



# Shulamith school for girls Brooklyn



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*From the Desk of Rabbi Monczyk:*

## פרשת בשלח

We learn in this weeks parsha how Hashem took us out of Mitzrayim in a very roundabout way so we should avoid war with the Plishtim and not say we want to go back to Mitzrayim. We are all familiar with how long it took us to go to Mitzrayim until we finally reached our destination. Do you ever wonder why after all that we went through it to reach this point of being freed from slavery did Hashem just not allow our enemies to attack us? We went through so much pain and suffering for 210 years and now finally as we are leaving we have to worried about yet another enemy attacking us?

Perhaps we can answer this question by connecting it to when our enemies, especially in Eretz Yisroel, plots to attack us. This past Friday was especially painful as we were entering Shabbos and heard the devastating news of the most recent terror attack that happened outside a shul in Yerushalayim on Friday night. While many of us were on vacation enjoying some much-needed time off with our families, many of our brothers and sisters were mourning the loss of the people that were killed or hurt on our most peaceful day of the week. On a personal level, I was sickened hearing about this terrible attack and did my best to make sure it did not affect my shabbos.

Why doesn't Hashem just wipe out all of the terrorists? Why does He allow them to reach our neighborhoods? On countless occasions, more than we can ever imagine, Hashem is protecting us and watching over Eretz Yisroel and prevents many harmful attacks before our enemies can hurt us. How many times have we heard about missiles that fall into open areas, guns of terrorists that jam at the last moment, or security forces being in the right place at just the right time? How about those "work accidents" that the terrorists have and the explosives go off in their "laboratories" ?

Rav Moshe Feinstein zt"l discusses this idea and tries to help us understand why the easiest solution of the Pilishtim not wanting to make war with the Jews was really not an option. He answers that because the nature of the Pelishtim was that they would want to fight the Jews, and Hashem could not take away their free will, for that is not the way He runs the world. R' Moshe explains that at this point in history the Pelishtim did not deserve to be destroyed by the Jews, especially since their level of sin was not yet full. The same answer can be applied to the question of why the suicide bombers and terrorists might succeed in getting into our neighborhoods but very often have their plans foiled. Hashem is certainly able to get rid of all the terrorists, to have their plans blow up in their faces, but because of the concept of free will exists, it cannot be taken away from them. If their "founding father" Yishmael was "blessed" with the blessing of being a wild and impossible person whose hand is always in the way of others, they have to be allowed to carry out their evil plans, but when these plans are about to affect innocent, God-fearing people, we hope and pray that Hashem will continue to perform open miracles so that not a single Jew is ever harmed. May we all be zoche to witness the day when Am Yisroel and Eretz Yisroel will be able to enjoy and appreciate Eretz Yisroel with the coming of Moshiach and the Third Bet Hamikdash, may it happen speedily an hour days

Rabbi Moshe Monczyk  
Limudai Kodesh Principal

# Shulamith Happenings.....

It was wonderful to welcome the girls back to school this week!

Our coding afterschool program for grades 4 and 5 kicked off on Tuesday! We are excited to see what they will code and construct from their newly acquired skills after their 8 week session!

We have so much to look forward to in the coming weeks...Tu B'shvat is on Monday and we have an amazing program planned with special activities. Our annual melave malka is just over a week away. Thank you to Ms. Chalouh for designing our beautiful newsletter! Please check out all that we are doing and have planned in this jam-packed edition!

Shabbat Shalom!

Mrs. Mandelbaum

# ★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Sofia Krasnoshteyn February, 12

Fortune Kabariti February, 18



## 6th

Baked Ziti  
Plain Pasta  
Salad  
Tuna  
Fruit

## 7th

Deli Sandwiches  
Fries  
Cole Slaw  
Salad  
Fruit

## 8th

Pancakes  
Home Fries  
Salad  
Tuna  
Fruit

## 9th

Cheese Pretzels  
Corn on the Cob  
Salad  
Tuna  
Fruit

## 10th

Pizza  
Corn  
Salad  
Tuna  
Fruit



# Kindergarten News

Dear Parents,

Welcome back!! We were so glad to see the girls again after our midwinter break!

Before we discussed this week's Parsha, we needed to learn last week's Parsha, פרשת בא. After all, we wanted to know what happened to the Jews who were still slaves in מצרים. We learned that the seventh plague was grasshoppers, ארבה. The grasshoppers were all over מצרים, eating up the fruits, vegetables, and grass פרעה realized that soon the מצרים wouldn't have food left to eat and so he begged משה to ask Hashem to take away the ארבה. Moshe agreed but once the plague stopped פרעה, again did not let the Jews go. Then Hashem sent the next plague of darkness. For three days the מצרים couldn't see anything. The darkness was so thick they couldn't even move around. However, בני ישראל had light.

Then Hashem told משה ואהרן that he would send one more plague but before that happened the Jews should do a mitzvah so that they would really deserve being taken out of slavery. Each Jew was told to take a lamb and tie it to the bedpost. On the fourteenth day of Nisan they had to slaughter the lamb and put its blood on the doorposts – by the mezzuzah. Hashem then “passed over” the houses with the blood on the doorposts, but all the first born children of the מצרים died. After this מכה פרעה finally let the יהודים go.

In this week's Parsha, פרשת בשלה, the girls learned that Hashem once again made a miracle so that the Jews were able to cross the ים סוף. He split the waters and the יהודים were able to walk right through! When they reached the other side of the ים סוף they sang a special song to Hashem ישיר אז. Pharaoh then decided to try to stop the Jews yet again and chased after them. However, when the מצרים tried to go through the ים סוף it closed and the מצרים drowned.

Finally the יהודים reached ארץ ישראל but they had to travel through the desert and they were worried about what they would eat. Again Hashem performed another נס and each day he sent them a food called mann from the sky. The girls learned that the מן tasted like anything they wanted it to taste like. We also learned that on Friday Hashem sent a double portion of mann so they would also have enough food for Shabbat.

The girls also learned about דתן and אבירם who rebelled against משה by spreading מן all over the ground on שבת. However, the birds came and ate it all up. As a special project the girls made a colorful bird feeder with bread inside it in honor of what the birds did for the Jewish people.

We learned about a very special birthday: Tu B'Shevat, which is this Sunday evening and Monday is known as the birthday of the trees. In Israel around this time trees start to bud. In class, we made a very special budding almond tree.

Additionally, the girls learned about the שבועת המינים, the special fruits of Israel: wheat, barley, figs, olives, grapes, pomegranates, and dates. The girls saw pictures of these fruits and will hopefully taste some on Monday. We read the following books: *Happy Birthday, Tree A Tu B'Shevat Story* by Madelyn Rosenberg, *Sammy Spider's First Tu B'Shevat* by Sylvia Rouss and *A Tree Is Nice* by Janice May Udry that helped enhance our learning. Incidentally, can you guess the Hebrew letter of the week. That's right... the letter ט “in honor of ט"ו בשבט.

Our ברכה of the week was בורא פרי האדמה - the fruits and vegetables that grow from the ground. The girls created beautiful בורא פרי האדמה people to enhance their learning and understanding of the ברכה. We also read the book, *The Carrot Seed* by Ruth Krauss.

This week we embarked on a new unit of study, “Community Helpers”. During circle time we discussed that a community is a place where a group of people live together. A community helper is a person who helps within that community. The first group of community helpers we studied were doctors, nurses and Hatzolah members. All these people try to help sick people get better, sometimes at home and sometimes in the hospital. Using pipe cleaners the girls created their very own stethoscopes, and using different shapes they created an ambulance. During the week we read the book, *Nicky Goes To The Doctor* by Richard Scarry. Morah also brought into class different doctor's equipment, such as a stethoscope, and special bandages.

“Q” is for queen, quilt, quiet and quick. The book *The Quiet Quail* by Heather Feldman and *Queen For a Day* by Marc Brown guided us in our letter of the week. The girls had fun playing my “let's be quick in doing a mitzvah” game. In this game Morah gave the girls a mitzvah to do and we watched quietly how quickly everyone did their mitzvah. During rest time the girls looked around to see who had a quilt. They saw that two girls in the class had small quilts to rest on.

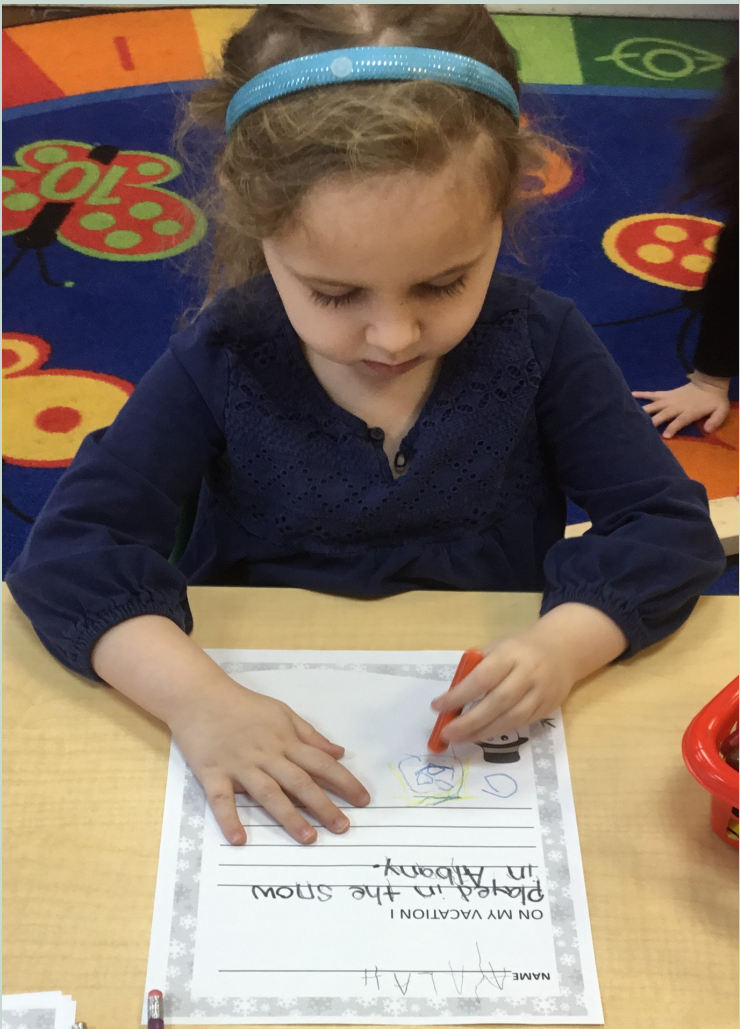
We would like to give a very special thank you to our שבת אמה, Elaina and our שבת אבא, Chana. Thank you to their parents for the yummy treats that helped make our Shabbat party so special.

Wishing you a rejuvenating and beautiful שבת שלום,

Morah Shifra  
Morah Shoshana

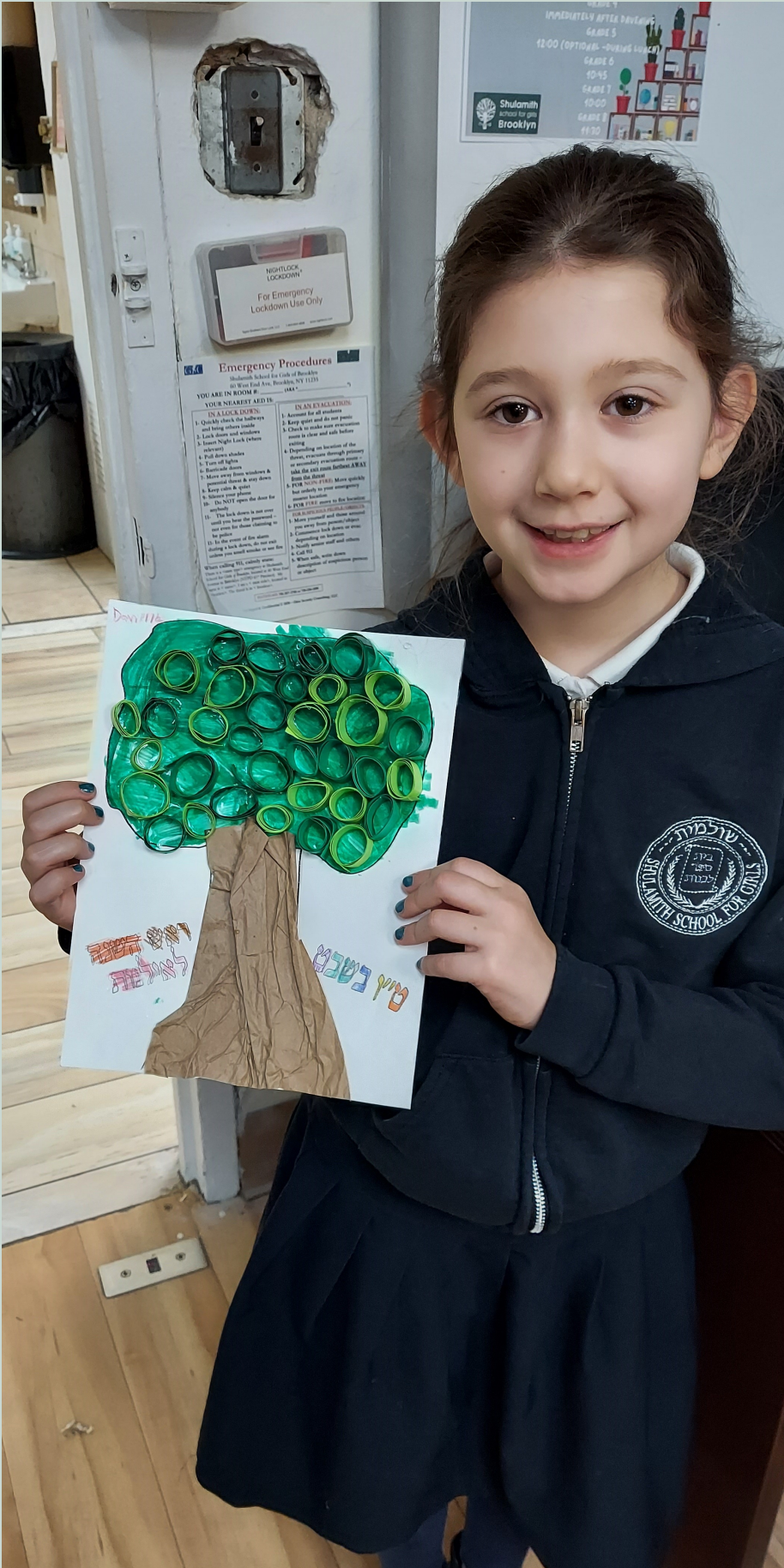
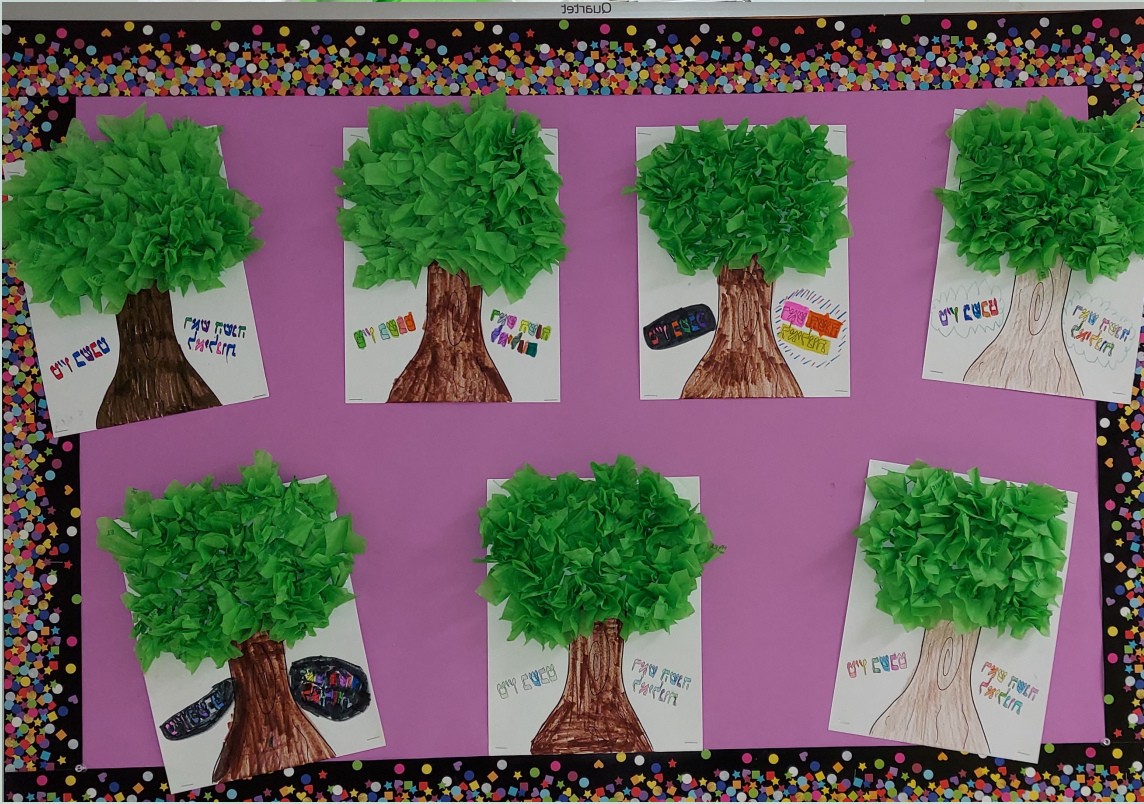


# Shulamith Snapshots





# Tu B'Shvat Trees





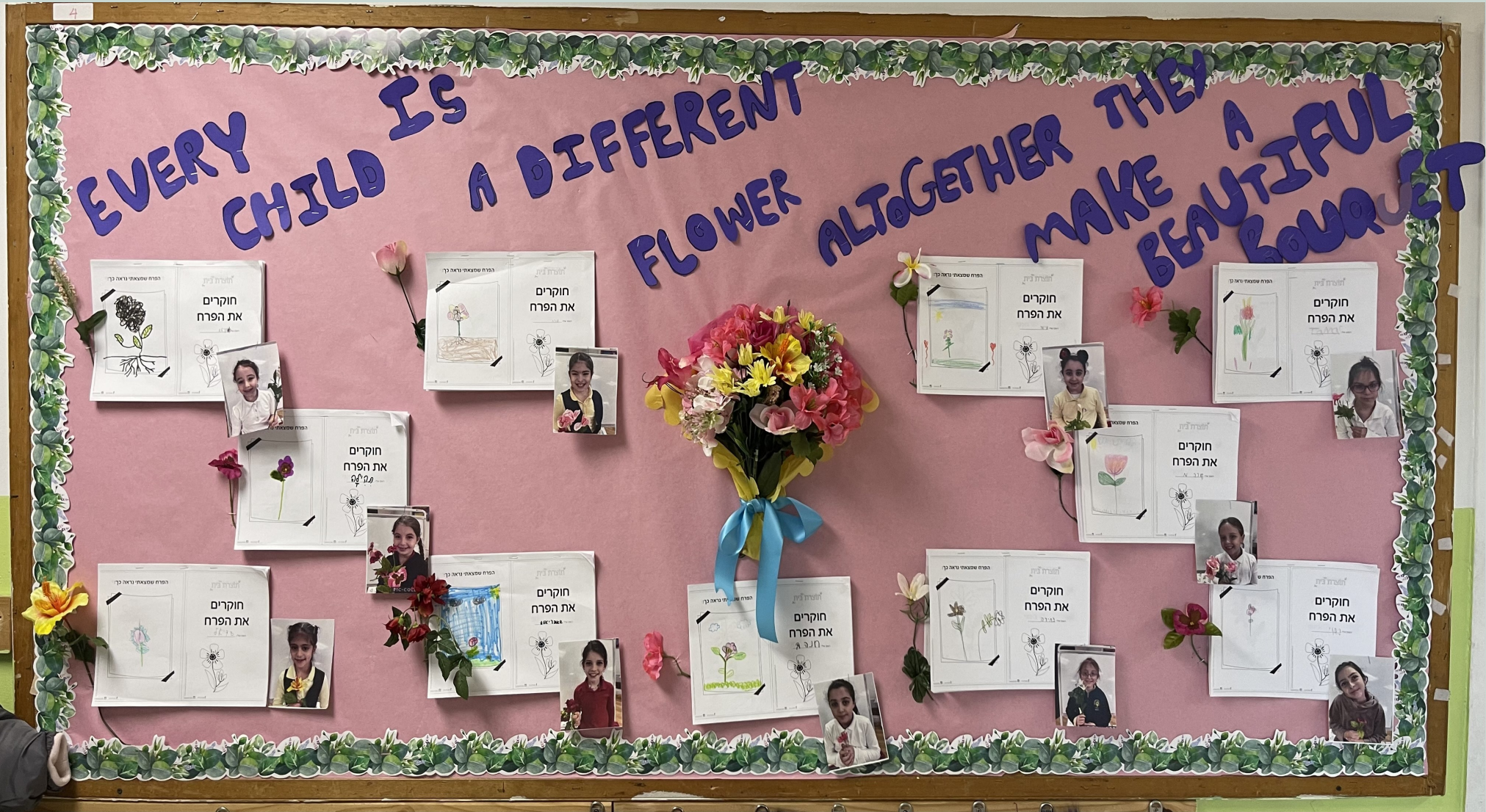


Beautiful new chairs in our classrooms!





2nd Grade's New Bulletin Board!!  
Every child is a different flower and all together they make a beautiful bouquet!!!





# Morah Sigal's Art and Design Class



## 7th grade Gym Class





# Pre-1a visited the Botanical Garden for Tu B'Shvat





## Congratulations to our Mid Winter Vacation Checklist Participants

### Grade 1

Bina Epelboym  
Lee Eden Fischer  
Kaitlyn Grimberg  
Sofia Krasnoshteyn  
Lior Levy  
Tamara Schneider

### Grade 2

Sara Iskhakova  
Emily Mikhli

### Grade 3

Avital Rothschild  
Frieda Sciallo  
Chavie Sharf  
Leeza Vaisman

### Grade 4

Avigail Cohen  
Liel Cohen  
Tamarah Haies  
Rebecca Kenigsberg  
Racheli Lavian  
Esther Levy  
Hannah Madnick  
Harriet Nathan  
Sophia Schinazi  
Penina Schwartz  
Danielle Schneider  
Miri Weiss

### Grade 5

Rochel Esther Brodt  
Dina Kahan  
Ronit Shafir  
Henchie Shtaynberger  
Hadar Steinmetz

### Grade 6

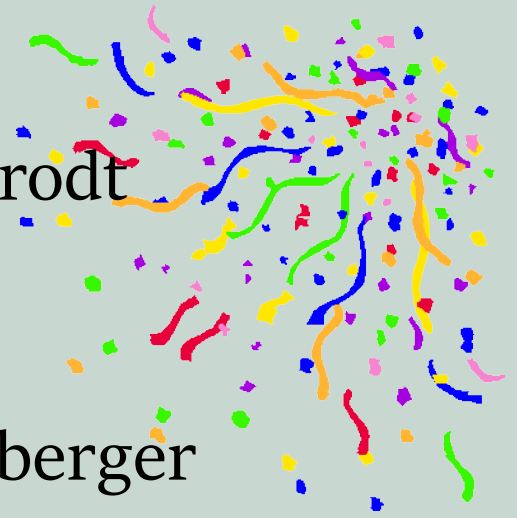
Renee Schinazi

### Grade 7

Henchie Boyar  
Rachel Mandler  
Miri Schwartz  
Tali Schneider  
Aliza Simon

### Grade 8

Devorah Kleinman  
Shira Mandelbaum  
Emma Rose Nagel  
Adele Yukhanov





# PUPPETRY AT SHULAMITH

We are excited to announce a 12 week  
puppetry residency with Brooklyn Arts  
Council!

Grades 1-5 will take part in weekly  
puppetry classes!







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## PURIM ART & WRITING CONTEST

**Rules for Art Contest:** Create an original Purim drawing or painting on paper of *any size*. The more colorful the better.

**Rules for Writing Contest:** In 200-500 words, write on "My Favorite Part of Purim" or "Why I Chose my Purim Costume" or "Purim Lessons for Today."

Attach a sheet of paper with your name, address, parents' phone number, e-mail, school name and grade.

Winning entries will be featured in *The Jewish Press Purim Edition* and displayed at JFK Airport, Terminal 4 at The International Synagogue as well on the synagogue's website.

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For further information: 718-656-5044

[office@internationalsynagogue.org](mailto:office@internationalsynagogue.org)

Essay entries must be typed and mailed or emailed. Original art entries must be mailed. All entries must be received no later than February 23, 2023

Email: [office@internationalsynagogue.org](mailto:office@internationalsynagogue.org) Mail to: The International Synagogue,  
JFK Airport, Terminal 4 - Rm 461.037, Jamaica, NY 11430



Please submit your entries to Mrs. Aberbach  
in the Education Office by February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023!



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