

# Beth Shalom Academy

## Newsletter



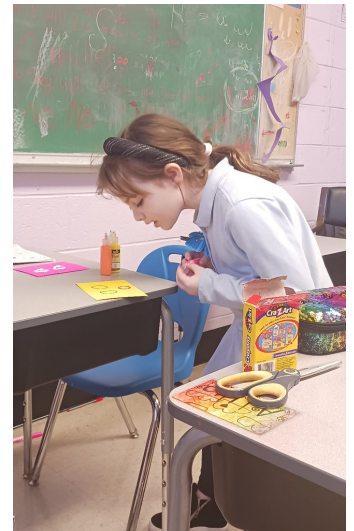
## TAKE A PEEK AT OUR WEEK

February 3, 2023 | יג' שבט פרשת בשלח תשפ"ג

### Yud Shevat

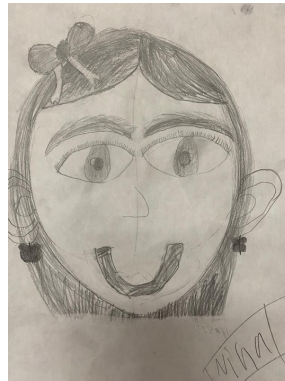
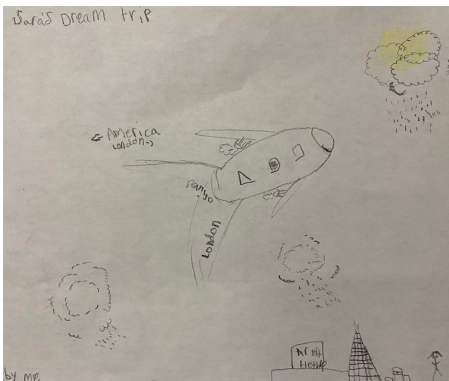
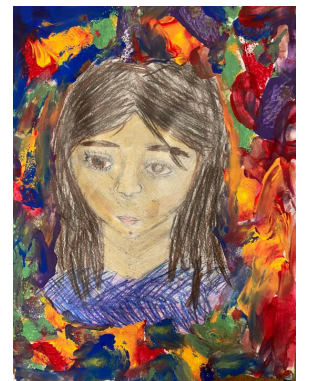
Rabbi Kreiman presented a program in honor of Yud Shevat. Yud Shevat is the yartzheit of R' Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn, the 6th Chabad Rebbe. Yud Shevat was then the day that R' Menachem Mendel Schneersohn delivered a maamer titled Basi Legani signifying his acceptance of his leadership of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement.

### Siyum with Morah Pearle



# Abstract Art

While the younger students continued their work in abstract art, the 3-6 students learned about Frida Kahlo and realism. They created Kahlo inspired projects, which include self-portraits and/or objects they love about their country.



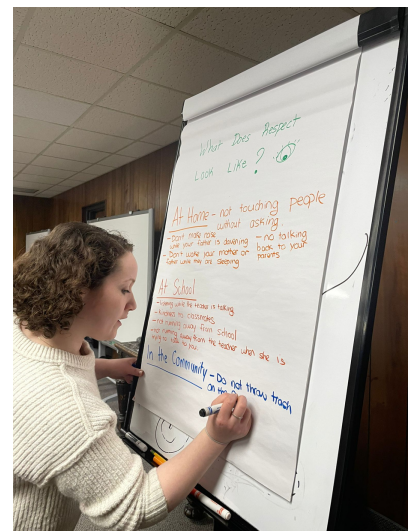
# Adopt a Grandparent

Earlier this week, our students visited our local nursing home. They enjoyed conversation, shared some smiles, and Liora even brought her flute along for some entertainment.



# Middos and Manners

This month's Middos and Manners highlighted respect. Morah Miriam lead a discussion about how we would define respect and what it looks like. Following up the discussion, we played a few games to practice the midah of being respectful.



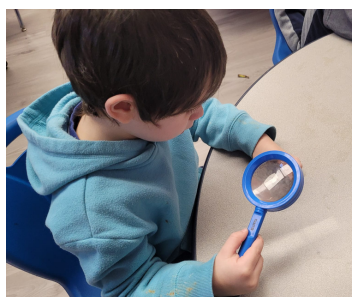
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## Pre-K Learning

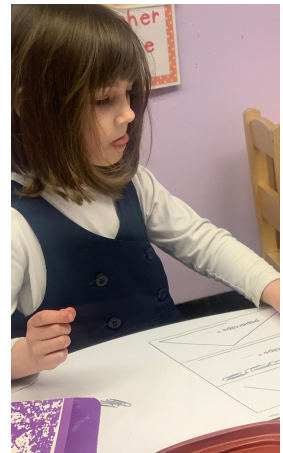
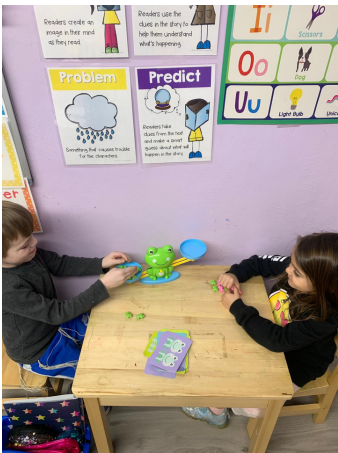


Our Pre-K friends have been enjoying a lot of hands on Parsha projects this week. We walked between blue blankets to envision kriyas Yam Suf , made tambourines, created artwork, and even brought bread outside to feed the birds for Shabbat Shira.

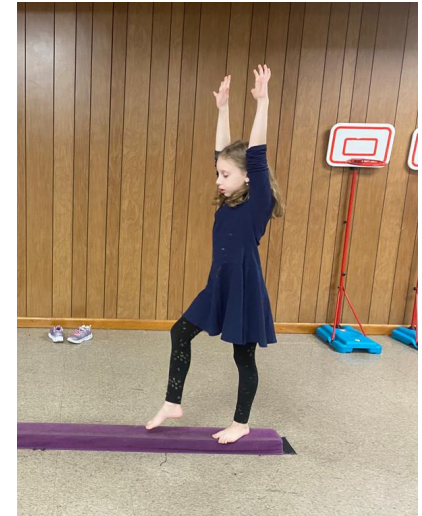


# ..... K-1 Learning

..... K-1 began a new math focus on measurement this week, as well as, a new Science focus on Biomes. In addition, they worked on their weekly literacy craft on a character from our class read aloud book. Check out some our snapshots in learning.



## More Fun at BSA





# Dedicated Days of Learning



## Parsha Questions

- 1.. The pillar of cloud and fire were symbols of HaShem's presence, why were Bnei Yisroel zoche to have HaShem personally escort us through the Midbar?
2. Why did Bnei Yisroel take the long route to Eretz Yisroel?
3. What made the Yam Suf split?
4. After the splitting of the Yam Suf the Egyptians drowned and Bnei Yisroel began to sing-why? What did this spectacular show look like? What special name did this shabbos getn because of this?



## Parsha Answers

1. Avraham Avinu was a very wealthy man with many servants, yet he himself escorted the three visitors on their way when they had finished their meal. The three visitors were the Malachim that came to tell Avraham that he would have a son and to heal him from his bris. Avraham escorted the Malachim, in that merit HaShem escorted Avraham's grandchildren when they left Mitzrayim

COOL FACT: Paroah HIMSELF escorted the Jews part of the way out of Mitzrayim.

2. There are a few answers:

a) There were some Jews that escaped Mitzrayim 30 years before the actual exodus led by Yignon from shevet Ephraim. He and thousands of his followers fought their way out of Mitzrayim. Unfortunately they were not correct and it was not the time for the Exodus. They took the straight, fast route and unfortunately they were all killed on the way and their bodies were not buried. Now that the Jews WERE supposed to be leaving, they could not go the straight route, they would have seen the bones of Ephrayim's shevet scattered and they would have become afraid and wanted to return to Mitzrayim. Therefore they went the long route.

b) HaShem wanted to give the Torah at Har Sinai which was in the desert

c) On the short route, there were many nations that would have tried to attack them, causing the Jews to want to return to Mitzrayim.

3. Bnei Yisroel were being chased by the Mitzriim and had the Yam Suf in front of them. They cried out in fear but there was one man who had 100% Bitachon in HaShem, his name was Nachshon ben Aminadav. Nachshon went into the Yam suf, up to his waist, then chest then chin, and up to his nose. He didnt give up his faith that HaShem would not have taken the Jews out just to kill them now. Suddenly, the waters split and there were 12 dry paths for bnei yisroel to walk through.

4. After seeing the Mitzriim killed, Bnei Yisroel finally believed that their slavery was over, they began to sing praises and thanks to HaShem for all the Nissim they had seen. The men danced and sang with Moshe and Aaron, the women played drums/tambourines and celebrated with Miriam. This shabbos is names Shabbos Shira because the birds sang with Bnei Yisroel.



# Davener of the Week

Congratulations Lani!



# Students of the week

Congratulations Yehuda and Adina!



**Wishing everyone a good Shabbos  
and a relaxing weekend!**

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