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Chabad Hebrew School News & Views

Lots of good news coming up...

Chabad Hebrew School has a lot of good news to report. Please look out for an email this week regarding the announcement of our new website. There are so many details to set in place before we can "go public" but we are looking forward to opening it up to the public eye sometime this week. Please look out for the homework that will be posted (in case you have missed it) as well as the student of the week who will be announced and viewed on the website weekly.

We are also looking forward to the Shabbat dinner on Nov. 2nd (see details below). Students are working on their preparations, and we are working on a great evening - please do your part and RSVP!

KITAH ALEPH

Kitah Aleph is really picking up the aleph bet. This week they learned the letter "gimel". They made glitter gimels (thank you Elizabeth Greene for the glitter glue!), and learned the word "glida" in Hebrew which means ice cream (everyone's favorite...). They even made their very own glida with foam balls and construction paper cones. Everyone got to choose and decorate their favorite flavor. They also thought of all the words they know that start with the gimel sound. Some of the words they came up with were: green, gold, great, good & green.

Going outside for a breath of fresh air, they made sure to notice and appreciate all of the things Hashem created on the third day - grass (hey, that's a gimel word too!), trees, flowers...what would we do without the beautiful nature around us? They then proceeded to go inside and decorate a big #3 with fake leaves, and sticky foam flowers. They have now learned the first 3 days of creation - almost half way through...

Please help your child do their homework of coloring in the big "vet" as a review and bring it in for next week.

Torah for Teens this coming week

Torah for Teens is meeting this week from **9:30 AM - 11:00 AM.**

The group's success is readily apparent with new students coming each time and a positive energy that is almost palpable! We are very lucky to have found some of the finest teens in the Westboro area for this group and we are looking forward to seeing some new faces this week. Stay tuned for a special **Chanukah project** that will feed the area's hungry (details to be discussed at the group)!

Please jot us an email and let us know you will be there.

KITAH BET

Kitah Bet is busy preparing their Shabbat unit. They have finished learning about the six days of creation, finished their "creation wheels" and have learned several songs about the days of creation and Shabbat. In their Hebrew vocabulary notebooks, they added all the days of the week in Hebrew: yom rishon, yom sheine, yom sh'lishi, yom re'vie, yom chamishi, yom shishee and yom Shabbat.

Learning about the Jewish home throughout the year, students in Kitah bet will go through each room in a home and find out what makes it Jewish and what mitzvot they can do in each room. This week they talked about some useful things one can find in a Jewish home including: a siddur (prayer book), a tzedakah (charity) box, mezuzot, and a washing cup. They will be making a Jewish home scrapbook, gathering Jewish objects and doing worksheets covering a variety of mitzvot found in each room.

KITAH GIMEL

The Kitah Gimel classroom was filled with plastic blow up cacti and students figuring out how to write on them. You may be wondering, what does a cactus have to do with Hebrew School?! Students of kitah gimel are starting their Jewish history curriculum. They will be following the Jews travels in the desert, before they entered the land of Israel. To start the lesson, each student got a binder, a desert cover page and a diary entry, where they will be answering questions as to what life is like in the desert and how they would feel traveling through the desert. The cacti will be used to get that "desert" feeling and also to record something they liked learning about the Jews travels each week. At the end of the year, they will have a cactus full of info on the Jews' travels!

They have also started the month of "Cheshvan" in their calendar curriculums and have a real understanding of the way the Jewish calendar works, the cycle of the moon and how and when it waxes and wanes.

KITAH DALED

In conjunction with their Bar/Bat Mitzvah curriculum, Kitah Daled has been learning 12 famous verses that constitute some basic concepts in Jewish thought. This week they learned the first verse in the Torah regarding creation. They talked about Hashem's creation of the world; how the world was not created like a painter who paints a painting and then leaves it, but that Hashem is constantly involved in the world, constantly recreating it every mili-second and vivifying it to keep it in existence. They are also getting ready for the Shabbat dinner by learning the beautiful Shalom Aleichem

prayer and reading the Kiddush prayer over the wine.

Hebrew School Shabbat Dinner

Friday, November 2nd-please rsvp

Join us next Friday evening, November 2nd for an unforgettable evening as we celebrate Shabbat together. Come light the Shabbat candles at 5:15 PM, taste your child's delicious hand made Challahs, enjoy a special Hebrew School presentation and laugh along with us as we play some games and unite with our friends for a memorable Shabbat experience. Please make sure to RSVP by this **Wednesday, October 24th**.

Hebrew School for parents

this coming week! 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM

Take an active part in your children's Jewish education! Spend only 45 minutes and enjoy an interactive discussion with Rabbi Green. Parents always come away learning something new, having some food for thought and feeling inspired to keep learning. And of course there is an added bonus of sharing your child's enthusiasm and exchanging information about your Jewish knowledge. Mark it down on your calendars - - you may be pleasantly surprised!

