



# Shulamith Newsletter

## Parshat Miketz Living the Dream - Part 2

Our master class in emuna and bitcachon continues in this week's parsha. It had been two years, to the day, since Yosef interpreted the dream of Pharaoh's Cupbearer and it appeared that Yosef's request to the Cupbearer to remember him has been ignored. It was then that Pharaoh had his two distressing dreams that needed interpretation which caused the Cupbearer to conveniently remember Yosef.

וַיִּשְׁלַח פַּרְעֹה וַיִּקְרָא אֶת־יוֹסֵף וַיְרִיצֵהוּ מִן־הַבּוֹר וַיִּגְלַח וַיַּחֲלֶף שְׂמֹלֵתוֹ וַיָּבֵא אֶל־פַּרְעֹה:  
 Pharaoh sent for Yosef, and he was rushed from the dungeon. He had his hair cut and changed his clothes, and he appeared before Pharaoh.

This isn't the first time that Yosef has experienced rapid, uncontrolled, change in his life, however this time it's different. Both when Yosef was sold into slavery and when he was thrown in prison, he was on the receiving end fate, he wasn't in control of his circumstances. At the age of 30, his life changed from rapid, uncontrolled, change to rapid, controlled, change.

Yosef not only interprets Pharaoh's dream but also makes a pivotal decision that alters history's course. He doesn't stop at interpretation; he boldly advises the king on averting the prophesied famine. Pharaoh, impressed by Yosef's wisdom, appoints him as Egypt's second-in-command. This appointment sets the stage for Egypt's emergence as a global powerhouse, where all, including Yosef's brothers, come for sustenance, unknowingly fulfilling his long-ago dream of his brothers bowing before him.

On the pasuk above, Sforno comments that a miraculous salvation always transpires quickly. Just as when the Jews left Egypt, and so will it be when Yisrael is redeemed from the current Galus.

It should be the will of Hashem that we merit to see our yeshuot come quickly and completely with the coming of Moshiach speedily in our days.

Shabbat Shalom  
 Natan Mandelbaum

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Celia Khallouf- December 12**

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**December 20- Pre1A-Grade 8 Parent Teacher Conferences**

**December 25-29-Annual Chinese Auction!**

**December 27-"Chazak" Inter-Yeshiva event for Grade 8**

**Welcome back to Sofia-Director of Special Services!**  
**Please feel free to email her at [schalouh@shulamithofbrooklyn.org](mailto:schalouh@shulamithofbrooklyn.org) with any questions regarding IEP's and related services!**

### **What's for lunch?**



#### **18th**

Mac n Cheese  
Plain Pasta  
Salad  
Tuna  
Fruit

#### **19th**

Beef Sliders & Buns  
Corn on the Cob  
Pickles  
Sliced Veggies  
Fruit

#### **20th**

Potato Knishes  
Cheese Blintzes  
Tuna  
American Cheese  
Sliced Veggies  
Fruit

#### **21st**

Pizza Wheels  
Kernel Corn  
Israeli Salad  
Tuna  
Fruit



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# Preschool News

Dear Parents,

When the girls came into school on Tuesday it was evident by the smiles on their faces that they have enjoyed a wonderful Chanukah vacation. To celebrate the fifth day of Chanukah we all thoroughly enjoyed decorating and eating our own donut.

On Wednesday, we all very much enjoyed our trip to the Children's Science Museum in Queens. The hands-on exhibits were a most "enlightening" experience. The children really loved developing their sense of wonder as they viewed the various displays.

We are in December and the weather is getting colder. We, therefore, started off our week with a discussion about winter in New York. We have noticed that the leaves have fallen off the trees and there are hardly any birds flying in the sky. We learned that the birds must be migrating to somewhere sunny, green and warm.... That, in turn, led us to a discussion in which we compared winter in Florida and winter in New York. We also took out the thermometer and compared the indoor and outdoor temperatures during the morning and afternoon hours. We increased our vocabulary by using words such as mercury and degrees.

The girls were so eager to learn about this week's פרשה that we began Tuesday by telling them about פרשת מקץ. We know that Hashem has reasons for everything He does, even though we do not always understand his reasons. We learned that יוסף was sitting in prison, and then one night Pharaoh had a strange dream that no one could interpret. The butler suddenly remembered יוסף who had been able to explain his dream. He thought that maybe יוסף would know the meaning of Pharaoh's dream. יוסף explained that when Pharaoh dreamed about the seven fat cows and the seven good stalks of grain, it meant that there would be seven good years in the land. The seven skinny cows and seven stalks of grain without seeds meant seven years of famine. יוסף explained to Pharaoh that Hashem was telling him what would happen in מצרים. The fact that יוסף mentioned that it was Hashem and not יוסף who was saying this shows us that יוסף did not consider himself to be a big shot - he was giving all the credit to Hashem. We learned that Pharaoh realized that יוסף was a special person and so he took him out of prison and made him his second in command. We also learned that Pharaoh's ministers were very jealous of יוסף's good fortunes. They even complained to Pharaoh that יוסף did not speak Egyptian well and did not know enough foreign languages. Then Hashem made a נס and taught יוסף all the languages. We also learned that there was a famine in ארץ ישראל and יעקב and his family were running out of food. יעקב told his sons to go to מצרים to buy grain. Only Binyamin stayed at home. יוסף was hoping his brothers would come to מצרים and he recognized them when they came to him to buy grain. יוסף gave his brothers food and gifts and told his son Menashe to put money in their sacks. יוסף also told his brothers that he wanted to see the youngest brother Binyamin and he made Shimon stay in מצרים until the brothers brought Binyamin to him. The next time the brothers went to מצרים to buy food they took Binyamin with them. יוסף again gave them food and gifts and this time he told Menashe to hide his special cup in Binyamin's sack.... only to be found later! But, then we know that everything happens for a reason! When will יוסף reveal himself to his brothers? We will have to wait and see what happens in next week's פרשה.

The Hebrew letter we concentrated on this week was "צ-צ" sound for צהב, צמיד, צעיר, צדיק. After we discussed what makes a person a צדיק, we read stories about the Baal Shem Tov and special צדיקים he encountered during his life. For example, the story of "The Shepherd Boy Who Loved Hashem" written by Sterna Citron. The boy loved Hashem more than anyone. He didn't know how to read or speak Hebrew, so he couldn't daven, but he found different ways to show

Hashem his love. We read another Baal Shem Tov story called "Hirsh's Secret" also written by Sterna Citron. It is the story of a poor man who spent his money on buying food for his goats.

We continued with our Leo Lionni Author Study and read his book "Swimmy" which is about a fish who after separating from his family travels undersea alone. Swimmy meets a school of fish that are afraid to swim in the open and teaches them to move together in a way that wards off predators. We spoke about what it means to have a problem and how to solve it. We realized that most problems have a solution and that sometimes you just have to think carefully to find it. We authored a problem solving book, which is both entertaining and enlightening.

Wishing you all a wonderful שבת שלום.

Morah Caroline  
Morah Ahuva

# Preschool Pictures



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## Pre1A Trip to the NY Hall of Science



# Shulamith Snapshots

Mommy & Me Program Grades 1 and 3 with Morah Tamar



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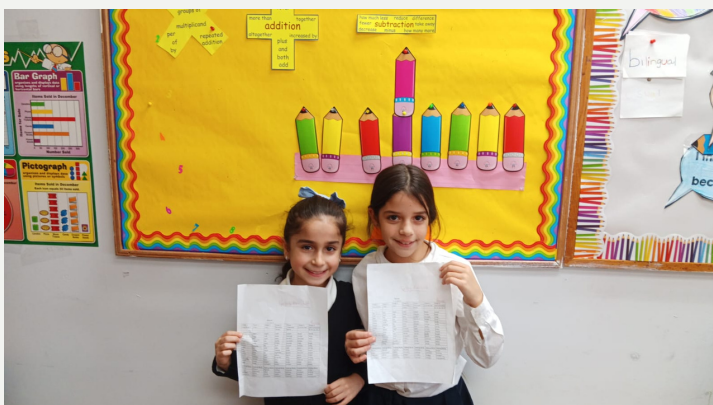


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**Creative 5th graders made menorahs using materials they found in school**



**6th grade  
HISTORY CLASS LEARNS ABOUT EGYPT**



**Grade 3 Spelling Bee Winners**



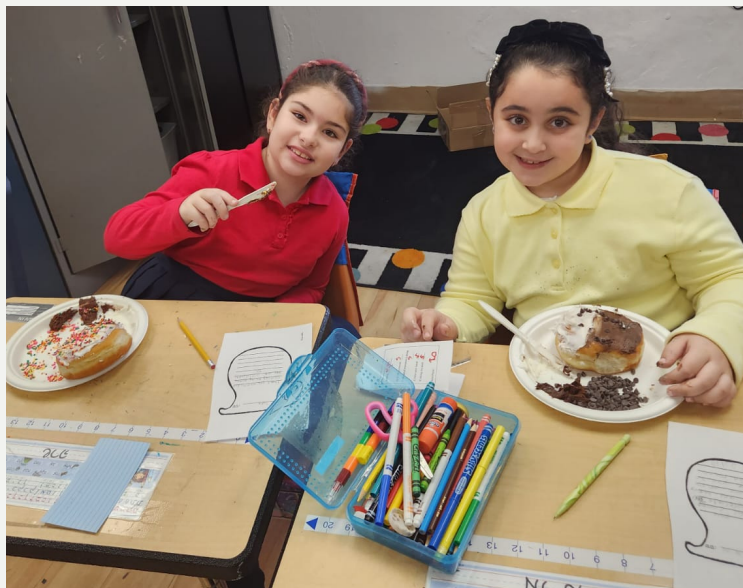
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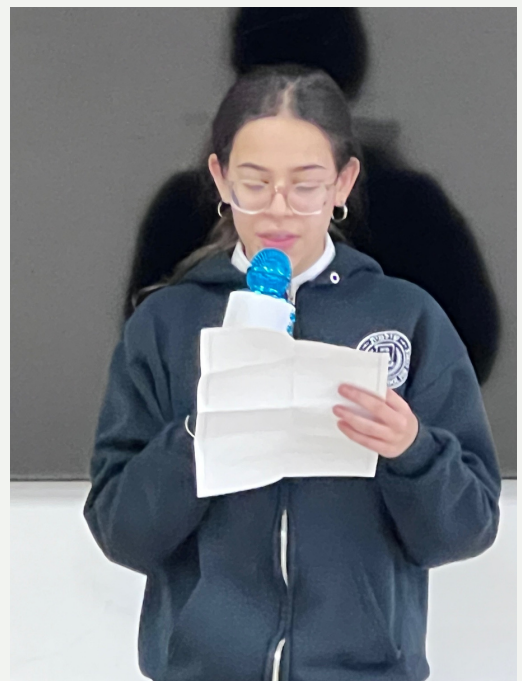
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Grades 4-8th Hanukkah Chagiga



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