

CHABAD HEBREW SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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CHABAD OF VENICE & NORTH PORT

A Note From The Director

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first edition of our monthly Chabad Hebrew School Newsletter! This will be a good opportunity for you to find out about upcoming events, the "happenings" at Hebrew School and all the wonderful progress that your children are making!

Thank G-d, Hebrew School has been off to a wonderful start! We have over 20 children enrolled and the students are having a wonderful time. A lot of progress has been made with the Aleph Bet Reading. I can really tell which children are practicing at home-it's worth the extra effort as the children feel very good about themselves when they succeed! I'd like to extend a big thank you to our Aleph Bet teachers and volunteers who run our stations: Bracha (Cecelia) Bean, Zahava (Stephani) Camp-

bell, Rueven (Rob) Goldman, Gwen Macwilliams, Melanie McGill, Shellie Rubin, Moshe (Myron) Storch, and Rabbi Sholom. They have been doing an unbelievable job at keeping the children excited, progressing and happy.

I would also like to thank those parents who make an effort in being on time. Children who arrive on time, receive a cup of delicious orange juice to start off their day! Please make sure to sign your child IN AND OUT of Hebrew School when you drop off and pick up.

Our School-wide incentive program of the "Torah Cards" has really kicked off well! Every time a child participates in any way, he/she receives a Torah card. The goal is to get complete sets (such as the twelve tribes, the 7 species of the land of Israel, Matriarchs etc.) and earn prizes! Take a moment to ask

your child if you can see his/her "Torah Card" binder- you'd be amazed!

The children are also gearing up for our annual Chanukah Performance! Your child will be performing at our grand Chanukah Concert on Wednesday, December 8. Please save the date so you can be there. In addition, we'll be having a family Chanukah Fun Day on Sunday, December 5 so clear your calendars for a wonderful Holiday together (see complete list of Chanukah events below).

Looking forward to a continued wonderful and productive year together.

Sincerely,

Rivka Schmerling

Chabad Hebrew School Director.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

NOVEMBER 28th

No School!
Thanksgiving Weekend

DECEMBER 3rd

A "Luminary" First Friday
Special Children's program

DECEMBER 4TH

Menorah lighting in Englewood

DECEMBER 5th

Hebrew School 10:00-11:15
Special Family Fun Day 11:15-1:00

DECEMBER 6th

Menorah lighting in Warm Mineral
Springs, North Port

DECEMBER 8th

Grand Chanukah Festival & Hebrew
School Performance 4:30-7:00

DECEMBER 19th & 26th

No Hebrew School!
Winter Break

JANUARY 2nd, 2011

Hebrew School resumes

Aleph Champ

White:

First 18 Letters

Red:

Master all 32 letters

Orange:

First 3 Vowels

Yellow:

Master 6 vowels

Green:

Master 9 vowels

Blue:

Master all vowels with exceptions

Purple:

Master reading basic prayers

Brown:

Master Reading Higher level of Prayers

Grey:

Master reading from a siddur in a timed fashion

Black:

Master reading over 100 words a minute.

WHERE IS YOUR CHILD HOLDING?

White

Emma McGill, Abigail Rencelli, Alyssa Jones Tyler Schall

Red

Julian Lifton, Yan Kessous, Ashlee Schall

Orange

Maya Kessous, Blake Billington, Mushka Schmerling

Yellow

Matt Nielson, Griffin Nielson, Carly Heininger

Green

Jordan Schneider, Cooper Zingmond, Nechama Schmerling

Blue

Kenny Campbell

Purple

Jacob Jones

The students learn in "centers." Every week they get to play a game, work on writing worksheets, read from inside and do fun flashcards!

Practice makes perfect - aim to practice with your child at least three times a week!

A word from one of the Writing Station Aleph Champ Teachers - Melanie McGill
"Chabad Hebrew School has kicked off to a wonderful start. The kids all seem so happy and eager to be back and are very interested in the new Torah Trading cards, the workbooks, and the amazing new Siddur's for the younger groups. Every Sunday the kids come in and leave with big smiles on their faces, and our goal is to keep this happy mentality going through the rest of the year"

Kitah Aleph * Judaica * Morah Shellie Rubin

Now that the month of Holidays are over- my hour Judaica Session with Kitah Aleph has begun. We are doing a wonderful curriculum entitled "Mitzvot I Can Do"- where we discover the different mitzvot we can do with our

hands, feet, eyes, mouth, eyes, ears, nose, heart, and head. Each week, we get to learn about the Mitzvah, decorate our adorable scrapbooks and read a story (from our very own library) connecting to our theme. So far we

have learned the Hand Mitzvot which included giving charity and kissing the mezuzah!

I look forward to learning with them all about the special body that Hashem has given them in order to do the mitzvot!



Kitah Bet * Judaica * Morah Rivka



What a pleasure it is to teach this very special group of children. Our curriculum for this year is the second book from the Torah- known as "The Book of Shemos (Exodus)"

Each lesson is interactive as we act out, discover and design our own scrapbooks! So far, we've learned about the birth of

Moshe (Moses) and how he was hidden in the basket by his mother, Yocheved. We also discovered how King Pharaoh refused to let the Jews leave Egypt so Hashem had to bring upon them the 10 plagues! The kids had fun experimenting how fire and water can't mix, yet Hashem brought the plague of

Hail and had fire in the ice! They also got really annoyed from the croaking frogs that I brought to class - and realized how annoying it must have been for the Egyptians!

We are now up to the last plague- we can't wait to see what Pharaoh's response will be!

Kitah Gimmel * Judaica * Rabbi Sholom

What a great start for Kitah Gimmel! We started our brand new curriculum "Aventuring through Torah". Every week we travel to another location in the world and discover the history and Torah lessons from that partic-

ular place! Our first stop was the **Sinai Desert**- and that is where we got the Torah! Then we went to Abraham's Tent in **Be-er Sheva in Isreal**- how fascinating it was to meet Abraham and Sara who were the first monotheists!

It was so fun going to **Manhattan in NY** to see the largest Menorah ever! Our next stop is **Russia**! I am excited to be a part of this adventure with our students and I'm looking forward to a great year together!



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DEAR STUDENTS!**

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Cheshvan 8 5766

Mushka Schmerling

Cheshvan 19 5763

Carly Heining

Tishrei 2 5765

Maya Kessous

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A Picture Says More Than a Thousand Words!

