

Beth Shalom Academy

Newsletter



TAKE A PEEK AT OUR WEEK

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Volunteering Throughout the Community

A huge thank you to our students for signing up for our volunteering initiative! We have been volunteering a lot throughout the year, but we just began weekly visits to Elan Skilled Nursing, and food deliveries with the Meals on Wheels Program. Check out some of the sweet photos from this week!



Yom HaZikaron and Yom Ha'Atzmaut

In preparation for Israel's 75th birthday, our students learned about the heroic individuals who have sacrificed their lives protecting the land of Israel. We spoke about the one-minute memorial siren sounded in Israel, and discussed the hope for the complete redemption. The students heard a presentation from Gilad Tadmor, an IDF veteran, and participated in the beautiful Night of Blue and White event at the JCC.



Happiness with Rabbi Saks

Thank you, Rabbi Saks for coming in to talk to us about happiness and the importance of a smile!





Show and Tell

Once again, our students brought in some very special things to share with us!



Music Class

This week, our students and teachers stepped up and made a schedule to check in and take care of our new school pets.



K-1 Learning

This week, K-1 continued to take their learning to new heights – literally! Through a project-based learning and processed-based learning application, students prepared their materials for their kite project. They collected sticks and branches for the framework, used string to secure the kite, cut and repurposed an unused garbage bag to cover the kite frame, and used yarn and various fabric pieces for the tail of the kite. We enjoyed learning how to fly a kite, and had fun designing and engineering our own, authentic workable kite in the process. We are set to fly our kites on Friday, and the students can't wait to take them home to enjoy with each of their families as well!



Community Scrapbooks

The students in Mrs. Belluzzi's classroom are creating community scrapbooks.





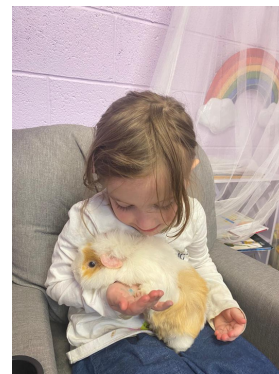
Art Creativity

Despite the rain and cold this week, our students welcomed Spring by creating beautiful flowers, using yarn as an art manipulative. They also created some really cool looking Magen David art using the style of cubism.



Guinea Pigs

A huge shoutout to our students and teachers for stepping up and making sure our guinea pigs are being cleaned, fed, and cared for!





Peer Tutoring

Peer tutoring is underway! It's a great new program here at BSA. A valuable learning experience on both the giving and receiving ends.



More Fun at BSA





Peek Into our Classrooms

–Morah Bracha's Class

In Pirkei Avos, we learned a Mishnah from the 2nd chapter which discusses not getting angry easily. We acted out different situations, demonstrating both the incorrect and correct way to act. We also learned another Mishnah that talks about how important our actions are, and the importance of making a Kiddush HaShem, as opposed to a Chillul HaShem. We went through different scenarios and identified the correct and incorrect way to act.

–Pre-K Classroom

Pre-K started off the week learning about germs and ways to take care of our body. We experimented with black pepper in water, and loved watching the 'germs' run away from the soap. We got silly and demonstrated a sneeze/cough using a water spray bottle, and Morah pretended to sneeze and sprayed us with pretend germs. We learned that it's ok to hug a friend, with permission, but kisses are reserved for family. We also put dots of paint on handprints and blew at the paint through a straw to show how germs can travel.

We discussed different ways we take care of our bodies during our fruit picnic in the classroom. We saw a grape fall on our carpet and Morah showed the dirt and germs that got stuck to it, which helped us understand why we shouldn't eat food that fell on the floor, and throw it in the garbage instead. We ate oranges and grapes to help our body and muscles grow, discussed the importance of brushing teeth, washing hands before we eat, changing our clothes, and showering. Pre-K friends had so much fun pretending to give their doll cutouts a shower by gluing pieces of cotton ball "soap" and washing our bodies from head to toe to clean away germs.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut began with a beautiful davening. We explored the flag of Israel through pictures and art, practicing our cutting skills to cut strips of blue paper for the flag stripes. The Kotel arts 'n' crafts helped us understand the song we sing about building the Beis HaMikdash one brick/mitzvah at a time every morning. Happy 75th Birthday, Israel! We talked about some of the ways that Israel celebrates this special day, and Zaki was super happy to chime in with fun facts from his recent trip to Israel. Welcome back, Zaki!



Student Interview with Elana

• *Held by Adi Grossman*

1. What is your favorite class and why? Miss Christina's, because we do a bunch of fun projects like literacy crafts.
2. How fun is it at recess? 100 million thousand
3. What is your favorite food? Football rolls
4. Do you have fun in school? Kind of... actually, yes!
5. What is your favorite room in school? The little library
6. What is a book you like? *We are in a Book* by Piggy and Gerald
7. What is your favorite stuffed animal? Orange



Teacher Interview with Miss Bri

• *Held by Morah Miriam*

1. Where were you born? Gettysburg, PA (the town where the battle took place).
2. What is a childhood memory from school? I remember when we had a Colonial Day and there were multiple stations where we could go and learn about Native Americans, grind corn and build houses, and dress up like Native Americans.
3. As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? A doctor-lawyer-teacher in Africa with a kennel with 100 kids and 100 dogs
4. What is something that you have done, that you are proud of? I was top of my class in highschool so I got to go to college for free.
5. What is your favorite food? Steak and potatoes
6. What do you enjoy doing in your free time? Zumba and volleyball and painting
7. What is something that you like at Beth Shalom Academy? The students
8. If you could take students on a field trip to anywhere in the world, where would it be? Vietnam
9. What is something you are grateful for? My husband
10. If you could turn into an animal for a day, which would it be and why? Macaques (Monkey) because they are the cutest animals and they're so fun to squish and squeeze and I could bounce from tree to tree and I love the woods and bananas



Parsha Questions

1. What is the holiest day of the year?
2. Who was allowed to enter the Kodesh HaKodashim?
3. What did he wear when entering the Kodesh HaKodashim? Why?
4. What would happen if the Kohen's tefilos for Bnei Yisroel were accepted? What if they were not?
5. What was the special Korban on this day?

Parsha Answers

1. Yom Kippur
2. ONLY the Kohen Gadol
3. He wore only his white garb; there was no gold because we didn't want "remind" Hashem of the Chet HaEigel, and white is pure. The Kohen Gadol also had a rope around his waist that was strong enough to be used to pull him out of the Kodesh HaKodashim.
4. If the tefillos were accepted, the Kohen would come out of the Kodesh HaKodashim. If, unfortunately, they were not accepted, the rope would be used to pull him out.
5. Two goats; one was slaughtered as a Korban, and the other was sent to Azazel.

Announcements

- The Scranton JCC has been celebrating Israel's 75th birthday all week. On Sunday, April 30th, there is another exciting event with author and educator Benji Lovitt. RSVP required. Additionally, there will be a family friendly event in the gym with crafts and food, set up like the Machaneh Yehudah marketplace.
- Save the date for Lag Ba'Omer on Tuesday, May 9th. We are excited to announce that we will be joining Cheder Menachem in a Lag Ba'Omer event; details to follow.
- Happy Birthday to our teachers, Miss Bri, Mrs. Belluzzi, Morah Mushky, and Morah Channy, who celebrated their birthdays this month!



Davener of the Week

Congratulations, Zackary!



Students of the week

Congratulations, Uri and Sara!



This week, Uri showed terrific Student of the Week behavior by lining up quickly and listening to his morahs



Sara has shown great enthusiasm with initiating our peer tutoring program. She was also very helpful assisting the younger students with the breakfast program and outdoor walks.

**Wishing everyone a good Shabbos
and a relaxing weekend!**

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