## March 30th Newsletter





News

We certainly have been keeping busy at the Jewish Early Learning Center. During the past two weeks, the children had a lot of fun, engaging in a variety of activities. Since spring is full of life, we are discussing a lot about colors. Some of our fun activities were cutting circles for suns and gluing yellow tissue paper on them so they can feel the difference in texture, when dry. We made a giant spring color squares collage on the spring letters. The children had plenty of fun finding new life outside. They were interested on hearing the birds chirping, seeing the squirrels jumping from tree to tree, seeing the flowers blooming, and observing the ants and worms around the trees when we had circle-time outside (when the weather permitted). At that time, we discussed all the new changes surrounding our school. They were especially interested in the worms. They loved observing their "pet" worms. We took advantage of all the worms they found to play a counting game. The children named all the worms and pretended to be them as well. After Pesach, we are looking forward to continuing our spring theme. We are hoping to bring a science area to life by growing some wild flowers and plants. We are integrating the spring theme with the rest of the classroom by exploring different sensory materials such as dried beans and changing the dramatic area with gardening gloves, tools, sunglasses and hats.

The children have been very busy these past few weeks getting ready for Passover & the Seder! We have been very busy finger painting our Seder plates, making our Afikoman bags, decorating Elijiah's cup and more!! Every day we have been reviewing the different items on the Seder plate, through song and play. The children are becoming experts on what we do during each step of the Seder. When we got up to the step of Shulchan Orech, eating the meal, we used our cooking skills and made some delicious vegetable soup! Next week we will be having a model Seder, where we will practice all that we have learned!



## **Important Dates:**

April 6<sup>th</sup> – April 15<sup>th</sup> -No School- Passover Holiday April 9-10: Extended care days April 16<sup>th</sup> – School Resumes





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Candle Lighting Time: 6:59 pm Parshat Tzav



## Teacher's Corner:

As we begin the month of April, we are hoping for more weather that is beautiful for the upcoming spring days. Therefore, we ask you to please check your child's cubby and replace your child's winter clothes to spring clothes. Please keep in mind that the weather has changed spontaneously in the past few days.

We would like to wish all of you a kosher and happy Passover!

Shabbat Shalom Morah Paola, Morah Chana & Morah Laura