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Parshat Mikeitz Candle Lighting: 4:10PM Shabbat Ends: 5:13PM
Light the Menorah after nightfall, but on Friday, light it before Shabbat candles!

November Newsletter 2

Dear Parents,

It's been a festive couple of weeks as we went over our Thanksgiving & Chanukah units! We reviewed the Thanksgiving story and we learned how the Native Americans taught the pilgrims how to grow food in North America. We also learned why the pilgrims cooked dinner for the Native Americans and how Americans celebrate Thanksgiving. We are thankful just like the Pilgrims were thankful for the Native Americans and we celebrate thanksgiving to say thank you to Hashem for all the good He does for us. We made corn crops out of our footprints and glued green construction paper for the leaves. We also made apple pie!.

We also discussed the Greeks vs the Macabees. We learned that Judah Macabee led the Jews to fight the 'not nice' King Antiochus. We also discussed what type of oil was used to light the menorah in the holy Beit Hamikdash (temple). We learned how the Jews needed to collect olives to make pure olive oil and about the miracle, in which the one pure jug lasted for 8 days instead of one. We formed our very own clay Chanukiot (menorahs) out of clay. We counted each hole that we made for each candle. We collected woodchips from the backyard and then glued the wood chips to the bottom of our menorahs to tie into the fall & thanksgiving theme! Make sure you read our special note about our Chanukiot! We also made our dreidel and latke costumes! Each child was given a letter to glue on. We learned the four sides of a dreidel (nun, gimmel, hey, shin). We also learned that in Israel the dreidels have a 'pey' instead of a 'shin' because in Israel, a great miracle happened 'here' whereas in America, a great miracle happened 'there'!

We also had share day. The children absolutely loved bringing in their share day toys for the letter 'Ches'. We especially enjoyed the Chanukia (menorah) that Sarah, Mirel and Leah Kramer brought in. It was a treat!

We learned the letters F & E. We made the letters with play dough and then we made the letters using magnets and wooden pieces. The children love sounding out the letters and writing them as well.

We enjoyed sharing some of the many songs we learned for Chanukah and Thanksgiving! We hope that you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Chanukah and we are looking forward to continuing our Chanukah unit on Monday!

Have a Happy Chanukah, Happy Thanksgiving and of course, Shabbat Shalom, Morah Sarah Chanah & Morah Paola

