



# ***LBSY News***

## ***Week of October 20***

### **DATES TO KNOW**

***Sunday, October 27***

*Regular classes at JCC*

*Special Activity: Israeli Dancing!*

During the months of Oct-Dec, LBSY's own 7th and 8th graders will be collecting winter clothing items for Forgotten Louisville.

Please consider helping those in our community stay warm this winter. We are looking for **new or gently used coats, hats, scarves, and gloves.**

Just send them in with your student, and we will have boxes waiting to collect. 😊



## GAN

Topic: Simchat Torah

Values: celebrating the Torah seeking wisdom

Take Away: the Torah tells us what God wants us to do

Letter of the week: ת tav

Ask me:

Why do we celebrate Simchat Torah? *The Torah makes us happy, it is our way to live, we are finishing the last of the readings in the Torah scroll*

How do we celebrate Simchat Torah? *Finish reading the end of the Torah then we roll it back and start reading it from the beginning, we sing and dance in the synagogue while carrying the Torahs around the synagogue*

What did we do to practice rolling the Torah? *Unrolled a whole roll of paper towels and rolled it back up*

How is Simchat Torah an example of l'dor v'dor? *Parents take their children to the synagogue celebration to learn how we Jewish people show of love of Torah, it is a Jewish tradition*

Snack: Torah roll-ups, honey

Craft(s): Torah

Activity: unrolled and rerolled a roll paper towels to simulate changing the Torah from end to beginning

We shared the following books:

Torah Scroll: How It's Made - Ofanansky

When Zaydeh Danced On Eldridge Street - Rael

## ALEF

Thank you to Lisa Goldberg for teaching today so that Willa and I could visit my oldest child for parents' weekend and stay for the Hillel event at her college.

Today, the students learned the letter *lahmed*, which can be remembered for its resemblance to lightning. Homework is to continue working with flashcards, with new ones coming home today, and to practice the reading sheet at least three times in the next week.

The class also talked about Sukkot and Simchat Torah, enjoying several activities related to the Torah scroll.

Next week, we will resume Tefillah with our wonderful clergy. We will also spend our Hebrew time in a review session to reinforce concepts and learn about Shabbat and creation. In the winter/spring semester, we will learn more about Shabbat traditions.

## BET

This week we had three centers to focus on a lot of material. In Hebrew we worked on the letter  $\aleph$  and added a new vowel sound "O". We used pretzels to create all the letters that we have learned and shaving cream in boggies to practice our writing skills. In Parsha - we tackled the story, "Chayai Sarah" which of course begins with Sarah dying and ends with the death of Avraham. We also learn of the marriage between Isaac and Rebecca. Next week we have a complicated tale of sibling rivalry to study. In the last center we started learning about Shabbat and what makes it such a special day. We did a beautiful art project which will come home next week.

## **GIMMEL**

More updates next week.

## **DALET/HEY**

On Wednesday, Oct 16th the class began their discussion on Simchat torah, The class also had one of their biggest debates so far this year from the ethics assignment at the beginning of the class. Many did not agree with the answer that the book gave on who was right or wrong versus what they thought. They also continued to work on the Barchu with learning the movements to go along with the blessing.

On Sunday, Oct 20th We began our day by having the children come up with ideas for a Jewish Movie. All of the children came up with some amazing Jewish movies and in all genres from haunted and scary to a message about bullying and in between. We continued our discussion on Bar and Bat mitzvah and what it means to have a Bar and Bat Mitzvah. We also discussed how while in today's Jewish society girls have a Bat Mitzvah, generations before us may not have been so lucky to have one. In Hebrew, we worked on practicing the Barchu with the movements. Half the class were the leaders and the other half were congregants and vice versa. We finished learning about Simchat Torah and then we got to make edible Sukkot! Hope everyone had a happy and joyous Simchat Torah!!!!

## VAV

The Vav gang started the day in the Sukkah on the glorious weather final day of Sukkot. We got all shook up with the 7th and 8th grade, and reminded them all about the clouds of glory and G-ds embrace. We were then joined by the 1st grade, and got shook with them as well, while discussing ethical dilemmas. Just ask your child about the Jewish views on dwarf throwing. We are finishing our first prayer, working to identify syllables on sight. It would be very helpful to review/encourage your budding Bar/Bat mitvah-ite, as this will make the entire Hebrew reading process so much easier for them. We also continued our discussion on the history of Jews in the West India (aka America) and then on Wednesday also learned about the history of the synagogues and Jewish life in Louisville. #dramaintheville!! Looking forward to a new Torah focused tefillah this week! Shabbat Shalom!

## ZAYIN/CHET

Kitot Zayin and Chet had a Sukkot-filled Sunday. Part of our day was spent reviewing the events leading up to the Holocaust and, eventually, the creation of the ghettos. We joined Kitah Vav in the sukkah for a chance to shake the lulav and etrog. We also helped the JCC crew decorate and set-up for the Sukkot Festival.



