



Shulamith Newsletter

Parshat Terumah

"Some Assembly Required"

I do not use the word hate often, but when I do, it's usually referring to assembling something from a set of instructions. Given the option of assembling something and getting a root canal, I will choose a root canal every time. In Parshat Trumah, Hashem describes, in painstaking detail, exactly how the Mishkan is to be constructed. It started out simply enough...

Hashem: Moshe, have everyone who wants to help build the Mishkan bring gifts of gold, silver, copper, yarn, animal skins, etc.

Moshe: No problem.

Hashem: I'm going to show you how to build the Mishkan, do it exactly as I tell you.

Moshe: Roger that.

Hashem: Make me an aron with these exact measurements. It should be a gold box, inside a wood box, inside a gold box. Throw some rings on it and put two golden staves in those rings, and never take them out. Then, make me a cover for that aron out of pure gold with two cheruvim on top, but it all has to be made from one piece of gold.

Moshe: Check. On it.

Hashem: Then you should make a menorah of pure gold. The menorah shall be made of hammered work; its base and its stem, its goblets, its knobs, and its flowers shall [all] be [one piece] with it. And six branches coming out of its sides: three menorah branches from its one side and three menorah branches from its second side. Three decorated goblets on one branch, a knob and a flower, and three decorated goblets on one branch, a knob and a flower; so for the six branches that come out of the menorah. And on [the stem of] the menorah [shall be] four decorated goblets, its knobs and its flowers. And a knob under the two branches from it, and a knob under the two branches from it, and a knob under the two branches from it; so for the six branches that come out of the menorah. Their knobs and their branches shall [all] be [one piece] with it; all of it [shall be] one hammered mass of pure gold. And you shall make its lamps seven, and he shall kindle its lamps [so that they] shed light toward its face. And its tongs and its scoops [shall be] of pure gold. He shall make it of a talent of pure gold, with all these implements.*

Moshe: Wait. What?

Rashi tells us that this posuk uses a curious statement, תַּעֲשֶׂהָ הַמְנוֹרָה - the menorah will be made, as opposed to תַּעֲשֶׂה - and you will make. Rashi explains that Moshe had trouble conceptualizing how to make this very complicated menorah from one piece of gold. At that point, Hashem had Moshe throw the gold into the fire and it would be made on its own.

In my home, you are not allowed to use the phrase, "I can't" unless you have actually attempted to do the thing you say you can't do. My children would often come to me telling me they can't do something. Without fail I would always tell them they have to try. "But Daddy, I can't!" they would say. Guess what? 9 times out of 10, when they tried, they succeeded. The other times, I was happy to help them.

From this parsha we learn a very valuable lesson. No matter the challenge, no matter how hard, we have to try. Sometimes you succeed and sometimes you don't. However, when we do our hishdatlut, Hashem helps us get to where we need to be.

Shabbat Shalom,
Natan Mandelbaum

*Translation adapted from Judaica Press

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Fortune Kabareti- February 18

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 19th-NO SCHOOL President's Day!

February 22nd-100th Day of School!

February 22nd-Mother-Daughter Challah Bake

**(Students that attend receive a NO HOMEWORK PASS
and NO TESTS THE NEXT DAY!)**

**What's for
lunch?**



19th

**Presidents Day
No School**

20th

**Taco Tuesday
Yellow Rice
Diced Veggies
Egg Salad
Fresh Fruit**

21st

**Pancakes
Home Fries
Sliced Veggies
Tuna
Fruit**

22nd

**Pizza bagels
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Israeli Salad
Tuna
Fruit**



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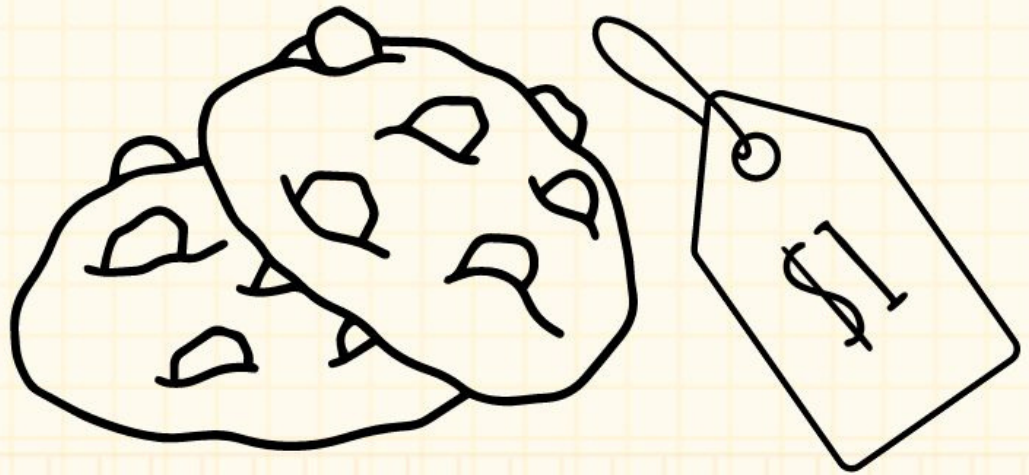
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*8th Grade
Shabbaton*

*Melour Resort
Tannersville, NY
March 1-3, 2024*





HOT CHOCOLATE AND JUMBO COOKIE SALE!



TUESDAY FEB 20TH!

Preschool News

Dear Parents,

“משנכנס אדר מרבִּים בשמחה”

We have begun learning in detail the Purim story and have been using hand puppets as a tool to bring the story to life. The puppets enhance language development and encourage the children to act out Megillat Esther and even create their own shows. We are learning many songs and dances related to the holiday and this gives the girls an opportunity to develop coordination, rhythm, and memory skills. In addition, the Hebrew songs will add a great deal to our Hebrew vocabulary.

In this week's Parsha, פרשת תרומה, Hashem commands us to build a מִשְׁכָּן, a special place, in which Hashem can dwell. Moshe wondered where all the materials needed for the building would come from – after all the בני ישראל were in the desert. Hashem told him that each person should give a gift towards the מִשְׁכָּן. The gift could be something gold, silver, copper, cloth, skins, oils or stones and everyone was allowed to give whatever he could afford. Then all the donations were pooled together so that no one person could claim that a specific part of the מִשְׁכָּן was made from his individual gift. Each person participated equally in this special mitzvah.

We learned that the לוחות were kept in the ארון קֹדֶשׁ which was placed in the מִשְׁכָּן. We also learned that Hashem was compared to a shepherd. Just as a shepherd sets up his tent close to his sheep in order to watch them, Hashem wanted to have a dwelling place near the Jewish people. We also learned that although we don't have a מִשְׁכָּן today, we do have the ארון, שולחן, פרכת, נר תמיד etc. in our בית כנסת in order to remind us to stay close to Hashem.

This week we continued to discuss the United States of America. We spoke about the currency of America. We learned that 5 pennies are a nickel, and that 2 nickels or 10 pennies make a dime, and 10 dimes are a dollar. We also learned a cute money chant.

We reviewed the life of one of America's best loved Presidents, Abraham Lincoln. Abraham Lincoln began his life in a small one-room log cabin, and he became the 16th President who was known for his ability to speak and for his hard work on behalf of the country. We learned that Abraham Lincoln is also remembered as a great leader who helped to free the slaves and together during difficult times. Lincoln was a very tall person who was recognized by his tall black hat and his black beard your daughters had fun making their own Lincoln hats and beards.



This week we also brushed up on our math skills in a yummy way. Each girl was given a roll of winkies and had to sort them on a graph. She discussed with Morah which color winkies she had the most of and which the least. "If I have 3 pink winkies and 4 yellow ones, how many more pink ones do I need to equal the yellow?" The girls used their graph as an aid in the calculations. Of course, all the girls enjoyed eating their winkies after completing their assignment!

Wishing you a very enjoyable שבת שלום,

Morah Caroline
Morah Ahuva

Preschool Pictures



Shulamith Snapshots

Crazy sock day in honor of Rosh Chodesh Adar!!!



2nd grade practicing for their Chumash play!



Shulamith Snapshots

**Congratulations to the students who spent
the most time on IXL!! 🎉🎉**

Your students spent **10** hours
on IXL!



Who has spent the most
time on IXL?

- | | | |
|---|---------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Miriam Cohen | 2 hours spent |
| 2 | Lilah Husarsky | 2 hours spent |
| 3 | Malka Binyamin | 1 hour spent |

Outstanding!

Your students have spent 100
hours on IXL!



**Tamara read The Hundred
Dresses on her own and wrote
a beautiful response!**



Shabbos Malkisah Winners

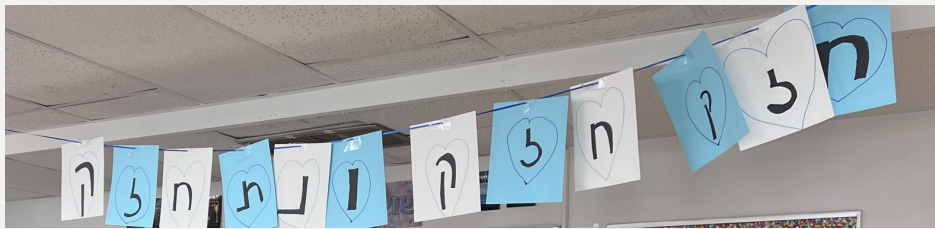


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Welcome back Mrs. Zylberminc!



Mazal tov to Kita Daled on your Siyum!



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Melava Malka 2024!!



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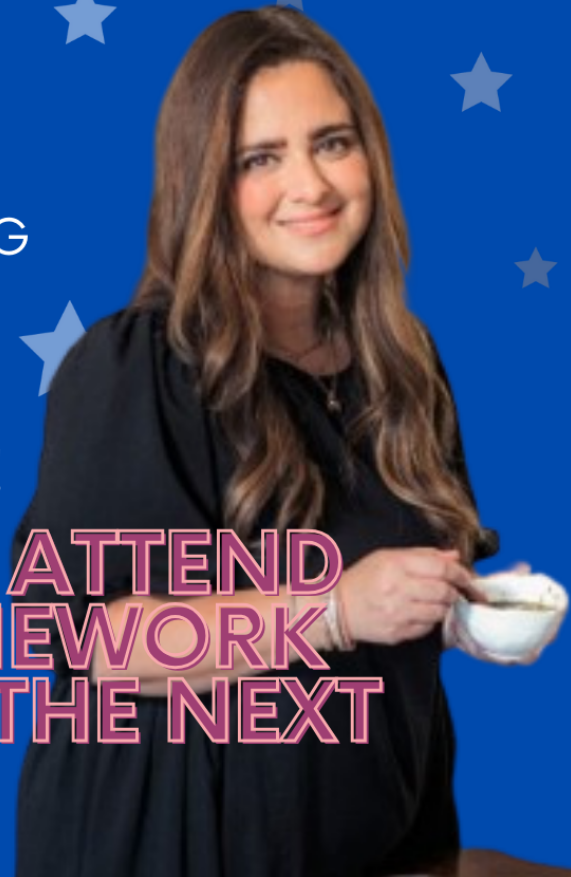
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