



# **LBSY News**

## **Week of March 17**

*Thank you to everyone who came to the Purim celebration on Wednesday! Everyone seemed to enjoy dinner, games, crafts and creative Megillah reading! Pictures will be posted on Facebook soon!*

### **UPDATED LBSY CALENDAR**

<i>Sunday, March 24</i>	<i><b>NO SESSION</b></i>	
<i>Wednesday, March 27</i>	<i>Regular Session</i>	
<i>Sunday, March 31</i>	<i><b>NO SESSION</b></i>	<i>Spring Break</i>
<i>Wednesday, April 3</i>	<i><b>NO SESSION</b></i>	<i>Spring Break</i>
<i>Sunday, April 7</i>	<i><b>NO SESSION</b></i>	<i>Spring Break</i>
<i>Wednesday, April 10</i>	<i>Regular Session</i>	
<i>Sunday, April 14</i>	<i>Regular Session</i>	
<i>Wednesday, April 17</i>	<i>Regular Session</i>	
<i>Sunday, April 21</i>	<i><b>NO SESSION</b></i>	<i>Passover</i>
<i>Wednesday, April 24</i>	<i><b>NO SESSION</b></i>	<i>Passover</i>
<i>Sunday, April 28</i>	<i>Final Session</i>	<i>10:00 - 12:00 Families</i>

## GAN

Today we studied Purim. We made a mishloach manot box. This is to be given to a friend. We filled them as we chose our snack - one for you, one for me. We also finished our graggers so they are ready for Wednesday's celebration! Next class, we will study the Exodus story and Passover and finish our map of the Patriarchs' and Matriarchs' journeys

Here's what we tried to study this week:

- WHAT: Purim
- VALUE: courage
- WHY: People often face hard choices. Our choices are important.

Ask me:

- Would you like to study your Hebrew letters?
- Who in the Purim story has the hardest job?
- Which character would you like to be? Why?
- What are the mitzvot of Purim?

*1. MEGILLAT ESTHER -- we read the story of Purim in the evening and the next day. And whenever Haman is mentioned, we make as much noise as possible to blot out his name and his memory!*

*2. SENDING GIFTS OF FOOD to at least one friend or relative - Purim is a time of love and friendship between Jews.*

3. *GIVING GIFTS OF MONEY TO THE POOR* because Purim is a time of sharing and caring and helping.

4. *EATING A FESTIVE PURIM MEAL* – the special holiday meal eaten on Purim afternoon.

.....*AND DON'T FORGET, PURIM IS COSTUME-TIME!*

*We celebrate how everything can turn upside-down and into something else, and nothing is exactly what it seems to be.*

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

צ	צְדָקָה	צְפַרְדֵּי		זְרוּעַ
tzadee	tzadakah	tz'fardayah	zayin	z'roah
		frog		arm

We shared the following books :

Purim – Nerlove

The Mitzvah Girl – Geller

Let's Talk About God – Kripke

## ALEF

After today, we will only have one more regular Sunday session before the last day wrap up celebration! The year has flown by so fast.

Today we reviewed the Hebrew letter, resh, and worked on recognizing combinations of letters and vowels. We also (time permitting) learned two new vowels. Please continue to practice flashcards and do the Hebrew review sheet sent home at least three times. On the weeks we don't have Sunday LBSY, please continue to review Hebrew flashcards.

This week, we learned more about Purim and enjoyed some fun activities, including knocking over Haman and his henchmen and making masks. We also made our own megillot.

When we return Sunday, April 14, we will be doing a Hebrew review/wrap up and learning about Passover.

## BET

We made our own Megillah! We also talked about being kind to others.

## GIMMEL

This week we spent time talking about Purim. We played Purim games and studied about friendship. We continued practicing the V'Ahavta.

## DALET

We'll see you next week!

## HEY

As the year is winding down, so is our unit on life cycles. This week we learned about the lifecycle events of funerals and mourning. We looked at customary funeral practices and ethical wills to pass down Jewish values.

We also wrote a Purim song and worked on Hebrew and V'ahavta. Some concepts to discuss at home are why in Judaism are grieving customs a year long which include Shiva the first seven days after burial, Shloshim during the first month and then Yud Bais Chodesh during the first year.

Chag sameach and I look forward to celebrating Purim with everyone.

## VAV/ZAYIN

Vav/Zayin had an eventful Sunday! We spoke about the tragic, horrific terror attack in New Zealand, and wrote letters of support and friendship to our counterparts in the Islamic School of Louisville. We also decorated our graggers, getting them ready for Purim. The students led a great discussion on Jewish Pride, on being excited, proud of our identity, and the responsibility and integrity that comes from not being ashamed of who we are, but standing firm like Mordechai and Esther!

## CHET

Our students travel to New York City with Rabbi Miles and Amy Danino during Spring Break!

