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Chabad Hebrew School News & Views

Gearing up for Chanukah...

Don't forget to look on the website (www.chabadhebrewschool.us) to find out who is the Student of the Week this week. Mazal Tov to Tal Usvyatsky on her being the Student of the Week for last week - great job Tal! Also, go to the website to view the "Question of the Week" and earn 5 tokens for next week. If you click on "details", it will give you information to help you answer the question in case your child doesn't know them. Mazal Tov to **Daniel Greene, Jesse Michel, Chaya & Mendy Green and Lindsey Manea** for finding the answers to last week's question!
Good luck!

KITAH ALEPH (Kindergarten & 1st Grade)

We told the story of the *Yevanim* (Greeks) conquering many lands using clay and drawings and a song:
*I am Antiochus and this is what I say
What did you say we say nay
You're not going to be the boss of me for help what's
right with all our might
For we are Maccabim!*

The Greeks finally conquered the land of Israel and tried to make us like them. We discussed how they worshipped many gods. Antiochus (the ruler) made strict rules for the Jews. There was penalty of death for *Brit Millah* (circumcision), keeping Shabbat, studying Torah and keeping kosher.

We then went on to history and did a project with Noach, finishing coloring our *teiva* (ark) and we talked about kosher animals and what makes them kosher. We discussed fish, land animals, and birds and played a game with animal crackers. Finally we did a *zayin* zipper project which some of us took home and others will take home next week.

KITAH BET (2nd & 3rd Grade)

New @ Chabad Hebrew School!

Chabad Hebrew School is launching a new program--a Hebrew School **Book-A-Thon!** It's fun! It's easy!! We earn great prizes!!!

1- **What is a Book-A-Thon?** A Book-A-Thon is where we read as many Jewish books for our age as we can. The Book-A-Thon will run from:

**December 9-
January 6**

(We will announce it at our Chanukah Family Fun Day on Dec. 9.) That gives you plenty of time to read, especially with the time off for the December vacation!

2- **Then what do we do?** We ask

We know so many Hebrew words by now! Each student filled out a matching worksheet on all the Hebrew words we learned so far. If they got 9 out of 10 correct they received coins. At Alef Champ time, students in one group made different Hebrew letters with clay and students in the other group wrote words with clay. That was fun!

We learned about Kosher. What makes an animal, fish or bird kosher? We talked about the separation of meat and milk, suggesting different foods for each. We also discussed how we look for kosher symbols on food when shopping. Each student received a wrapper and had to find a kosher symbol on it. They filled out two worksheets on what we learned. We sang 2 songs: All the animals that we eat... and Uptown downtown, all around the town... Please let your child share and sing these adorable songs!

We also started learning about Chanukah. We discussed the story and the students got to dress up as Antiochus and Matityahu. The students each got a turn to read from their dreidel books and then they each colored theirs.

KITAH GIMEL (4th & 5th Grade)

Wondering what Levi's jeans have to do with Hebrew School? Ask a student in Kitah Gimel and they will tell you. Kitah Gimel is into finding about their roots! We talked about the tribes and some of the students knew which tribe they were from. The Levi tribe was special because they did not serve the golden calf and did not participate in the Egyptian culture. We have much to learn from this. We can stand up proud as Jews and always do the right thing! We talked about the switching of the firstborns with the Levites and how it was done. We are traveling in the desert with our diaries and each week we write a dear diary entry. Living in the desert, we always learn something new and exciting.

At calendar time we started a new month! The month of **Kislev** is so exciting -- full of holiday cheer and light! We can't wait for Chanukah and started working on our Chanukah unit. Ask your child about mean King Antiochus and his evil plan. Student volunteers dressed up as Antiochus, the Jews and Greek soldiers. We had a lot of fun acting out the story of Chanukah. We have so many important lessons about Chanukah nowadays that we will continue to learn next time. We cannot keep up with all the Aleph Champions! Mazal Tov to Daniel Greene on finishing the yellow aleph and to Kayley Jones on finishing the orange aleph. Continue practicing at home and keep up the great work!!

KITAH DALED

Kitah Daled learned all about Chanukah -- the story, the miracle and Chanukah how tos. They put together a puzzle with different sections of the Chanukah story and tried to figure out

our family, friends or neighbors to sponsor us for our reading! Any amount is great!

3-Then what?

We choose one prize from the Book-A-Thon prize brochure for the amount of money we collected, write it down, and then we bring our sponsor envelope and any money we collected to Hebrew School on Jan. 6.

4-What happens to the money that we collect?

We will be starting a Jewish book library at our Hebrew School and all the money will go to buying new books for our library!

PRIZE WEEK

Prize week has crept up on us! Even though we miss a week because of Thanksgiving, prize week will be right on schedule for the first week of the month on Dec. 2nd. Remember, prize week is always double week, so don't miss it!

the order of the pieces of the story.

They also studied all about our first father Avraham using their "Our People" packets and will be adding Avraham as one of their "Torah Heros" in their albums.

Their Aleph Champ work is great as well as their Hebrew writing.

They then went to the teen club to discuss plans for the can Menorah project. This is a very exciting project that they will be joining.

Hebrew School for Parents-Dec. 2nd

Participate in your child's education

This Sunday, November 25th, there will be no school because of Thanksgiving weekend vacation. Next Sunday, December 2nd, will be Hebrew School for Parents from 11:15 AM-12:00 PM. Mark it down on your calendars! We will be discussing the deeper dimension of the Chanukah story and what it means to us today. This is your chance to show your child that Jewish education is important to you too. This does wonders for their learning at Hebrew School and gives them a powerful positive message about their Jewish education. This is a priority to you! And, of course there is the added benefit of enhancing your Jewish knowledge too. What an opportunity! See you there!

Chanukah Family Fun Day-Dec. 9th

Menorah-Making Contest & Menorah Museum...

Another important reminder and date to mark down on your calendars! On Sunday, December 9th, we will hold our annual **Chanukah Family Fun Day**. We look forward to a great day filled with interesting activities and learning. This is always a success and we anticipate another great turnout. Here's what you need to do before that day:

1. We will be having our annual **menorah-making contest**. All students were sent home in their folders with official rules for the contest as well as a paper that tells what makes a menorah a kosher one. We have some very creative students, so we can't wait to see what you come up with this year. Please bring in your finished menorahs on that day.

2. We will be having a **menorah museum** on that day. We will set up a table with everyone's menorahs from home. It will be very interesting to see what kind of menorahs everyone uses and how they differ one from another.

NEW LINK ON OUR WEBSITE

We now have a new link on our website to buy Judaica items. When you go to our website, you will see a picture at the far right of the home page for the "Online Judaica Store". Feel free to use it anytime. You can also go straight to the store by clicking on this link:

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