

September Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome all new and returning students to the Jewish Early Learning Center. I, Morah Paola and Morah Laura have returned this year and we would like to welcome Morah Chaya to the classroom. We are looking forward to having a great year with her!

We are having a blast getting to know the new students as well as reconnecting with your child these past two weeks. The school year has started out running very smoothly and full of excitement. We have a full day curriculum planned with many hands on learning opportunities in and out of the classroom.

During the last two weeks we learned all about the holiday of Rosh Hashana. We learned that Rosh Hashana is the world's birthday. Hashem made the whole world including the fish, trees, children and the Morahs. On Rosh Hashana we ask Hashem to be our king.

We learned that on Rosh Hashana we hear the shofar blown and discussed how its sound reminds us to try to do only good things. We practiced making the long, medium and short sounds of the shofar. We also painted our very own shofars as well. They actually work, if we blow them really hard! Our class took a little trip to Tashlich (in the backyard) and practiced throwing away all the not so good things we've done. We also learned about the special foods that we eat during Rosh Hashana and the blessings that they symbolize.

These are some songs we have been singing in the classroom:

Dip the apple in the honey,
Make a bracha loud and clear.
L'shanah Tova u'mesuka,
Have a Happy New Year!

(To the tune of: The wheels on the bus)
The Shofar in the shul goes
"toot, toot, toot, toot, toot, toot"
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"toot, toot, toot, toot, toot, toot"
On Rosh Hashana morning.



Important Dates:

9/25 - Erev Rosh Hashana 12:30 Dismissal
9/26 - Shmini Atzeret/Simchat Torah.
School Closed



As we are adjusting to all the new changes of a brand new school year, the Morahs have kept the students very busy. This year the children will have a structured alphabet curriculum in conjunction with the Judaic curriculum. Already your child has learned so much in so little time.

As for the English curriculum, the children will be learning a letter every week. They will live and breathe this letter for a week or two. During the first half of the month of September the children have learned the first three letters of the alphabet. We are very impressed on how the children are absorbing all the new material. Every week the children will be doing a variety of activities in regards to the letter. For the letter A, the children put apple stickers on the letter A. During the week of letter B, the children put all kinds of things such as, brown string, blue string, black string, buttons and beads into a bag and made a butterfly from all the materials.

As your child gets older we will observe to see if he or she gains any interest into older age appropriate activities. If so, we welcome them to be a part of them, like writing and cutting. For the letter C we had share day. The children had the opportunity to demonstrate the letter c object as well as say something about the object during circle. The children were very excited about this, especially since they all got to play with what they brought in during free play.

Summer is definitely over and the weather is starting to get cold, so please make sure to bring in the proper attire for your child's outside time.

Thanks you,
The Morahs