. We learned that the letter "A" makes the short "A" as in words such as ant, ambulance, apple and alligator. Ariel, Alana and Aryeh Leib loved sharing their pictures with the class as we all discussed how their names also begin with the letter A. Time was taken to explain that sometimes the letter A makes a different sound than the short "A" sound. "Alef" was also introduced as the first letter placed in the Alef-Bet house. As a class we learned that the Hebrew words for father (Abba) and mother (Ima) begin with an alef. Going forward, we will focus on learning another letter in both the Hebrew and English alphabets.

The fall season brings us many experiences that are delightful to our five senses. What is better than exploring the different colors and flavors of apples, our favorite "fall" fruit? Gabriel shared with us apples that he picked with his family. The class learned about comparing apples in different ways. First, we graphed the apples on the dry-erase board to see which color apple we had the most of and the least of. Next, your children graphed the number of apples we had on paper. The best part was yet to come. The next day, we tasted three different apples, red, yellow and green ones. Without the peels to influence their decisions, the children decided which apple they liked the best and shared their opinions with the rest of the class.

We look forward to learning about Noach and Abraham, counting syllables, rhyming and the letters "B" and "Bet" and much more during the next two weeks.

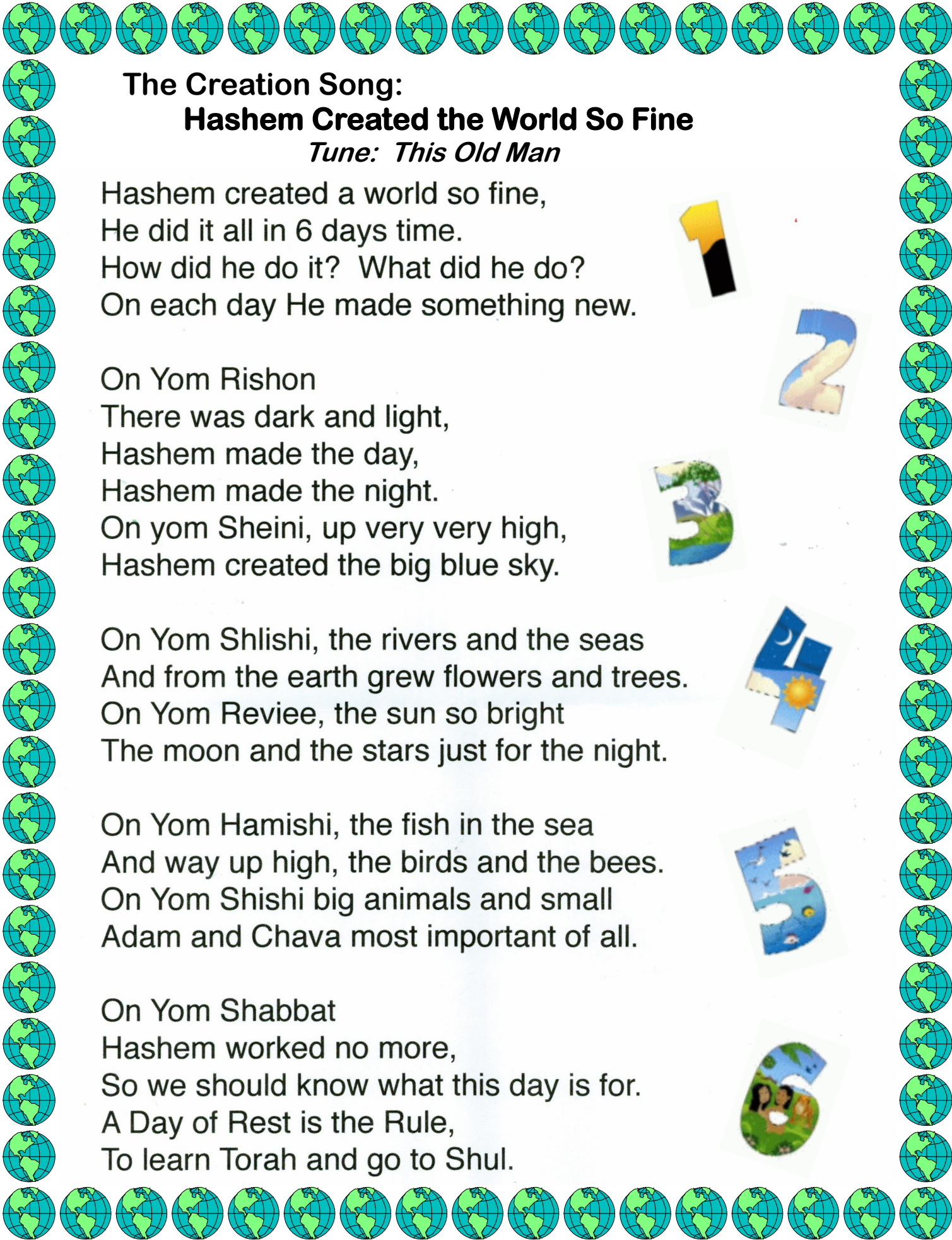
Thank you for sharing your beautiful children with us and entrusting them in our care.

Sincerely,
Morahs Tara, Rochel and Apphia

October Birthdays:
Shira Chaya
Gabriel
Talya



Picture of the Week



The Creation Song:
Hashem Created the World So Fine
Tune: This Old Man

Hashem created a world so fine,
He did it all in 6 days time.
How did he do it? What did he do?
On each day He made something new.

On Yom Rishon
There was dark and light,
Hashem made the day,
Hashem made the night.
On yom Sheini, up very very high,
Hashem created the big blue sky.

On Yom Shlishi, the rivers and the seas
And from the earth grew flowers and trees.
On Yom Reviee, the sun so bright
The moon and the stars just for the night.

On Yom Hamishi, the fish in the sea
And way up high, the birds and the bees.
On Yom Shishi big animals and small
Adam and Chava most important of all.

On Yom Shabbat
Hashem worked no more,
So we should know what this day is for.
A Day of Rest is the Rule,
To learn Torah and go to Shul.

