

Dear Parents, Shalom!

This was quite an eventful week. Hurricane Sandy came in with a vengeance and created much havoc in its wake!

We are grateful for how lucky we all were for having been spared much of the brunt of the storm's force, and we are happy that life has returned to normal for most of us. Asher and Ezra's Ima, Rachel Fish, is kindly looking into ways in which we can involve the preschool children and families in a Mitzva/Tzadaka project to help those in need in the aftermath of this terrible storm. If anyone has any suggestions or ideas, please let us know!

The day after the storm the teachers attended an Early Childhood Conference at Hebrew College. This was a stimulating and interesting day of learning for all of us. The main focus of the conference was to bring to the forefront of awareness the importance of introducing STEM (which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) into the preschool curriculum.

On Wednesday we all came back to school feeling happy to be together again. Hurricane Sandy and Mother Nature gave us a lot of material to learn from! With so much rain and such strong winds we were able to connect it with Parashat Noach and imagine what it was like for Noach in the time of the Mabul! We talked about how the storm affected each of us today compared with so many hundred of years ago in Noach's time.

Judy Diamond came and we had a particularly successful movement time! The children were all actively responsive and participatory as they enacted the Fall story adventure Judy told us.

Later in the day, the children went out to collect some of the wet leaves that blanketed the grass and the Shul's entrance, and then made a lovely fall mural with them. The Bunnies started getting ready for Thanksgiving. The children are learning all about farms and farm work in preparation for Thanksgiving, as we try to imagine what life was like for the Pilgrims of yore!

We also talked about Abraham and Sarah, about their kindness and their open and welcoming home, always open to all, always ready to welcome weary travelers and offer them food, shelter, and hospitality. We told the children how H' rewarded Abraham and Sarah for their kindness with the promise of a Baby named Yitzchak!

Today we had the pleasure of having our Hebrew class with HaMorah Ronit! We shall soon see the delightful results of this linguistic effort! We then played in Abraham's Tent in the Bunny Room, and had a great great time playing outdoors!

The Teddy Bears and Ducklings honored the Mitzva of Hachnasat Horchim by having a joint Kabbalat Shabbat Party!

Overall, we all had a lovely, interesting and good school week!

We wish everyone a Shabbat Shalom U' Mevorach!

HaMorot shel Gan Beth El!

Please Remember:

Daylight Saving Time **ends**

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