

Beth Shalom Academy

Newsletter



TAKE A PEEK AT OUR WEEK

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Upcycling Event

Students presented upcycling projects to the community this week.



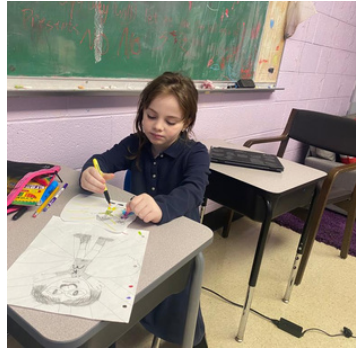
Rosh Chodesh Shevat

“Like seedlings, children learn and grow from proper nurturing”thanks Rabbi Alex Hecht for joining us for inspiration words on Rosh Chodesh Shvat and to Morah Miriam for organizing our BSA version of “Chopped” and to our judges Coach Tony and Principal Itzkowitz! Today we also planted our own seedlings and will learn from our own experience the effort it takes in nurturing our own little plants.



Abstract Art

Continuing our study in abstract art!



Pre-K Learning

We had quite the busy week in our Pre-K classroom. Our students created nests for the letter Nun, created a shehakol poster to go along with our brachos unit and had a lot of fun with the theme of monsters for the letter M. .



Snow Day

BSA students having fun in the snow!



Teacher Show and Tell

Childhood books, rocks from the dead sea, special pictures, and ballet costumes were some of the special things shared by our lovely teachers this week. Most importantly, Morah Mushky gifted us with her baking skills! .



Brachos Bee

Congratulations to our brachos bee champions!



Recreating History

While learning about the Mishkan, our very creative students were building the it out of clay. Additionally, what a beautiful job Nina and Lani did on explaining their designs.



From Birds to Biomes: Habitat Bird Feeder Projects

We celebrated the completion of our bird feeder project by proudly hanging them throughout the front entrance of BSA. If you ever get a chance, check out the students incredible, bird feeder design creations!





Board Game Hour

This week's activity period was filled with music, smiles and student's favorite board games. School at BSA seems pretty fun!



More Fun at BSA





Parsha Questions

1. Which makkos happen in this week's parsha?
2. If Barad destroyed the land, what were the *Arbeh* destroying?
3. What was the difference between regular nightly darkness and Choshech?
4. Why was Mitzraim punished with darkness?
5. How were Bnei Yisroel able to look for the riches that were in the Mitzrim's houses, isn't that trespassing?
6. Explain Makkas Bechoros



Parsha Fun Fact

Of all the non-kosher animals only a donkey has the honor of its firstborn male being holy. The reason being is that the donkeys helped the Jews when they were leaving Mitzrayim. They carried all the wealth the Jews had gotten. Therefore we have the mitzvah of Pidyon Petter Chamor, when a firstborn male donkey is born, its owner may not use him until he is redeemed with a sheep or goat, which is given to the Kohen.



Parsha Answers

1. Arbeh, Choshech, Makkas Bechoros
2. All of the fields and anything else that was left was what was destroyed. The Mitzrim would force the Jews to plant fields of wheat and barley then take its produce for themselves
3. Choshech was darker than anything we can think of, no light was seen at all. They would try to light candles but the flame would go out immediately. There is one explanation that says the darkness got so thick that the Mitzrim weren't able to move, whatever position they were in, that was the position they stayed in.
4. The first reason was because at night they would make the Jews be their lights. If they were traveling at night, the Jews had to carry the torches so that way it could be lit, and when at home they would use the Jews as furniture, putting candles on their heads in order to have light. The second reason was to protect Bnei Yisroel. During this Makah $\frac{4}{5}$ of the Jewish people died. There were those that did not want to leave Mitzrayim. They were being paid for their work, some were even appointed over other Jews.
5. The Jews that did the searching and listing were those that worked in those homes, therefore they were not trespassing.
6. Throughout all of Mitzrayim all the firstborns (male, female, and animal) were dying. Pharaoh ignored the cries of his people until he heard the cry in his own palace. Until this point Pharaoh did not experience the makkah himself, now HIS firstborn was dead and HE was a firstborn too.



Davener of the Week

Congratulations Tehila!



Students of the week

Congratulations Sara and Akiva!



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

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