

The 2nd Graders Made Edible Snowmen!



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- ~ Dr. Yehuda and Jessica Nussbaum upon the birth of their son!
- ~ Eliezer (DHR class of 2006) and Shoshana Noble upon the birth of a son!
- ~ the Kindergartners for learning all of the Nekudos! They had a great party!



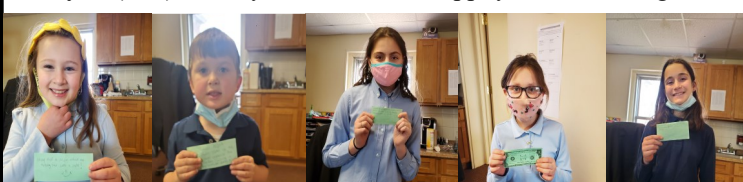
Teach NY's Virtual Mission to Albany

Our middle school students participated in Teach NY's Annual Mission to Albany. This year, it was virtual, which was quite convenient. Our students participated in events, and spoke to a NYS Assemblyman and Senator. We were impressed with our students' eloquence as they articulated the importance of a Jewish education.



Middos Menchen Stars of the Week

- Ella N. (4/5G)** - Ella finished scrapbooking early & went around the room collecting everyone's scraps and throwing them out.
- Tehila S. (4/5G)** - Tehila is a tznius role model.
- Ahuva R. (4/5G)** - Ahuva stayed to help a friend catch up on her hagaddah!
- Shmuel W. (K)** - Shmuel helped Ms. Hunt clean up the room and organize the supplies before joining his friends for free play without being asked.
- Shevy S. (2nd)** - Shevy did a mitzvah, happily, without being asked.



From the Principal

Mrs. Lea Goldstein

This week, as we are preparing for Pesach, I wanted to share three special insights into the upcoming Yom Tov:

1. The Sifsei Chaim, quoting the Tur, notes that each of our Avos (patriarchs) is associated with one of the shalosh regalim, the three major festivals - and Avraham Avinu is associated with Pesach. What is the connection between the character of Avraham Avinu and the celebration of Pesach?

Both Avraham Avinu and the holiday of Pesach are the paradigmatic symbols of emunah, faith. A major foundational component of our emunah stems from the experience of Yetzias Mitzrayim, which we verbalize consistently in our recitation of Shema. On Pesach, our nation recognized Hashem as the Omnipotent Sovereign of the entire universe. In the words of Mrs. Shira Smiles of Darchei Binah Seminary, "to Him, there is no difference between the natural and supernatural, for all is naturally within His domain, whether in heaven or on earth. As we witnessed the many miracles Hashem performed for us as part of the exodus, complete faith in Hakadosh Boruch Hu became entrenched in our psychological, spiritual, and emotional DNA if not in our physical DNA. It was this total belief and faith that Hashem would redeem us that was the catalyst for the redemption."

2. Hashem loved Avraham for many of his character traits and deeds, but, as Rabbi Pincos Roberts writes in Timeless Seasons, the Torah records that Hashem loved Avraham most deeply because he taught his descendants to love tzedaka and mishpat - charity and justice. In other words, that Avraham himself was righteous was important, but not as important as instilling these traits and love of God into his children. As such, the purpose of the Seder is to teach our children all about Hashem and what He did for us when He took us out of Egypt.

3. Rabbi Gedaliah Schorr in Ohr Gedalyahu points out that when Hashem skipped over our homes as He slew the Egyptian firstborns, He gave us the precious gift of faith. Hashem's gift to us was instantaneous, at the stroke of midnight. We reinforced and displayed that faith by following Him into the desert with equal alacrity, not waiting for our dough to rise. We relinquished control completely to Hashem, finally understanding that He runs the world.

Pesach is a special opportunity to transmit this legacy of chesed, mishpat and emunah to our children. Wishing you a Chag Kosher ve'Sama-yach!

Benching Superstars!



Menachem Caro
Hirshy Cohen
Mottel Vogel



Kashering with Libun



Calendar

~ Wed., March 24th - Mon., April 5th: Pesach Break (No School)

