

October Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Now that the Holidays are over, we began learning the first Parsha (portion) in the Torah!

Bereishit: We started by discussing what the world was like before Hashem (G-d) created it. It was empty! There were no trees, no birds, no people, no colors, there was just nothing! Hashem decided to make a world so that people can do mitzvos (good deeds). Hashem made the world in six days. We made a Parsha book that had the 6 days of creation.

Day 1: Dark and light. We covered our eyes to see what darkness looked like and then shined a flashlight to see how bright light is.

Day2: Clouds in the sky, and water on the ground.

Day 3: Land, trees, grass, flowers, fruits, and vegetables.

Day 4: Sun, moon, and stars.

Day 5: Birds and fish.

Day 6: Animals and people-that's us!

On Shabbat, Hashem rested. That's why we don't go to school on Shabbat-so we can rest, just like Hashem did. We had a great time using a magnifying glass to discover all the tiny things that Hashem created. We know that Hashem made all the small things and all the big things. He made all the things that are close to us and all the things that are far away.

Noach: A long time ago the people in the world were not behaving. They were mean to each other and made bad choices. Only one man named Noah was behaving the way he should. Hashem told him to build a tayva (large boat.) When the other people saw Noah building it they said, "Ha ha! Laugh laugh!" This made Noah sad because He wanted them to repent from their wicked ways. After Noah finished building the Tayva and bringing all the animals inside it started pouring. Lots of rain came down and there was a flood. The people who were in the tayva stayed dry because the tayva floated on top of the water. All the people who behaved badly got washed away. When Noah came out of the tayva, Hashem showed him a rainbow as a sign that there will never be a flood again.

We learned a song:

Noach built a tayva, a tayva, a tayva,

Noach built a tayva for everyone to see.

Who do you think lived there, lived there, lived there?

The animals all lived there and Noach's family.

Hashem made a rainbow, a rainbow, a rainbow,

Hashem made a rainbow for everyone to see.

We dropped different objects into a bucket of water and saw how some of them floated on top of the water and how some sank to the bottom. We did not know that crayons, pennies, and rocks sink while oranges, lego, toy brushes, and popsicle sticks float, but now we do! We got a little wet doing this experiment but it was worth it. Maybe our Mommies and Daddies can try doing this with us at home! Instead of coloring our parsha sheet this week, we dripped raindrops on it with a medicine dripper. We also made a real

Monthly Photo Highlights!



Lech Lecha- A long time ago, people did not know about Hashem. They prayed to dolls called idols. A little boy named Abraham realized that Hashem, who we can't see is the one who made the whole world. He went to the idol store and told the people, "Don't buy these!" Then he took a hammer and broke the idols. King Nimrod tried throwing him into a fire, but Hashem made a miracle and the fire turned into a garden. Abraham loved teaching people about Hashem. We can learn from him not to make fun of people who don't know as much as we do, but to teach them what we know.

One day, Hashem told Abraham, "Go!" Even though Hashem didn't tell him where to travel to, he still listened right away. Our class had fun packing up a suitcase and pretending to be Abraham. Because Abraham listened so nicely, Hashem promised him that he will have as many children as the stars and sand. We made stars to hang in our classroom. When Abraham traveled he was careful that none of his animals ate from other people's gardens.

Alef Bet- We had visitors in our class! Mr. Alef, Mr. Beis, and Mr. Veis all came to say Shalom to us. Even though Mr. Beis and Mr. Veis are twins, only Mr. Beis has a button in the middle.

Starting to make our Alef-Bet book was lots of fun. We glued ee-tree-os (noodles) which start with Alef all over the letter Alef. We glued buttons on the letter Beis, and stuck Velcro on the letter Vies.

ABC's-The children have learned many new letters. We have reviewed letters D through F. For letter D, we were lucky enough to have a dentist (thank you Mrs. Lippman-Binyamini's mommy!) come in and tell us how to keep our teeth healthy. We sang the brush your teeth song all week long. We also learned how eating vegetables, fruit and drinking milk make our teeth strong. For the letter E, we learned how the Empire State Building is the tallest building in New York and how the Eiffel Tower is across the ocean in France. Morah Paola did some stretches and exercises with the children during the rainy days. She had them doing jumping jacks spinning in a circle and they especially loved the "head and shoulders, knees and toes" song. This week for the letter F, we sang "five green speckled frogs". We learned that in case of a fire; we need to call 911. They were so excited to have a fire drill just to see if the fire fighters would come in their fire trucks. Free play on Thursdays is the most exciting, especially since they get to play with their friends' share toy. For the letter F we also made an experiment of putting water in the freezer to see what would happen. The kids loved to see the water bottle become solid and very cold. We are very pleased to hear the children beginning to talk about what the letter will be next week and asking their friends what they might bring in for share day.

Self Help Skills: Although we have been very busy with the JELC curriculum we are pleased to see how most of the children have gained an interest in toilet training. We now are potty training most of the class and are asking you to please keep your child's cubby filled with the proper attire so your child can potty train comfortably. Please check this link for some great ideas: <http://www.pull-ups.com/na/pull-ups-bigkids-how-to-dress-for-success.aspx>

Shabbat Shalom,

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