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From the Desk of Rabbi Monczyk:

פרשת יתרו

There are multiple events that Yisro heard that motivated him to come join the Bnei Yisroel. The hearing about leaving Mitzrayim, splitting of the sea, and the war with Amalek are some of the well known answers. The Gemara states that he came because of Matan Torah.

Rav Moshe Feinstein zatz"al asks, with all the phenomenal events that preceded the giving of the Torah, why was the giving of the Torah the "turning point" that finalized the decision for him to join the Bnei Yisroel? He answers that before the Torah was given at Har Sinai, Yisro attributed the miraculous events that happened to random and coincidental acts that may have also had some witchcraft involved. Only after the Torah was given did he realize and recognize that this was all orchestrated from a Higher Power and with an ultimate purpose, that was done in a way that was beyond human comprehension. Yisro saw how Hashem changed nature for the Bnei Yisroel every step of the way, all for the ultimate purpose of becoming the chosen nation to be given the Torah. Only then was Yisro able to understand that each and every miracle along the way was all part of the master plan of being freed from Mitzrayim. The Darchei Mussar adds to this and says that, after Yisro already heard all the incredible miracles, he still felt it was necessary to go hear about it directly from the mouth of Moshe Rabbeinu as opposed to just hearing about it from random people he may have met. When Yisro heard it from the holy mouth of Moshe, it made a life changing impression on him that culminated in recognizing Hashem and saying "Baruch Hashem".

We have all been exposed to "up and down" events in our lives. While it's not easy for us to connect all the events, we must still do our part in realizing and recognizing that it is all part of a much larger picture that we may not fully understand until the coming of Moshiach. May it happen speedily in our days!

Rabbi Moshe Monczyk
Limudai Kodesh Principal

Shulamith Happenings.....

Our amazing week began with Tu B'shvat. Grades 5-8 were treated to an interactive and interesting presentation by Rabbi Joel Cohn all the way from Eretz Yisroel. We were then mesmerized by an incredible speech by our eighth grader, Devora Rivka Kleinman who spoke about Tu B'shvat and connected the day beautifully to her grandfather's yartzheit.

Grades 1-4 had a delicious and creative Tu B'shvat activity prepared by Morah Perach.

We would like to thank the Shulamith Women's organization for the scrumptious dried fruit platters that were delivered to our school. The girls truly enjoyed making brachos on the fruit and trying the various fruit options.

There were an incredible 50 students who brought back their mid winter checklist! We had an ice cream sundae bar complete with chocolate cake, chocolate chips and sprinkles for the students that learned, davened, did chesed and other mitzvot. The more points, the more toppings! Students that returned their reading checklists received special pencils and bracelets that said, "I love to read!" We are incredibly proud of these students for their dedication to learning and mitzvot over vacation.

Our coding and chess after school programs are a huge success! We will l'yh be starting the next round of chess at the end of March. Please be on the lookout for permission slips that will be sent home next week.

On Monday, we will begin our Shulamith raffle to support the 7th grade trip to Philadelphia. The prizes are incredible! Students can win lunch with a teacher, a Sunday outing, extra points on a test, and so much more. How about designing the lunch menu for the day with Chef Nachi? There are over 45 prizes to choose from! Tickets are only \$1 each.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our school Melava Malka Motzai Shabbos!

Mrs. Mandelbaum
General Studies Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Fortune Kabariti - February 18

Sofia Krasnoshteyn— February 12

Adiel Morad- February 23

Dates to Remember!!

Melava Malka	February 11
Presidents Day	February 20- NO SCHOOL
End of 2nd Marking Period	February 28
Ta'anit Esther & Purim	March 6- HALF DAY March 7 & 8 - NO SCHOOL



<u>13th</u>	<u>14th</u>	<u>15th</u>	<u>16th</u>	<u>17th</u>
Penne Vodka	Schnitzel Sandwiches	French Toast Sticks	Bagels	Pizza
Plain Pasta	Rice	Hash Browns	Scrambled Eggs	Corn
Salad	Salad	Salad	Cream Cheese	Salad
Tuna	Egg Salad	Tuna	Tuna	Tuna
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Butter	Fruit
			Veggie Slices, Fruit	

Pre 1A Newsletter

Dear Parents,

In this week's Parsha, פרשת יתרו, we see that Yitro, the father-in-law of משה רבינו was so impressed by all the miracles that Hashem had performed for the בני ישראל that he wanted to join משה and the בני ישראל.

Yitro left his comfortable home and traveled through the desert to find Moshe and his people. We learned that this was not an easy journey for him, but he was determined to reach Moshe. The girls know what happened when Yitro tried to get through the clouds that protected and surrounded the בני ישראל on their journey. We learned how Yitro saw that Moshe was constantly kept busy. Either people were waiting to learn Torah from Moshe or to get advice for their problems. Yitro saw that Moshe was too overloaded with work and he suggested that a system of judges be appointed to help him deal with the problems of the בני ישראל. Moshe asked Hashem what he should do and Hashem told him to accept Yitro's system of judges. Yitro was rewarded for this excellent idea by having this week's Parsha named after him.



We also learned that Hashem wanted to give the Torah to a nation. However, as we learn in a Midrash, Hashem knew that if he would give the Torah to the בני ישראל without first offering it to the other nations of the world, the other nations would complain. Therefore, Hashem went to each nation and asked each of them if they wanted the Torah. Each nation when asked didn't like one of the Torah's commandments. בני ישראל was the only nation to immediately say that they wanted the Torah. We learned that Hashem gave us rules – the עשרת הדברות – to help us live productively together in the world. We read the book "The Ten Good Rules" by Susan Remick Topek. Everything we need to know is written in the Torah: what to do and what not to do; how to act and how not to act. The things we are supposed to do are positive commandments – *mitzvot aseh*. The things we are not supposed to do are called negative commandments – *mitzvot lo taaseh*. We learned that together there are 613 mitzvot!

We learned that we must always be grateful to our parents who work so hard to raise us and take care of us: ... כבוד את אביך ואת אמך. We enjoyed authoring a book entitled "Our Pre1a Book of כבוד אב ואם", Your daughters also enjoyed learning the story of the great Tzaddik whose name was Rabbi Avimi who had five sons of his own yet never stopped doing the mitzvah of honoring his own father. We also learned that דרך ארץ קדמה לתורה, having respect for our elders, comes first before learning Torah. We discussed ways in which we show דרך ארץ and sent home דרך ארץ certificates..

As President's week is in the month of February we have been studying the United States of America and its history. We spoke about the American flag and learned about why the original American flag had 13 stars. In our Presidents' Day workbook we even designed our own personal flag should we ever be asked to fly one! We also discussed the job of the President and Morah asked us what we would do if we were the President. Morah really liked some of our ideas.

This week we continued to discuss the United States of America. We spoke about the American currency. 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 hold the nation 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 and discuss 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 yellow ones do I need to equal the pink?" The girls used their graph as an aid in the calculations. Of course, all the girls enjoyed eating their winkies after completing their assignment! We continued our Author of the month series and read books written by Dr. Seuss. Your girls are in the midst of compiling beautiful poems for our Pre-1A Book of Poems.

Wishing you a very enjoyable ,שבת שלום!

Morah Caroline
Morah Ahuva

Shulamith Snapshots



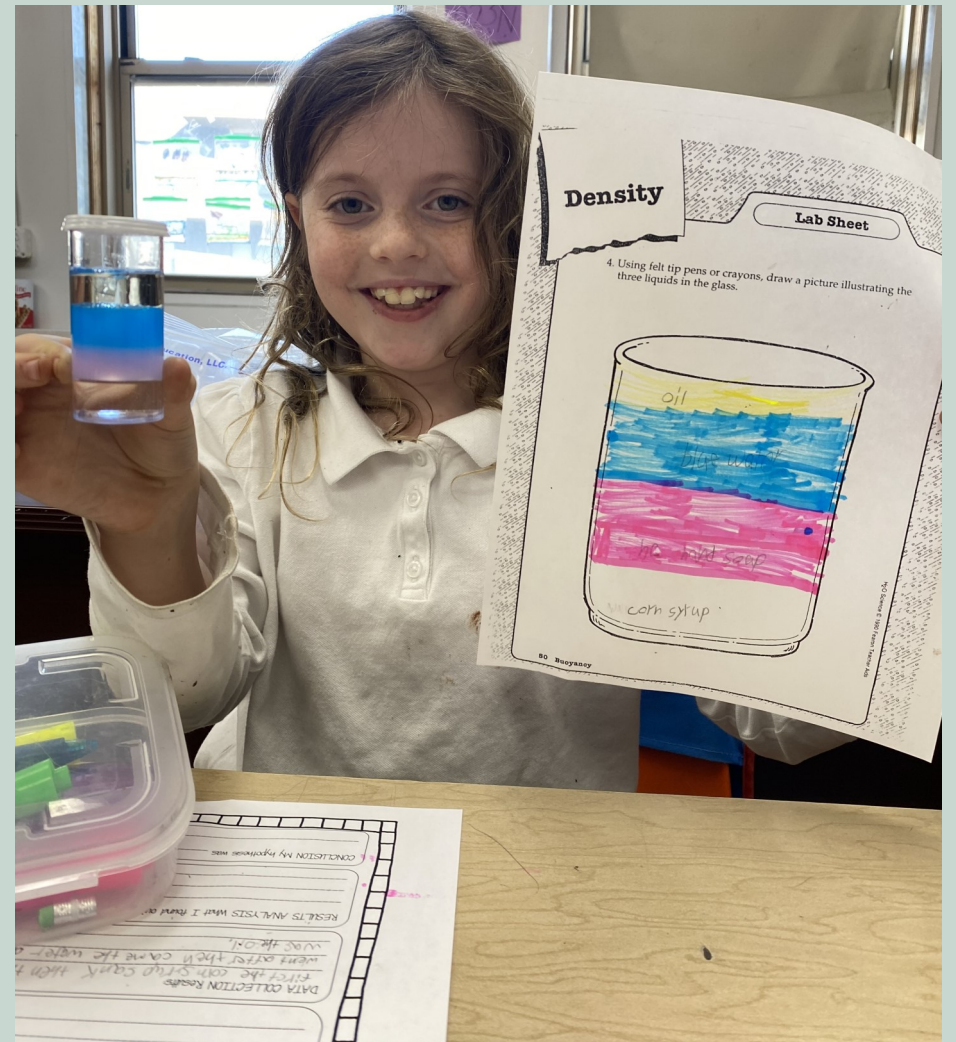
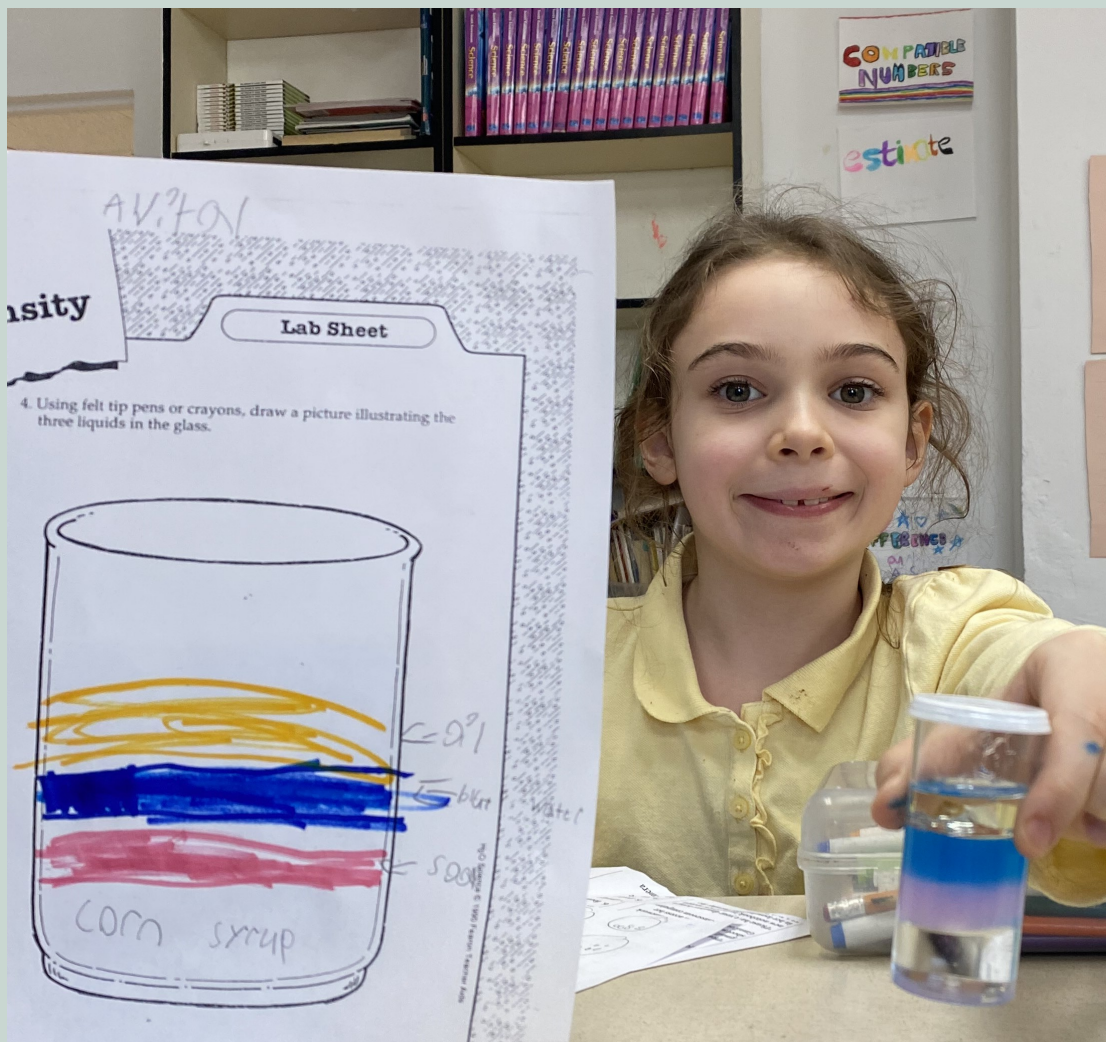
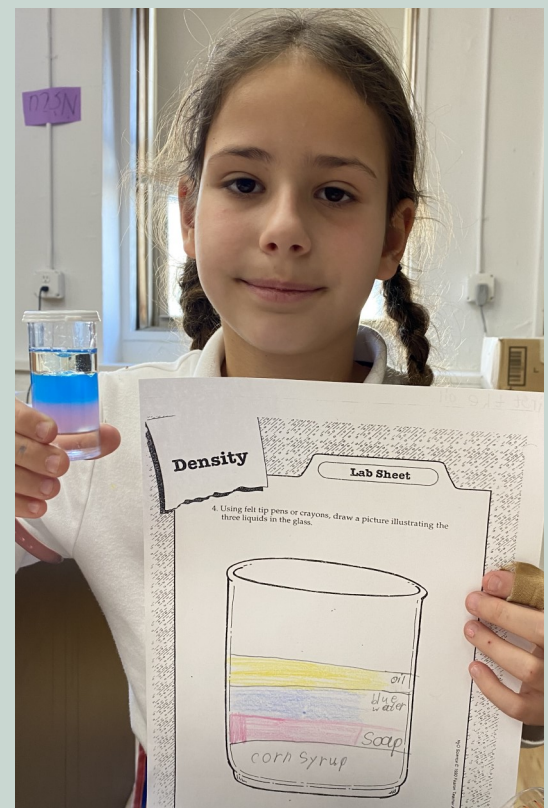
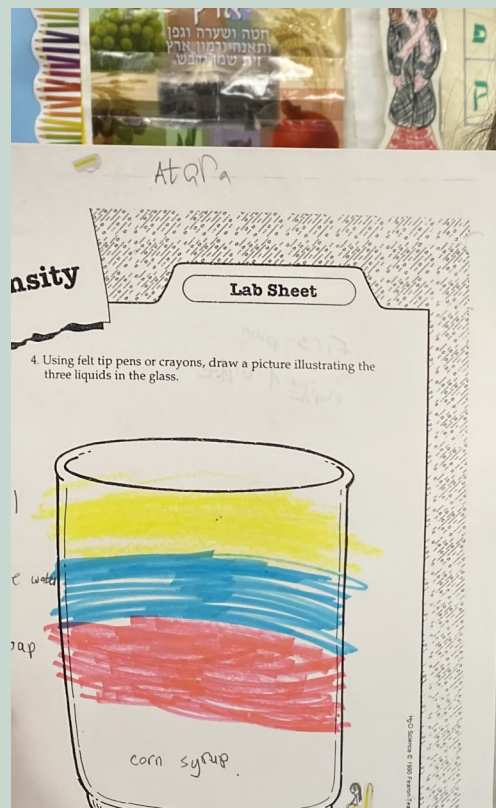
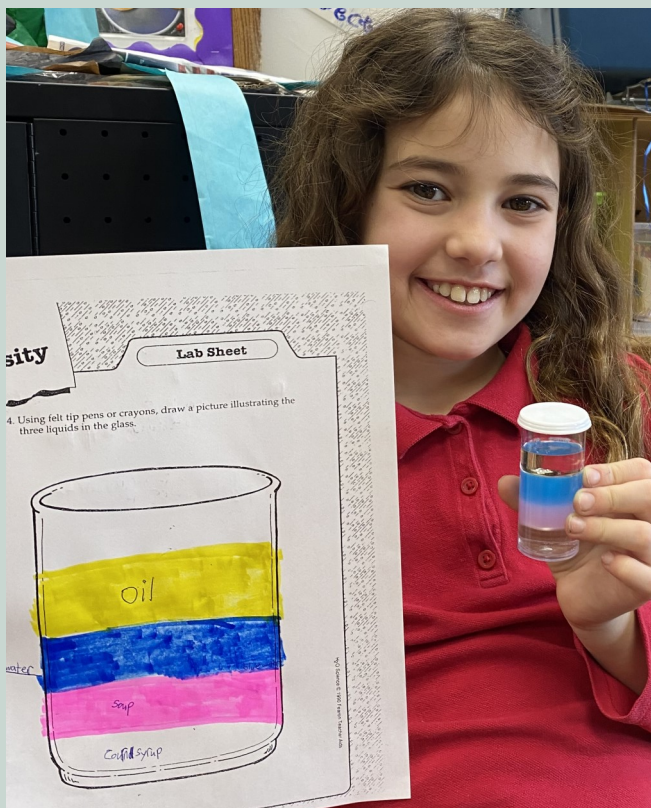
Pre 1A Celebrating Abraham Lincoln's Birthday



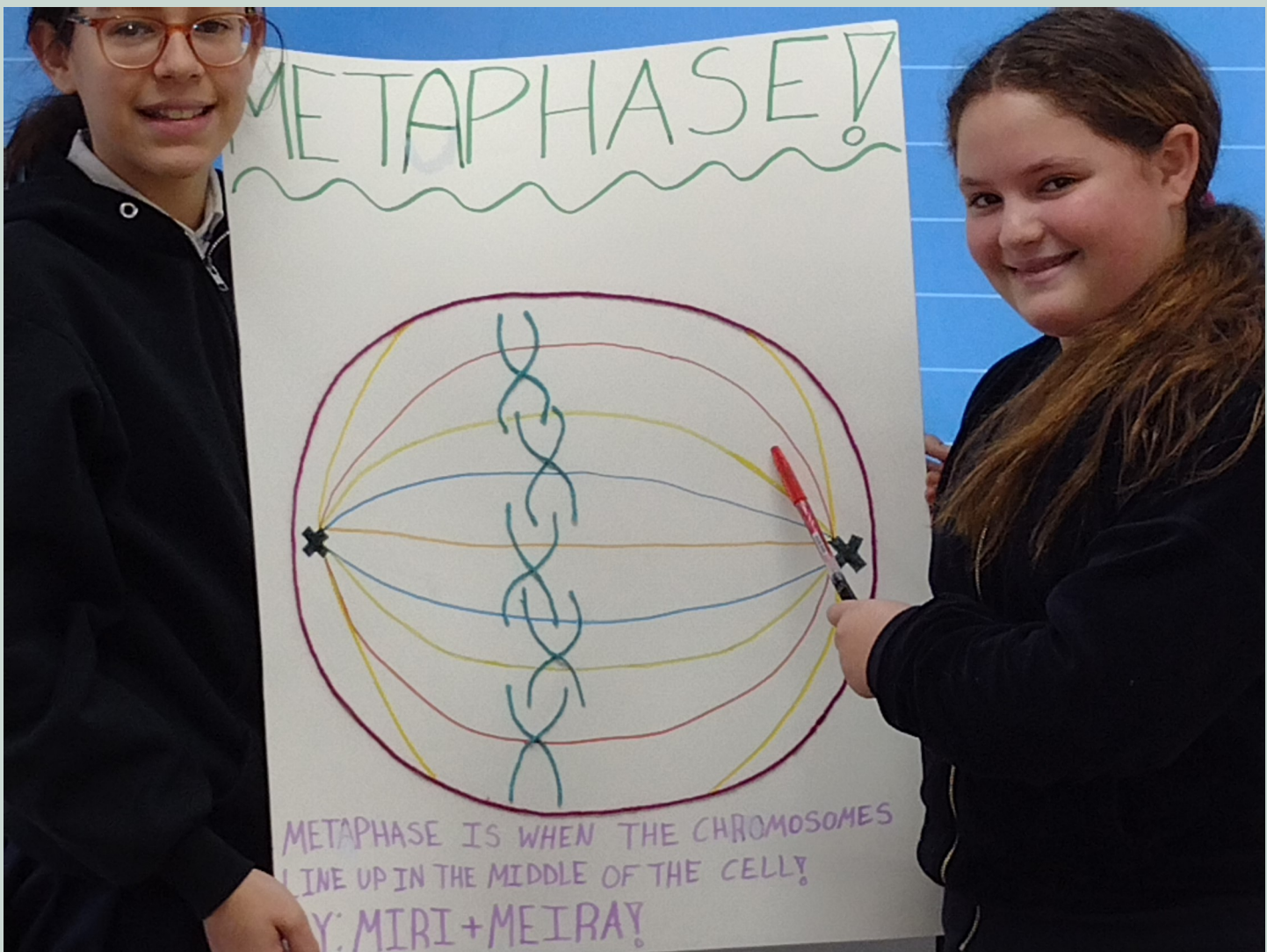
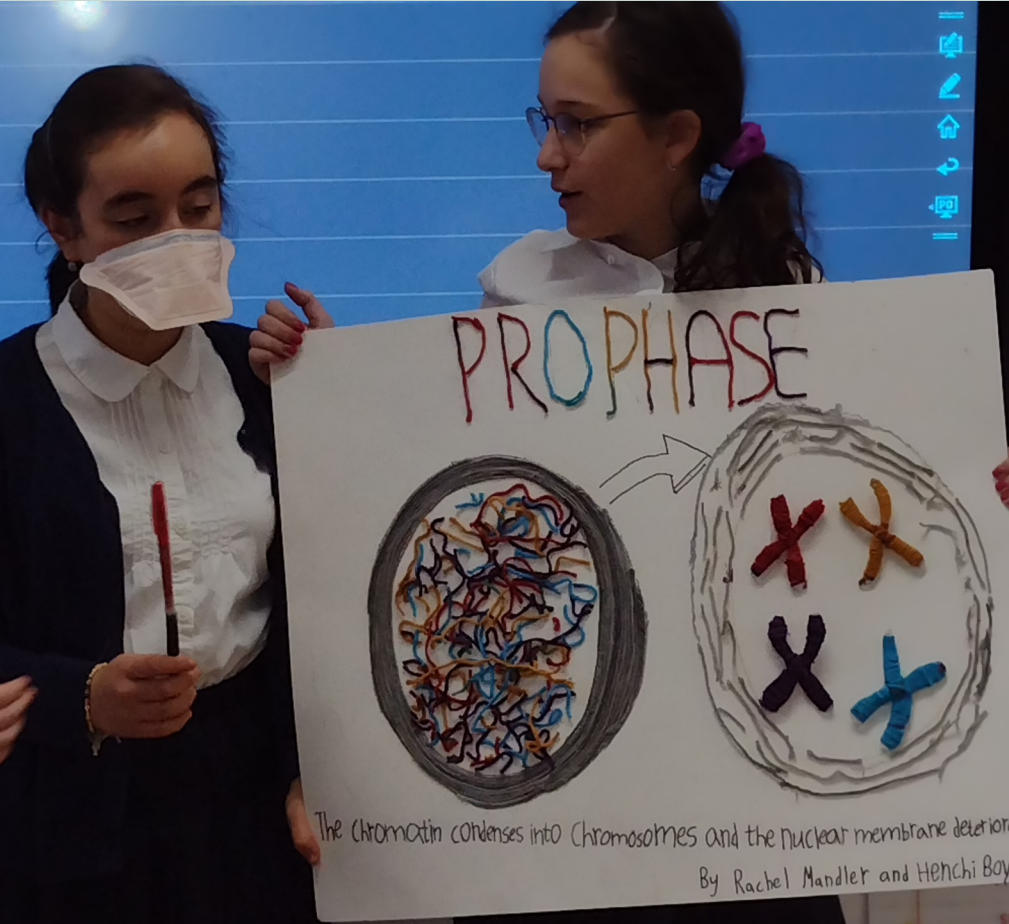
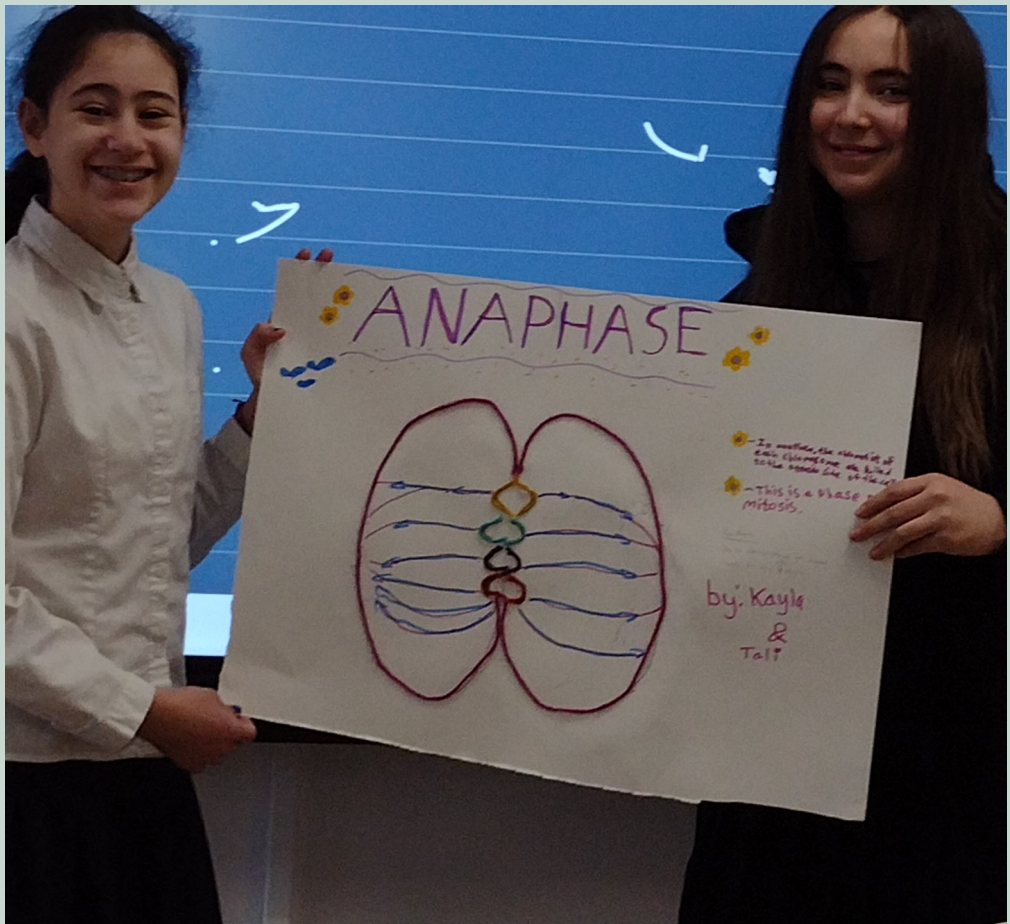
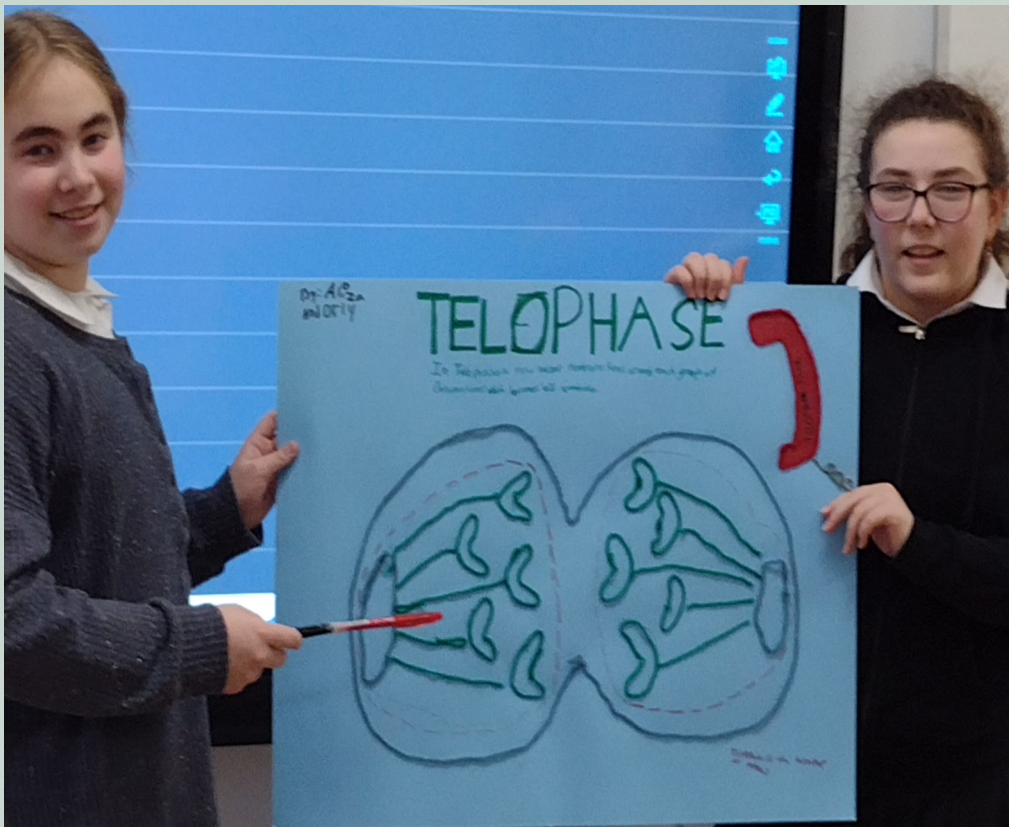
4th Grade Digestive Experiment with Morah Amy



3rd grade Density Experiment with Morah Amy



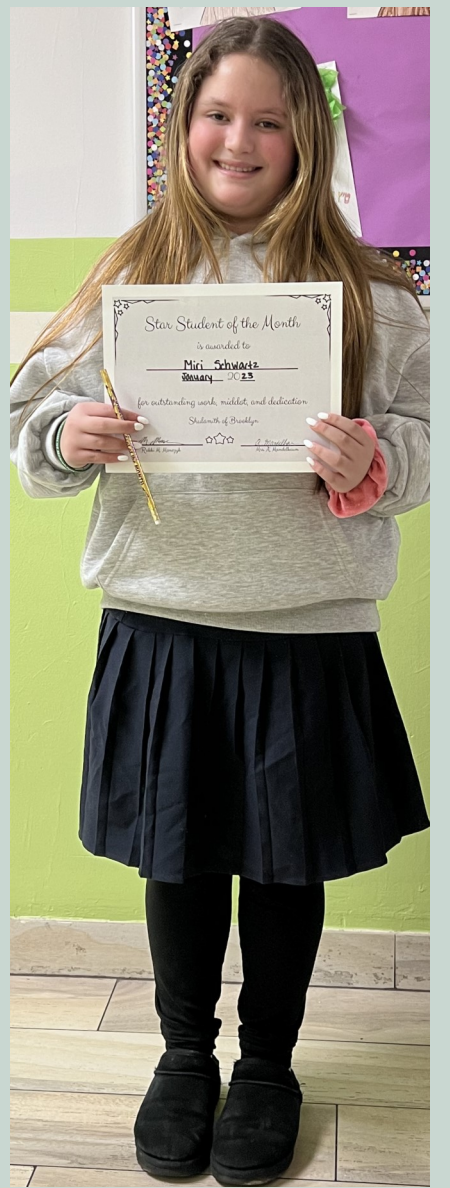
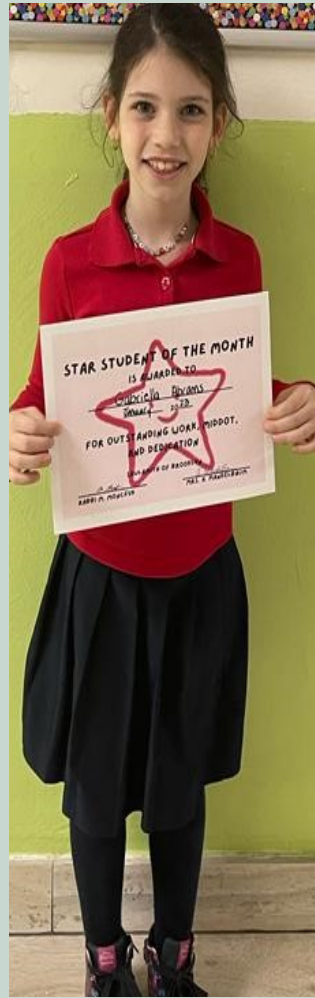
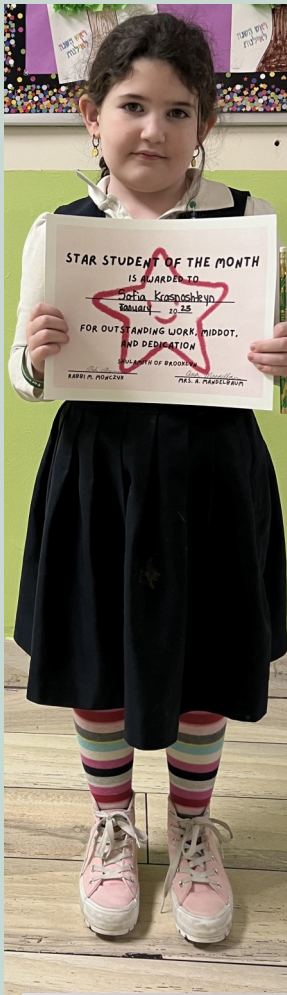
Mrs. Coleman's 7th grade Science Class



Morah Perach's 4th grade Bulletin Board



January Students of the Month



3rd and 5th Graders Enjoying their Mid Winter break Checklist Prizes



Making Flower Crowns for TuB'shvat With Morah Shirel



2nd Grade Celebrating the Completion of Volume 1 Reading Program



Tu B'shvat Assembly





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!





EMOJI NIGHT



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4TH-8TH GRADE



NEW LOCATION!
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FEBRUARY 11, 2023
8:00 PM - 9:45 PM

\$20 PER STUDENT





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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.

PRIZES

Categories: Pre K-2, 3-8, High School

3 Grand Prizes of \$200

3 Prizes of \$50

6 Free One-Year Subscriptions to
The Jewish Press

3 \$100 ArtScroll certificates

3 Family Admission Tickets to

The Crayola Factory in Easton, PA

(Limit, 8 per family for NY, NJ, and PA residents.)

For further information: 718-656-5044

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 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 21st, 2023!

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