



Dec-Jan Newsletter

Dear Parents,

The past 3 weeks have been so much fun! We began learning Parshat Shemot. Through interactive puppet shows and much dramatization, we learned about why King Pharaoh was so mean to the Jews, and about the birth of Moses. It was a lot of fun making baby Moshe (Moses) in a basket!

During Hebrew literacy time, we were introduced to the letter 'Yud'. We played an Aleph Bet game to find the letter Yud.

During English literacy time, we were introduced to the letter 'T'. We made sounds with the letter 'T', wrote words that began with the letter 'T' and then made the letter 'T' out of play dough.

In conjunction with our 'community helpers' unit, we spoke about who delivers the mail. We learned that a mail carrier drives a mail truck and talked about how the mail gets to our door. We also spoke about what type of things we need to mail a letter and then practiced by addressing letters to our loved ones.

We finished our last session with Jackie, our Yoga instructor, and the following week, we welcomed our new Dance-Laugh-Learn instructor.

We began our Shabbat unit. We talked about why we keep Shabbat, and what we do to get ready for Shabbat. We learned what it means that Hashem (G-d) rested on Shabbat and we acted out each day of creation. We prepared Challah for Shabbat and we set the bulletin board to be a Shabbat table. We made special Shabbat song books and also made a special Shabbat numbers and colors book for the class library. We discussed things we need for Shabbat and Havdalah. We also discussed what we need to do in order to prepare for Shabbat like cleaning the house, helping cook, and taking a bath. We went on a special field trip to the supermarket to shop for Shabbat! Everyone had a shopping list and had a blast picking out the foods needed for Shabbat. We also looked at cleaning supplies and did a little cleaning right there in the store. It was a very cute and fun adventure. We learned a special Shabbat song called 'Mizmor Shir' and we sang it to and from our supermarket trip. When we got back, we set our lunch table up for Shabbat. We even made special chicken soup for Shabbat and hope you get to taste some at our preschool Shabbat dinner this week!

This week we began our nature unit, learning all about trees in preparation for Tu B'shvat-the new year for the trees.

Special Congratulations to Morah Paola on her baby girl, Mikaela!

Also, a very special welcome to Morah Chanie who will be joining us for the next few weeks as Morah Paola recuperates.

Have a Great Shabbat!

Morah Sarah Chanah & Morah Chanie

