

# March Newsletter 1

**Dear Parents,**

The past two weeks have been so exciting as we continued our Purim unit. We must tell you that it has been such a pleasure learning the Purim story!

**Writing-** We reviewed letters G, S, J and D. The children used play dough and Wood sticks to form each letter. We also continued with our Handwriting Without Tears Curriculum

**Circle Time-** We learned about noise and how important it is to listen. We also thanked Hashem for giving us the gift of hearing. We learned that we can make music with instruments. The children looked around the classroom to find objects which can be used as instruments to make music. We played freeze dance to Purim music!

**Art –** We made our very own Megillat Esther scrolls! Each child dressed up and acted out with their friends the story of Purim. Afterwards, we glued our pictures on our scrolls and drew a few our own. We also made our very own mishloach manot baskets. We melted crayons into boxes making it the ultimate gift basket that can be used as a picture frame after the 'nosh' is eaten! We also made graggers. For the first gragger we took a plastic egg and filled it with everything seasoning mix. Then we taped two spoons with the egg in between. After, the children drew on the staple. With our second gragger, we worked on our fine motor skills by making gragger necklaces with bells.

**Math-** We counted circles of dough to make Hamantashen.

**Judaic Circle Time-** We learned that Haman was a very mean man who was not nice to the Jews of Shushan. We learned the song 'In a castle lived a king'. We learned that Mordechai and Esther saved the Jewish people of Shushan. We learned the four Mitzvot of Purim which were: Tzedakah, hearing the Megillah (twice), Giving 1 Mishloach Manot with 2 ready- to- eat foods, and giving charity to at least 2 people. We also learned about Taanis Esther (the fast of Esther) and how adults don't eat on this day to remember the 3 days that Esther, Mordechai, and the Jewish people fasted.

**Hebrew-** We learned the letter Samech. We also learned the letter Ayin. We shaped them out of play dough and lego pieces.

We 'Packed it up for Purim!' We gathered together all the food that everyone brought in and filled several large bags with food to give to the needy! To end a fantastic Purim unit, we loved our dress- up Purim/ Shabbat Party! Have a Great Shabbat & Happy Purim!

**Sincerely,**

Morah Sarah Chanah & Morah Paola

