

LBSY News

Week of January 13

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The Bible Players are coming--Join Us!

***Through improv and comedy,
Your family can learn Jewish values***

Coming to Louisville:

Sunday, January 20!!!

Prize for LBSY class with highest attendance!

Bring the family for a fun afternoon

Congregation Adath Jeshurun

1:00 PM

*No charge, but reserve your spot by calling
Bev Weinberg, 502-802-3855 or email:*

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CLASS UPDATES

GAN

Today we learned about one of our great Rabbis, Hillel. While standing on one foot, each child recited the maxim "Do not do to others what you would not like done to you".

We also discussed the legend of "gathering sparks" or "gathering shards of light".

Here's what we tried to study this week:

WHAT: Hillel

VALUE: Talmud Torah

WHY: introduction to Rabbi Hillel and one of his important teachings

Ask me:

who was Hillel (*he was a kind and wise rabbi who lived long ago*)

what did Hillel teach us (*do not do to others what you don't want done to you*)

why did we make footprints today (*to remind me that in a way, I know what the Torah teaches*)

what does talmud Torah mean (*study of the Torah*)

we read 2 books about the legends of why people were created (*to find the sparks of light that are ways to make the world whole again and have peace on earth*)

Hebrew letter and vocabulary (they are also on the other side of this paper):

ר

resh

ראש

rosh

head

רגל

reh-ghel

leg/foot

We shared the following books :

On One Foot - Glaser

Yettele's Feathers - Rothenberg

Light - Zalben

Gathering Sparks - Schwartz

Yuvi's Candy Tree - Simpson

ALEF

Happy New Year! It was great to be back in the classroom today!

This week, we reviewed Hebrew; Hebrew homework is to practice flashcards at least three times in the coming week.

We have started studying about Tu B'shevat. Our story was *The Giving Tree*. Our focus was on all the wonderful things that trees provide for us. We also talked about planting trees in Israel. If you have been to Israel, sharing pictures of your time there with your first grader would be a fun activity. You might also want to discuss how we as American Jews can help Israel through various organizations. (Tzedakah this month goes to Israeli charities, so it is an especially good reinforcement.) Time permitting, we planted parsley, which, if given some sun and water, should be ready to include on the Passover Seder Plate.

Next week, we will have a Tu B'shevat seder with kindergarten and 2nd grade and continue discussing the importance (and Jewish value) of taking care of the environment.

Bet

Happy New Year everyone! It was great to be back at LBSY this week. Our theme this week was Gratitude. We learned what the word meant, how to say thank you in a number of different languages, and how to be thankful, even for the small things. We finished out our class by creating a gratitude mobile, with all the things we are thankful for.

We will continue our Hebrew learning next week, but everyone retained their Hebrew really well with a review Bingo game!

Next week, we'll be having a Tu B'shevat seder and we'll discuss the importance of taking care of the environment. See you all next week!

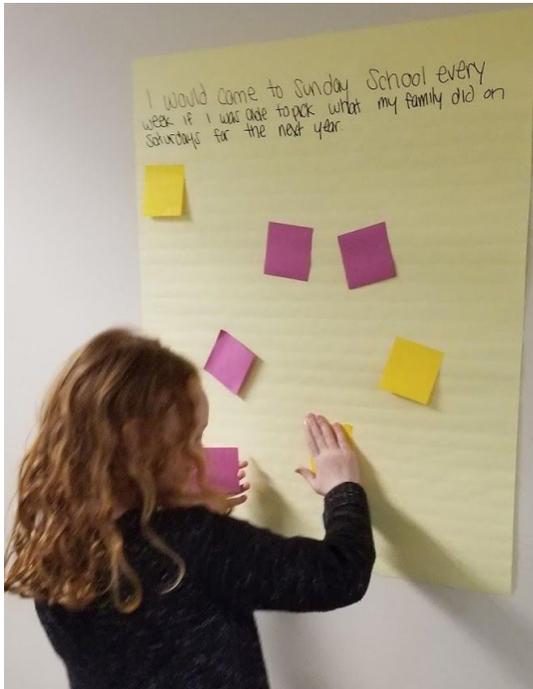
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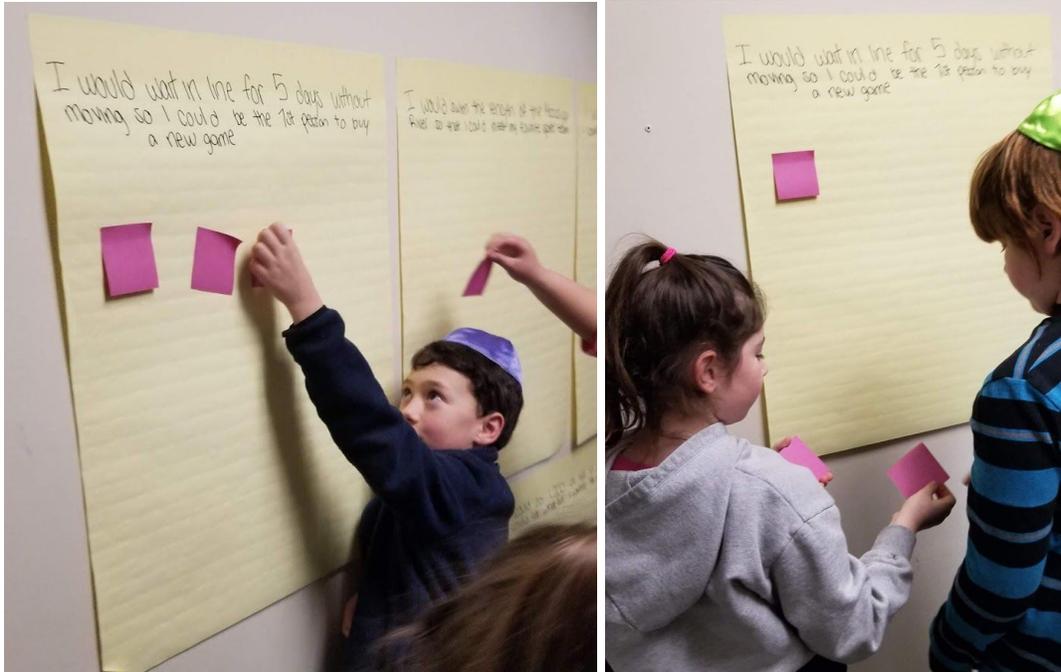
This week we focused on the V'Ahavta. We also spent some time reviewing the different Jewish characters that we have studied this year so far- Adam and Eve, Abraham, Sarah, etc. We drew our pictures of who we have studied and then wrote out descriptions of their impact and personalities.

Daled

And we're back! We jumped back into business by reviewing some of the prophets who we have covered so far and as well as the "Ten Commandments." Many of us were shocked to learn that there are actually 613 commandments in the Torah. Our review of the commandments came in handy as we continued our unit learning about King David. King David was an incredible king, but he was far from perfect. We highlighted a few of the commandments that King David "broke" in order to get what he wanted. From that we challenged ourselves to evaluate how far we would go to get what we want. With a "silent conversation" using different color post-its, the students expressed what they would be willing to do for something that was worth it.

In Hebrew, we have continued to refine our decoding skills while learning the V'Ahavta.





Hey

This week we discussed doing a Jewish Values to project so we could put what we learned last semester to practice. The class voted on an organization that they wanted to support and they decided on The Humane Society. We will be earning money as a class and donating our proceeds to the shelter. For a project, we are beading bracelets to sell at two dollars a piece. We have been working on the project during the last part of class both Wednesday and Sunday.

On Sunday, we started learning about Jewish life cycles and we covered brit milah (bris) and brit bat(baby naming and ceremony for female babies. Rabbi Shmully joined us and led an introduction. We then broke up into groups and decided what was essential for the ceremonies and what was not. We ended the day beading some bracelets.

For Hebrew, please have you students work in the take home work book if they are already working on it. If your students are working on the handouts, I sent lesson six and seven to study.

This coming up week, we will finish brit milah and brit bat and touch on Tu B'shvat. We will also get to enjoy some improv with The Bible Players.

VAV/ZAYIN/CHET

We only had a few students due to the Teen Connection program. We had a few good discussions about things to come in the next few weeks. This Sunday we are ready to have fun with The Bible Players and a short Tu B'Shevat Seder.

More Tu B'Shevat Events: JCC



**TU B'SHEVAT
FAMILY
FESTIVAL**

Sunday, January 20th, 2019
2-4 p.m. | Children's Place at The J
Fee: \$7, \$5 J members | Children under 2 are free!

Join us for a fun family holiday program to celebrate the new year for trees! We will have games, stories, snacks, opportunities to learn about nature, and more!

REGISTER TODAY:
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