



# Shulamith Newsletter

## Parshat Vayishlach

### Failure to Plan is Planning to Fail

In Parshat Vayishlach we find Yaakov ready to return home. It's a pretty exciting time for Yaakov and his family. He just escaped the oppressive home of Lavan with a large family and great wealth. Returning to his ancestral homeland, and his mother and father, should be a time of great pride and joy. He just had to overcome one small little snag, his blood-thirsty, murderous, and powerful brother Eisav.

Yaakov realized that he needed to prepare for multiple scenarios for his meeting with Eisav. He wasn't certain, one way or another, how his long absence affected Eisav's countenance towards him. Yaakov prepared for his meeting in three ways... diplomatically, tactically and spiritually.

Diplomatically, Yaakov made the first move and sent multiple waves of large gifts. וַיֹּאמֶר יֵצֵאוּ אִתָּם לֵאמֹר כֹּה תֹאמְרוּן לְאֵדְנִי לַעֲשׂוֹ כֹּה אָמַר עַבְדְּךָ יַעֲקֹב עִם לְבִן גִּרְתִּי וְאַחֵר עַד-עַתָּה: וַיְהִי-לִי שׂוֹר וְחִמּוֹר צֹאן וְעַבְדִּי וְשִׁפְחָה וְאַשְׁלָחָה לְהַגִּיד לְאֵדְנִי לְמַצְאִיחִן בְּעֵינֶיךָ - Go ahead and leave a space between the waves of gifts of animals. By spreading out the gifts, and spacing them, the gifts appear even larger than they were, which appealed to the very materialistic Eisav. With these gifts, Yaakov sent appeasing messages for his servants to relay to Eisav. וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה לְיַעֲקֹב אֲנִי הָאֵל שְׁכָנְךָ וְאֵל עֲבָדֶיךָ וְאֵל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאֵל בְּרִיתִי וְאֵל הָאֲרָצָה הַזֹּאת וְאֵל הָאֲבֹתָיִם וְאֵל הָאֲדָמָה הַזֹּאת וְאֵל הָאֲרָצָה הַזֹּאת וְאֵל הָאֲרָצָה הַזֹּאת וְאֵל הָאֲרָצָה הַזֹּאת - And he instructed them saying, this is what you should say, "To my lord Eisav, so said your servant Yaakov, I have stayed with Lavan and remained until now. I have acquired cattle, donkeys, sheep and slaves and send this message to my lord to find favor in your eyes." The messengers returned telling Yaakov that Eisav was coming to meet him...with 400 of his closest friends.

Tactically - Yaakov split his camp in two in order to mitigate the damage if he was attacked. If Eisav attacked, one of the camps would be able to escape. Rashi adds that this did not mean that Yaakov would not defend himself, Yaakov was fully ready to fight. This action was meant to limit the collateral damage.

Spiritually - Knowing that all of our salvation comes from Hashem, Yaakov davened. הַצִּילֵנִי נָא מִיַּד אָחִי מִיַּד עֲשׂוֹ כִּי-יֵרָא אָנֹכִי אֹתוֹ פֶּן-יָבֹא וְהִכָּנִי אִם עַל-בָּנָיִם: - "Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Eisav; I fear, he may come and strike me down, mothers and children alike."

Parshat Vayishlach is the playbook for surviving in galut. There are many stories throughout our history of our chachamim studying this parsha before important meetings with non-Jewish leaders. What is main lesson to learn? Sometimes we need to bend, sometimes we need to fight. But we always need to daven.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Brielle Marvit- November 24**  
**Adina Leah Yakubov- November 27**  
**Chana Faitelewicz- December 1**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**December 5 - Field Trip Grade 8-Rambam Exhibit at the YU Museum**  
**December 7-Chanukah Chagiga**  
**December 8-11 Chanukah Vacation! No School!**  
**December 13-Mommy & Me Program Grades 1 and 3 with Morah Tamar**  
**December 13-Pre1A Trip to the NY Hall of Science**

**Change of Date!**

**Melava Malka**  
**Grades 4-8**

**February 10, 2023**

**What's for  
lunch?**



### **4th**

Mac n Cheese  
Plain Pasta  
Salad  
Tuna  
Fruit

### **5th**

Chicken Tenders  
Rice  
Salad  
Egg Salad  
Fruit

### **6th**

Pancakes  
Home Fries  
Sliced Veggies  
Tuna  
Fruit

### **7th**

Pizza  
Garlic Knots  
Latkes  
Caesar Salad  
Tuna  
Fruit



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# Annual Chanukah Chagiga!



December 7, 2023  
During the school day!

DELICIOUS FOOD · KARAOKE · GAMES · MUSIC

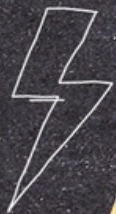
We are looking for sponsors! If you would like this beautiful event to be in honor or memory of someone, please let us know!



IT'S BACK....



# ANNUAL CHINESE AUCTION



DECEMBER 25-29



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ITEMS TO BE AUCTIONED OFF!



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Save the date!

*Parent-Teacher  
Conferences*

December 20, 2023



# Preschool News

Dear Parents,

In this week's parsha, פרשת וישלח, we learned that Yaakov decided it was time to return home with this wife and children. He was nervous that he would run into עשו and therefore sent messengers to see what was happening. The messengers came back saying that עשו was planning a war. We learned that עשו prepared for war with ammunition while יעקב used תפילה and davened to Hashem to give him wisdom and strength to deal with his brother. יעקב sent עשו many gifts to calm him down. He told his servants to tell עשו that the gifts were sent from יעקב, his servant, as a gift from his master. יעקב realized the importance of trying to be nice to someone even if he is not nice to you. He wanted to make peace with his brother, as he knew the importance of שלום בית and being at peace with one's family.

Yaakov left his family on one side of the river and he crossed to the other side. Then he suddenly realized that he had left a few small pitchers of oil on the other side of the river. יעקב knew that everything Hashem gives us is precious and that we need to take care of it, so he went back to get the oil. We then learned how a מלאך wrestled with him and that finally the מלאך gave יעקב the ברכה that he would be renamed ישראל. Hashem also told יעקב that all of his father's ברכות would be passed on to him and his children and then on to their children..... until the generations reach us..... And, that is why we are called the בני ישראל.

This week we continued with our Chanukah learning activities. The Chanukiyot that we handcrafted are nearly completed and they are spectacular. But what good is a Chanukiyah without candles? We therefore decided to make candles. We melted plain wax and then added crayons to give the candles color. We took a wick and dipped it first into hot wax and then into cold water. Our candles became taller and more solid with each dip. Our candle making activity led us into a discussion about solids and liquids. We hope you will use our hand-made candle for the Shamash. Incidentally, we also designed beautiful wrapping paper, which will be used to wrap your daughters' Chanukah sewing project. This was made by dipping a dreidle into paint and then spinning the dreidel on paper - our version of spin-n-art.

We experimented with different candles to see which would burn longer. On Monday we took a שבת candle, a birthday candle and a Chanukah candle. On Tuesday we lit a שבת candle and a Yahrzeit candle and then on Wednesday we tested a Yahrzeit candle and a simcha candle. Each day the girls made their own predictions and we eagerly awaited the outcome. We concluded that the shape and height of the candle is irrelevant, what matters is the density, or the thickness and consistency of wax in each candle.

Finally, this week we celebrated Adina Leah Yakubov's and Chana Faitelowicz's birthday parties in school. We all very much enjoyed their parties and wish them and their parents a big מזל טוב. We are sure that they will be a source of much נחת to their families and to כלל ישראל.

With best wishes for a שבת שלום,

Morah Caroline  
Morah Ahuva



# Preschool Pictures

**Brielle Marvit, Adina Leah Yakubov, and Chana Faitelewicz Birthdays!!**





# Preschool Pictures

## PRE1A HAND CRAFTED CHANUKIOT



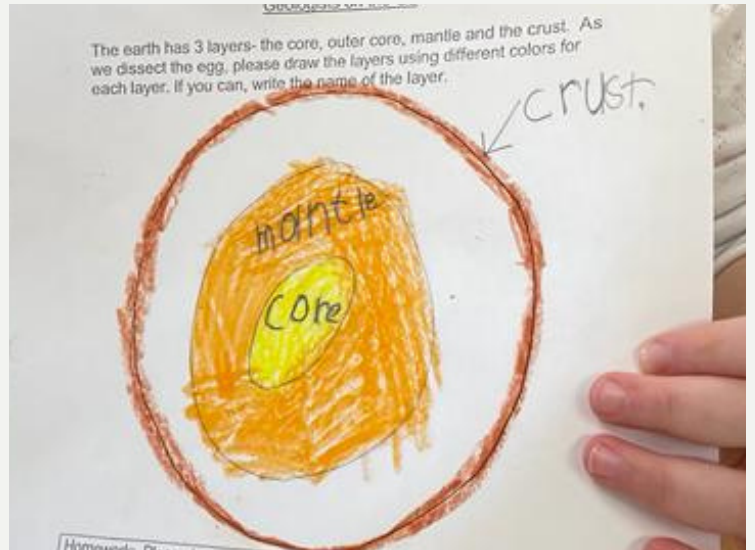
## DREIDEL SPINNING ART





# Shulamith Snapshots

## SCIENCE WITH MORAH AMY 1st grade learning the layers of the earth

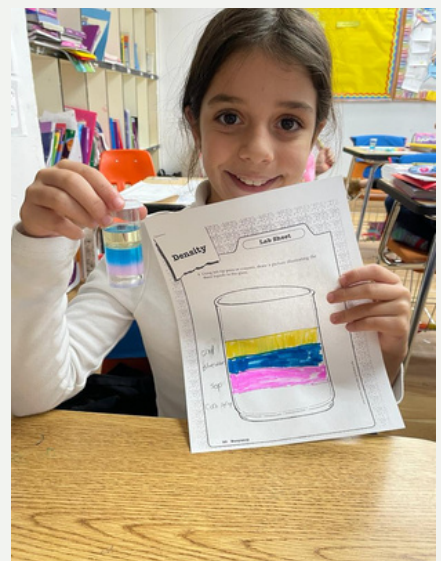
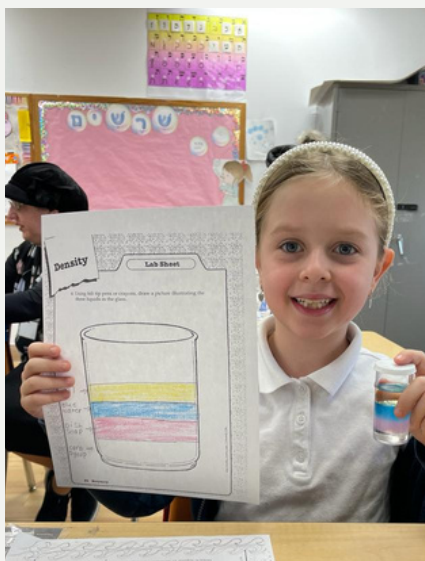
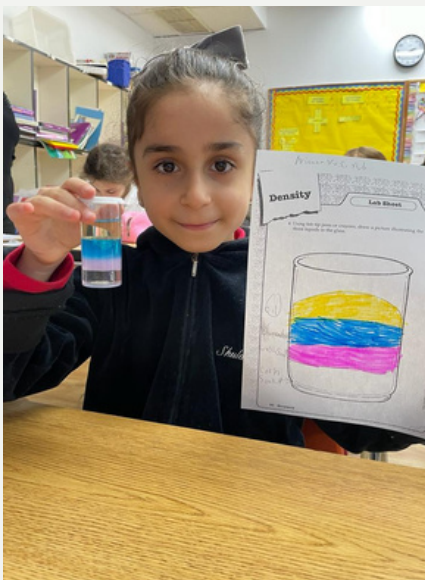
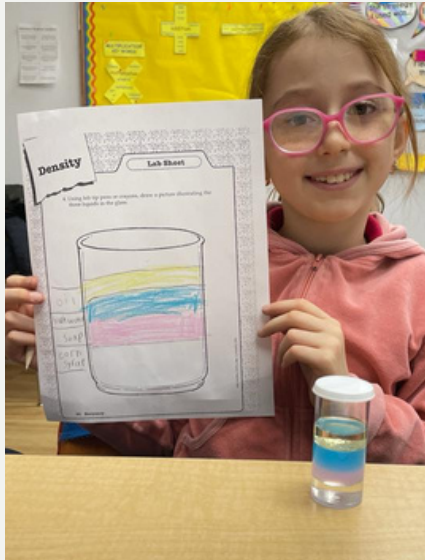
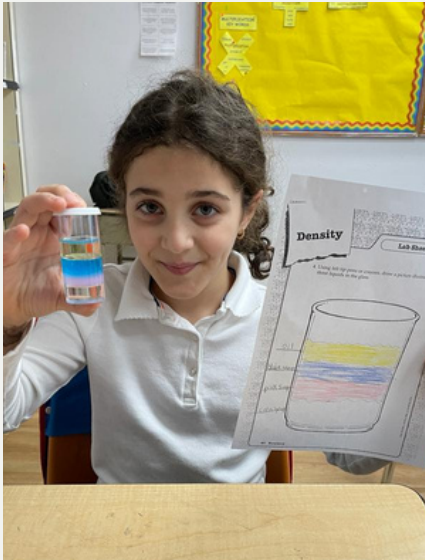




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SCIENCE WITH MORAH AMY

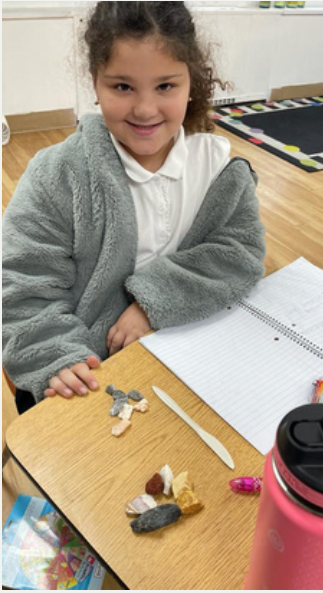
3rd grade Density Experiment





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SCIENCE WITH MORAH AMY 4th grade edible sedimentary rocks





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SCIENCE WITH MORAH AMY 5th grade making edible fossils





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## Grades 1-3 Field Trip to Brooklyn Children's Museum





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## Grades 4-5 goes to NY Hall of Science





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## Grade 6 Field Trip to Cradle of Aviation Museum





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## Grades 2 & 8 Big Sister Little Sister Program



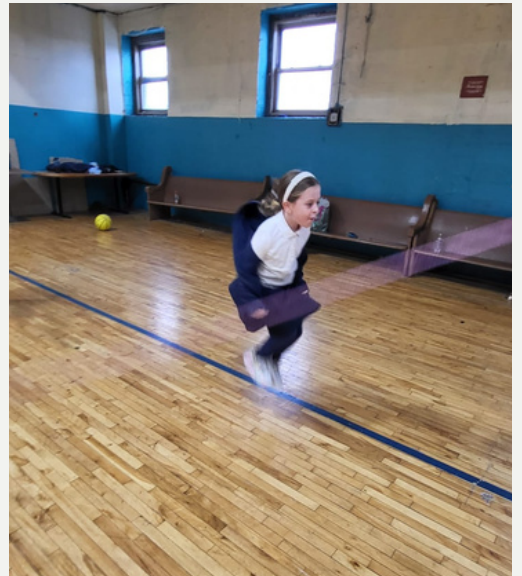
## Mimi's Birthday





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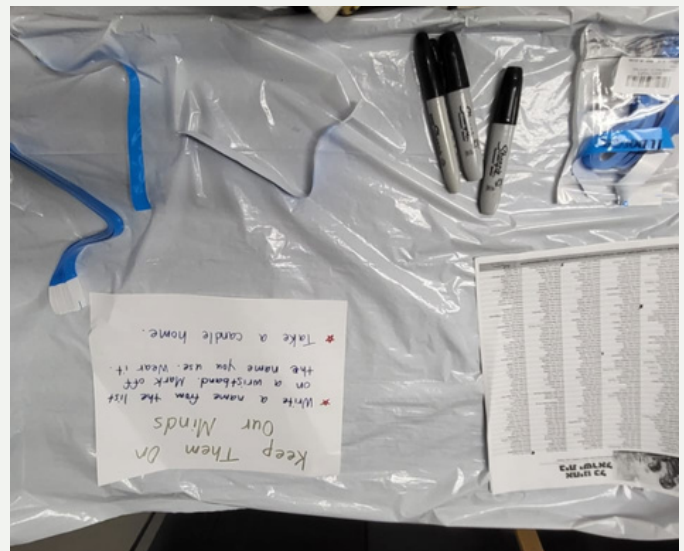
## JUMP ROPE AND GYM WITH COACH RUCHIE





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SPECIAL PROJECT FOR OUR HOSTAGES WITH COACH RUCHIE







Please join the Pre-1a girls in their "Chanukah Mitzvah Toy Drive" to benefit the Honey Engel Toy Fund of Chai Lifeline. All toys should be new and be brought to the Pre-1A classroom or handed into the Elementary School office between now and December 4th, 2023.

In Pre-1a we want to follow in the footsteps of our forefathers who exemplified the qualities of **TDN** and bring smiles to the faces of sick children at Chanukah. If we include the whole school in this project the results can be so much greater..... remember, it's all about teamwork!! Thank you!

Morah Caroline  
Morah Ahuva







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