



# RECap

26 Chesvhan 5772 —23 November 2011



Wow, this week in Aleph Champ was absolutely incredible! Our Hebrew Readers have broken our all-time record: TWENTY FOUR students moved up a level in just this one week!! I am so proud of all the effort and joyful attitudes, keep it up!!!

#### 4th Grade:

Michael Skolnick passed to Orange  
Miah Vestosky passed to orange  
Danila Korossy passed to orange  
Keith Griggs passed to orange  
Ryan Griggs passed to orange  
Lior Levi passed to red  
Jack Turkel passed to red

#### 5th Grade:

Linsay Wolf passed to orange  
Benjamin Ant passed to green  
Isabelle Marenberg passed to green  
Sophia Epsteien passed to green  
Ben Binstock passed to green

#### 6th Grade:

Max Rothschild passed to orange  
Sophie Frank passed to orange  
Valerie Gorsky passed to red  
Jared Collins passed to yellow  
Joshua Yekelchik passed to blue  
Tea Simon passed to blue  
Lizi Hedden passed to blue

#### 7th Grade:

Zander Marenberg passed to blue  
Arielle Weissman passed to blue  
Elizabeth Ant passed to blue  
Brett Gold passed to green  
Emma Lieberman passed to purple

## Pizza Party!!



This Sunday we had our first Hebrew School social event our 'Pizza & Ice Cream party'

And what a wonderful event it was! Many families gathered after Hebrew School in the lobby to socialize with their fellow parents, meeting new friends having a good time. The wonderful weather allowed the kids to play outside as we played a game to get to know other parents we did not know. We went through 18 pizza pies and 2 gallons of ice cream, and lots of smiles. As we do at all our events everyone had a name tag to help parents from the same town or class get to know each other. We even had distant cousins meet for the first time in 30 years!



A big thank you to the organizers; Barbara Sokol, Jordana Raban and Helen Korossy, for taking care of all the details and making the event happen.

Our next school wide event is our Chanukah party on December 21 at 5pm.

Please save the date for our Hebrew Shabbat Dinner, January 27 at 6:30pm

Please note Hebrew School will be closed this Wednesday and Sunday for Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving!  
The Hebrew school Team



## Gan/Kitah Aleph (K-1)

In the past couple weeks we learned that the Torah is a gift from Hashem to the Jewish people, and is full of stories and mitzvot that teach us how to live and behave properly. We learned that Hashem created the world 5772 years ago and we reviewed the 6 days of creation and the 7th day of Shabbat. Adam and Chava (Eve) were the first man and woman on earth and the children drew pictures of them. They learned that Adam and Chava piece of Hashem inside of them called a neshamah (soul), and that we also have a piece of Hashem inside of us. Adam and Chava live in a special place called Gan Eden (the Garden of Eden) and the children learned that they made a mistake and ate the fruit that Hashem told them not to and as a consequence they were no longer allowed to live in Gan Eden. This story taught us to make good choices and to listen to the "good voice" inside of us. We also learned that Shabbat is a day of reflection and celebration. The children drew a picture of something that they did this past week (their reflections). We also learned about and decorated the letters "dalet," "hey," "vav," and "zion." And We played an aleph-bet matching game! Last week we focused on the letter "aleph," and this week we focused on learning the letter "Bet." This week we went a "B" scavenger hunt around the building to see what we could find that starts with the letter "B." Check out the wall outside our classroom to see the beautiful letters they decorated!

Morah Chana Miriam



We would like to welcome a new member of staff. Chana Markowitz from Sydney Australia. She was held up on visa issues and is happy to be here joining the Chabad and Hebrew School team as the 2nd grade teacher.



## Grade 2/Kitah Bet

This past Sunday in Hebrew School, Kitah Beit were very happy to finally met their new Morah and be able to get to know her. Our lesson started with a fun welcome game where we found out that our new Morah was from the other side of the world, Australia. It was funny to hear about all the different things that they do so differently, like driving on the other side of the road and how in Australia it was in fact the next day! We davened and thanked Hashem for returning our soul to us and giving us the ability to run around and play. Our Morah then gave us each a character found in Torah portion of Shmot which we are learning about. With our Morah's help we were able to clearly see how Pharaoh tricked the Jewish People into slavery in Egypt. We learnt about two Jewish women, Yocheved and Miriam, who stood up for their beliefs and did what is right. Hope you all enjoy your Thanksgiving weekend and we'll see you very soon.

Morah Chana



## Grade 3/Kitah Gimmel

This past week we learnt about the mitzvah of Derech Eretz "The way of the land" This mitzvah includes all the proper inter-personal behaviors that should be expected in civilization - the appropriate way for people to behave to one another. Hashem cares very much about how we treat others. The torah obligates us to treat everyone with respect. This is even more important with regard to our parents. We wrote out differing situations on cards and each student read a card and assessed what the appropriate behaviors would be for that particular situation. For example: Problem: I left my homework assignment in my moms room; Solution: I gently knocked before entering. (P) I barged into my sisters room because I was desperate to tell her something, Solution: knock before entering. We also learned about showing derech eretz to our peers, such as refraining from saying things like: "you dont know what your talking about and where do you get your facts from?" Then we learned how to think before we speak and rephrase our words to be gentle and respectful, such as: "Are you sure thats right? I heard it differently." Happy Thanksgiving, see you soon!

Morah Kendel Leah

## Grade4/Kitah Dalet

This week we learned about the Priestly Blessing and about how G-d wants us to know He loves so He has the Priests give the blessing for him. We all talked about ways our parents show their love and bless us and that G-d wishes the same things for us. We learned that we can all bless each other, then chose someone and then gave them a blessing.

Morah Sara



## Grade 5/Kitah Hey

This week at Hebrew School we began learning about a new Mitzvah- Kashrut which includes the laws of keeping Kosher. As a class, we made a list of all the things we already know about Kosher and the things we'd like to learn. Hashem tells us to eat Kosher food which gives our Neshama (soul) the proper nutrition it needs so we can keep focused always on doing what we should. We spoke about the signs that make fish kosher and looked at close up photos of fish to find the one that was not Kosher. For birds, we are not given any signs, rather, the Torah tells us which birds are not Kosher. We discussed that most insects are not Kosher and therefore leafy vegetables need to be washed and checked before being eaten. We each got some lettuce to check and then prepared a salad that we all got to eat at the end of our lesson! Hope to see you all in two weeks :)

Morah Mushky



### Grade 6/Kitah Vav

During the last two weeks we have been learning about birth and the following religious rituals according to Judaism. First, we spoke about what is the meaning and the importance of birth for the neshama (Jewish soul). Then, each student had "twins" (one a boy and the other a girl). We spoke about the meaning of giving names and about how and when we name the babies. In addition learned that we name the girls during the first reading of Torah following birth and for boys we wait 8 days in a special ceremony called "Brit". There is still a lot more celebration to come!

### Morah Bosmat



### Grade 7a/Kitah Zion

This week in school we continued on with our curriculum and moved onto the next parsha/Torah portion called Parshas Vayeirah. It was a jam packed parsha, with the birth of Yaakov to his father Avraham, the sending away of Yishmael and Hagar, and the destruction of the evil city Sedom. We mentioned last week that Lot separated from his cousin Avraham and moved to this wicked city, where even a guest was highly mistreated. Avraham was a foil for this city and he welcomed everyone he met with open arms and an open tent, which had entrances on all four sides JUST for this purpose alone. Amazing! Even though Lot had been separated from his good influence of a cousin Avraham, we see the effects of having good friends from this parsha as well. Two angels disguised as men came to Sedom with the mission to destroy it, but Lot was spared since he too accepted these guests with open arms, even though he was risking his life by doing so. Even though Lot was living in an evil city, he had still learnt invaluable lessons from the house of Avraham that remained prevalent after all of those years.

### Morah Rachel



### Grade 7b/Kitah Zion

This past Sunday we learned about Rebecca as a young girl and how she went out of her way to help a stranger. We discussed the virtues of caring for others and going out of our way to help people in need. The class came up with examples of where they have extended themselves as well as scenarios where we could embody the virtues of Rebecca. Helping someone who fell on a ski hill, encourage a team mate who missed a shot, welcome a new kid in school. To watch the episode we learned about go to <http://www.g-dcast.com/chayei-sarah> and feel free to have a discussion with your child about it. I would love to hear any feedback you have. Enjoy Thanksgiving!

### Rabbi Yitzchok



snapshot of this past week...

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