



Chabad Hebrew School News & Views Heading into February...

We had a great week at Hebrew School and are working hard on our curriculums and learning a lot. Mazal Tov to **Jesse Michel, Daniel Greene** and **Rebecca Allen** in Kitah Gimel, and **Jamie Rosen** and **Jack Shaw** in Kitah Bet for answering the question of the week. Make sure to go to the website www.chabadhebrewschool.us each week to check the question and receive 5 tokens the next week! Also, check out the student of the week--it may just be your child!

Kitah Aleph (Kindergarten & 1st Grade)

Kitah Aleph is working hard on the aleph bet. We met our new puppet friends, *kaf*, *chaf* and *final chaf*. We learned that *kaf* has a candy (dot) in it and *chaf* doesn't. We tried out putting our candies inside the *kaf* as a dot and then took them out to make a *chaf*. The best part was that we got to eat the candy! We came up with many words that have the "k" sound--**cake**, **cape**, **castle**, **key**, and **candy cane**--and we wrote out each word and drew a picture next to it. Please make sure to help us with our Aleph Bet Kingdom workbook pages 28 through 31. Whoever comes back with their **homework** complete gets two double tokens!

At *parsha* (Torah portion-history) time, we dressed up in costumes and acted out the story of our first forefather *Avraham* and the three angels that came to visit him. Each had a special message for him, and we acted out each one. One told him that his wife *Sarah* would give birth to a son, even though she was so old. Another came to make him feel better after his *brit milah* (circumcision), and another told him that *Hashem* sent him to destroy the city of *Sodom*, which had evil people who didn't deserve to stay on this earth. We made a tent with a sheet and all the "angels" went into the tent to talk to *Avraham*. At the end of our play, we

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brought a baby in, and that was baby *Yitzchok* (Isaac) who was born to *Avraham* and *Sarah* in their old age. It was a big miracle! We talked about *Yitzchok's* name and how it means laughter, because *Sarah* laughed when she heard she would have a baby at such an old age.

We also started a new unit on *Brachot* (blessings on food). We understand that all our food only grows because of *Hashem's* blessing so we have to thank him for his food before we eat it.

We focused on the blessing of "*Borei P'ree Ha'adama*"—foods that grow from the ground. We took a green pepper, cut it in half and made pepper prints onto paper with paint and we saw the beautiful shape it makes. We said the *brachah* and ate bananas which also grow from the ground. Our *brachot* mission for this week: which foods did we eat this week that we could make this blessing on?

Kitah Bet (2nd & 3rd Grade)

We continued our lesson on *Parshat Vayeira* by playing a game which helped us review the storyline. Each student got an index card with something from *Parshat Vayeira* on it and each read it in the correct order. We did some work in our binders and sang a *Vayeira* song about *Avraham* and *Sarah's* tent. Each student got to make their own tent showing its four entrances in it, the angels that visited the tent and the three miracles that happened to *Sarah* in her tent.

We also made *brachot* (blessings) people. For each *Bracha* we used different food products for the parts of the body. For *Ha'etz* (fruit grown on trees), we used an apple for the head, oranges for the feet, grapes for the arms, and a pear for the stomach. We used fasteners to make them move! It was lots of fun!

Kitah Gimel

Kitah Gimel students have already completed five Jewish months in their calendars! The new month of *Adar* is coming up this week, so for our introduction to our lesson, Mendy Green dressed up as a clown as we played some Purim music (thank you Mendy!) We learned the famous verse: "*Mishenichnas Adar Marbim Be'Simcha*" (when the month of *Adar* comes, we are increasingly joyous). We learned the important concept of a leap year in the Jewish calendar. Every few years we add a month to catch up with the solar calendar. This

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year is a leap year, and we add another whole month of Adar so this year we have 60 days of joy instead of just 30 (Purim is celebrated during the second month of Adar)!

We learned all about the *kohen* (priest) in the Holy Temple during our *Bamidbar* (in the desert) unit. We found out all about his important jobs in the Temple, saw the menorah that he lit and saw pictures of his special uniform. We also talked about his special job nowadays and the beautiful blessing that he is privileged to say on holidays at *Shul* (synagogue) to bless the Jewish people. Since Rabbi Green's family traces their lineage to the family of *kohanim* (priests), Mendy demonstrated how he blesses the people during holidays. We also found out that Rivkah Bluma's (Rebecca) mom descends from *kohanim* as well as Shlomo Eliezer's (Miles') dad! In any case, we are all part of one family!

Kitah Daled

Prize Week/Double Week

This Coming Sunday, February 10th

Although we usually do double week/prize week on the first Sunday of each month, this month we will do prize week on this coming Sunday, February 10th instead. I would like to do prize week on the week before the two-week vacation so we can use up all our tokens before the long vacation! Make sure you have all your tokens ready for some great prizes!

Dvora's Weekend Conference Update

Workshops and Inspiration

I was sad to miss a week at Hebrew School last week, but I was thrilled to boost my inspiration and knowledge for the coming year. Women from AROUND THE GLOBE gathered together in NY for a weekend of speakers, workshops and networking. It was very inspiring to sit in a huge room with several thousand women all working towards the same goal. The grand banquet was held on Sunday at the Brooklyn Marriott. At the end of the evening, the MC made a roll call, welcoming our sister Chabad Rebbetzins from all over the world. You wouldn't believe the places where Chabad has taken up residence! Guatamala, the Virgin Islands, Tokyo, Germany, China, and Uruguay...just for a start. We are proud to be part of this huge family

and are also proud that you have joined this family as well. We look forward to sharing many Jewish experiences with you!



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