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## Chabad Hebrew School News & Views

*Great week before vacation...*

Students enjoyed a great week at Chabad Hebrew School as they geared up towards vacation. Rabbi Green, being in a particularly happy mood :-), brought his guitar, gathered the whole school together and sang and danced with the song of "*Mishenichnas Adar Marbim B'Simcha*" (when the month of Adar comes, we increase in joy). He also sang the song "I'm a Jew and I'm proud" and everyone enjoyed the singing and dancing immensely.

### **KITAH ALEPH** (Kindergarten & 1st Grade)

During *davening* (prayer), the children asked why we wash our hands in the morning. We discussed that we do it to make our hands pure before we start our day.

The children enjoyed using our aleph bet puppet friends to help us read and enliven our Aleph Bet Bayit story. It's most fun when we change our voices to fit the character! This week we learned the letter **LAMED**. We brainstormed for words that start with the same sound as *lamed*, and the children came up with *lemon, leaf, liquid, long, lick, latch, leash, and lalala!* The Hebrew word we learned this week was *lavan*, which means white. The children of Kitah Aleph built the letter lamed out of *legos*, and we made *lego* prints with paint on a *lavan lamed*.

The homework for this week is pages 34, 35, 36, 37 in the Aleph Bet Kingdom workbook. (Parents, please make sure your child brings the workbook back to Hebrew School each week. Thanks!)

We continued our unit on *brachot* (blessings) by learning a new blessing--*mezonot*. We say this blessing on anything made from flour that is not

### **President's Week Vacation**

We are sad to say that Hebrew School will not be in session for the next two weeks (Sunday, February 17th & Sunday, February 24th) Please make sure your child does their homework and brushes up on the Hebrew reading. We look forward to seeing everyone again on March 2nd. You can also spend some time browsing through the many wonderful links on our website--for kids and adults alike:

[www.chabadhebrewschool.us](http://www.chabadhebrewschool.us)

. Anyone who comes back to Hebrew School with something they have learned from the website will receive five tokens! WOW!

Have a great vacation!

bread, like crackers, pasta, pretzels, cake, and cookies. After coloring and cutting out the "Mezonot Man," we glued it into our *Brachot* book, and glued macaroni around it, since we say the blessing of *mezonot* on macaroni! We were excited to hear about the special *Brachot* Mission. During vacation, we need to find foods that have either of the two *brachot* we already learned, and write or draw pictures of the foods.

Now, it is the month of Adar in the Hebrew calendar--a month to increase in happiness. Therefore, we danced to music in our classroom, and then we danced again to Rabbi Green's guitar. We spoke about being especially happy this month.

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## Brachot Mission

### Chabad Hebrew School Kitah Aleph

During vacation, find foods that have the blessing of *Ha-adama* and *Mezonot*. Look for them at breakfast, lunch, supper, or even at the supermarket! Write a list on the back of this paper and bring it back to Hebrew School on March 2 for tokens!

Some examples of foods that receive the *Ha-adama* blessing are any vegetables, lettuce, cucumbers, celery, tomatoes, zucchini, potatoes, etc...

*Baruch Ata Ado -ny Elo-heinu  
Melech haolam borai peri ha-  
adama.*

Some examples of foods that receive the *Mezonot* blessing are anything made with the five grain (wheat, barley, oat, spelt, or rye) and not considered bread, like crackers, pretzels, and cookies...

*Baruch Ata Ado -ny Elo-heinu*

## *Melech haolam borai minay mezonot.*

### **KITAH BET** (2nd & 3rd Grade)

Mazal tov to **Jack Shaw** and **Avital Rabinovich** on answering the question of the week.

In *davening* (prayer), we learned a new song explaining one of our prayers called *Adon Alom*. The song explains how *Hashem* is here eternally and that every Jew believes in *Hashem* and that *Hashem* is always with us in times of sadness or joy.

Mazal Tov to **Tal Usvyatsky** on finishing orange aleph, and **Noach Weinberg** and **Jack Shaw** on finishing red aleph!! Keep up the great work!

In the Jewish Home Curriculum, we learned about the mitzvah of *hachnasat orchim*, inviting guests. Each student wrote down some ideas of how they could take part in *hachnasat orchim*. Some ideas were: walking your friend out when they leave, sharing your toys, and offering them food. The students also filled out a worksheet and learned a song. We even got to listen to a Jewish tape about sharing.

A letter was sent home for each student to fill out when they do this *mitzvah*. (Don't forget, students will get 5 tokens if they bring the paper back filled out!) We also started learning about some of the *mitzvot* that we do in the study of our homes: *tzedakah*, learning *Torah*, praying.

In our history curriculum, we learned *parshat Chaya Sarah*. *Sarah* dies and *Avraham* is very sad. *Avraham* buys a burial place called *Ma'arat Hamachpeilah* and when *Avraham* dies he is also buried there. Nowadays *Ma'arat Hamachpeilah* is a special place to pray!

It is time for *Yitzchak* (Isaac) to get married and *Avraham* wants a special wife for his son. *Avraham* sends his servant *Eliezer* to find a wife. *Eliezer* prays to *Hashem* that if a girl will offer him and his camel a drink of water from the well then this is the right girl. A girl named *Rivkah* (Rebecca) offers him and his camel a drink of water. *Eliezer* gives *Rivkah* many gifts and tells her that *Avraham* would like her to marry his son. *Yitzchak* and *Rivkah* get married. We discussed what a Jewish wedding is like with a

*chupah* and Jewish traditions.

We also learned that in the Jewish month of Adar it is a great *mitzvah* to be *b'simcha*-appy. We are so lucky because we have two Adars this year! The entire school danced in honor of Adar!

#### **KITAH GIMEL** (4th & 5th Grade)

Mazal Tov to **Daniel Greene, Jesse Michel, Rebecca Allen,** and **Itamar Krispin** on answering the question of the week!

We had a great substitute at Hebrew School this week--Rabbi Green! He had a wonderful class with Kitah Gimel and enjoyed the group's wit and intelligence.

Kitah Gimel is continuing with their calendars. They have already completed the month of Adar and are halfway through the year!

In the *Bamidbar* curriculum, the students learned about how the Jews knew to travel in the desert. When the cloud of *Hashem* that was guiding them moved, they knew it was time to pack up and move. They had many travels in the desert and the cloud was their guide. The pillar of fire guided them at night.

Everyone is progressing nicely with their Aleph Champ Hebrew reading.

#### **KITAH DALED** (6th & 7th Grade)

Rabbi Kimmelman, our substitute for Kitah Daled, really enjoyed studying with this class. They were a pleasure to teach and really know how to get into a good discussion!

In history, Kitah Daled continued to learn about *Yosef HaTzaddik* (Joseph) and his travels to Egypt.

They also continued to learn about the special *mitzvah* of *ahavat Yisrael* (loving your fellow) and the *mitzvah* of *tzedakah* in depth. They learned that the poor of your own city come before the poor of a distant place. If you know someone locally in need, it's more important to give to them than to some far-off cause. They also learned the important concept of *tzedek*. The word *tzedakah* comes from the word *tzedek*, which means right or righteous. We don't give charity out of the kindness of our hearts, but because it is the right thing to do. *Hashem* lends us money, and we have to be generous with the money that He gives us.

## Bris Information

*Mazal Tov!*

Mazal Tov to Morah Dvora and the whole Green family on the birth of a baby boy! The Greens look forward to sharing the bris and family simcha with all of you. Here is the bris information:

The Brit Milah (circumcision) of our son will take place this

**Thursday, February 14th at 4:45 PM** at the

**Westboro Area JCC, 45 Oak St.,**

Dinner will be served after the ceremony. Please stop in at any time until 7:00 PM to say Mazal Tov or to make a L'chaim! May we always share simchas together.

## Prize Day

*Lots of new prizes...*

Prize day went really well this past Sunday with everyone getting something new from the prize table. The prizes are getting better and better and students are getting more tokens all the time. Keep up the great work!

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