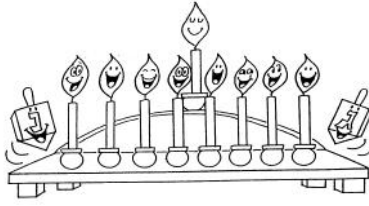


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Candle lighting time:  
Friday evening, December 10, 2010  
4:09 pm



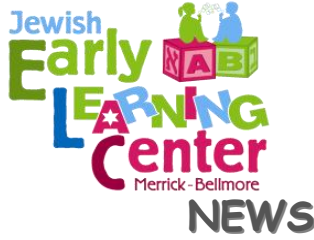
Dear Parents,

**Happy Chanukah to one and all! All of the children and teachers at the Jewish ELC are feeling all of the joy which comes when celebrating the miracle of light. Please take the time to view the beautiful menorah on the main bulletin board, that Morah Rochel and the children worked so hard to create. It is truly one of the most remarkable works of art I've ever seen and it brings such warmth and light into our classroom. We also hope that the individual works of art being created in the classroom are shining the same kind of light in your homes.**



**Chanukah is what we can definitely call a full sensory experience. To follow up on our lessons about the Five Senses, your children are now able to think about the holiday of Chanukah as it relates to seeing, hearing, tasting, smelling and touching. This is such an exciting time to watch the application part of learning unfold. We smell the latkes with our noses and taste the latkes with our tongues. We hear the songs and brachas with our ears and feel the dreidels with our fingers. Lastly, we can see the beautiful lights of the candles burning with our eyes.**

**The children have also been working hard on learning their English Alphabet letters. We are already up to the letter I. This week, your children painted their letter "I" with colored ice cubes. The letter I ties in beautifully with a lesson on Hot and Cold as the word "ice" begins with the letter I and is so very cold. With every new letter that we learn, we are always reviewing the previous ones. Last week, the children applied what they learned about the Letter H by putting an "H" object into a house. After that, they each had the opportunity to choose a picture beginning with a different letter (A-G) and finding the letter it begins with on the carpet and placing the picture on that letter. Morah Rochel and I are always amazed at just how much, each and every child is retaining.**



**Chanukah also gave us the opportunity to have some very special activities, such as making & frying latkas, playing dreidel with chocolate 'gelt', and lighting the menorah with candles every day. On Monday, we had a special Chanukah treat: A magic show by 'David Funn', sponsored by Morah Myrna in honor of Devorah Leah. We all enjoyed that tremendously!**

**Now that Chanukah is over and winter is approaching rapidly, we want to remind you to please send your children to school with a hat, a pair of gloves or mittens and a warm jacket (and boots for the snow). We try to go outside every day as long as it is not raining. In fact, the children seem to really enjoy being outside, whatever the weather. In addition to this, please remember NOT to send your children to school if they are sick. Please remember to wait the full 24 hours to ensure your child is ready to come back to school. Sick children pass their germs to everybody else in the classroom and we want to remain as healthy as possible during these cold months.**

**Thank you again for sharing your children with us and for allowing each and every one of them to shed such beautiful light in our lives.**

**Shabbat Shalom,  
Morahs Tara and Rochel**

### **Pictures of the Week**



### **Latka Song**

Tune: "One little Indian"

- 1 little onion
- 2 little eggs
- 3 pinches of salt
- And 4 potatoes
- Grate them up
- And fry them in a pan
- And we'll all have some
- Latkas!