

Announcements

- **Mazal Tov to Mendel Kustiner, on your 9th birthday!**
- **The weather is getting colder. Please make sure to send your child with weather appropriate clothing and shoes, so they can comfortably play outside.**

Easy ways to help the school:

- **Boxtops!** The next deadline is November 1st. The children love getting involved in cutting and collecting box tops. Coordinator: Natasha Goldberg.
- **Shopping on Amazon?** Shop through [Smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com), and choose Shaarei Chinuch Day School to get 5% of every purchase donated to the school!
- **Shop at Food4Less?** Connect your rewards card with the school (you can pick one up in our front lobby), and a percentage of your grocery shopping will be given to the school. Coordinator: Elyse Baylis

Dates to Remember

- **Oct 14- Parents' Night, 8-9 PM**

Thank you to...

- The Berkovich family, for contributing towards our outdoor playspace.
- Ariella Sherman, for doing grocery shopping for the school.
- The Epstein family, for doing shopping and toveling for the school.
- Jordana Rosen, for giving of your time and expertise to give a presentation to the children about your job as a veterinarian, and about caring for animals.
- The Shir family, for donating curtains to the school.
- Sara Leah Weinberger, for organizing the school kitchen.
- Elyse Baylis, Tirtzah Ben David, and Shamai and Sara Leah Weinberger, for your dedication to the lunch program, and making sure the children have homemade delicious lunches and snacks each day.
- The Mirviss and Ben-David families for providing the snacks for this week.
- The Foreman family and an anonymous family, for donating towards a new art easel for the preschool classroom.



Preschool themes and special activities

- On Rosh Chodesh, we had a special science presentation about rainbows. We observed light reflecting on a CD to create rainbows, we poured warm water over m&m's and saw the beautiful color display that came out, and did a color mixing experiment while learning about primary and secondary colors. The result of the experiment was a beautiful colored water display, that was on our science shelf for the rest of the week for the children to observe.
- We had our first music class with Morah Polina. We also had Little Ninja's class with Morah Baylis.
- We learned all about this week's Parsha, and did hands-on works that reinforced those lessons.
- In Practical Life, the children are enjoying works involving pouring and transferring water, and have been practicing how to wipe up spills and get the works ready for a friend. They have also been introduced to cinnamon grating and coffee grinding, and are excited to bring home the product of their hard work to share with their families. These activities help develop their fine motor, upper body strength, coordination, and concentration.
- In connection with the story of Noach, we had a special presentation by Jordana Rosen, a school parent who is a veterinarian. She taught the children how to tell when a dog or cat is friendly and safe to interact with, and how to care for our pets. She also taught us about the tools she uses to care for animals, and gave each child their own stethoscope to take home!

Elementary themes and special activities

- Our students have begun to settle into the routine.
- In Chumash one of our friends starting learning Rashi. It is fun and exciting to learn what questions Rashi had and the answers to those questions.
- The children have been working hard on their reading skills and are reaching rates of words per minute in the hundreds.
- In math the children have been working on dynamic math equations and have been learning to do these problems with the different Montessori math materials.
- The children are progressing nicely with their most frequently used Chumash words.
- In parsha we learned both the parsha itself and a number of sichos on it. The children took home a parsha quiz to review and tell their families about parshas Noach.
- In connection with Parshas Noach, we had a special presentation by Jordana Rosen, a school parent who is a veterinarian. She gave a lesson about dogs and cats, and then taught the children how to hold, and provide excellent care, for their class pet bunnies.
- The children now have class jobs, and are responsible for various things to help maintain a beautiful and well functioning classroom.



Special Achievement:

- A preschooler was introduced to the 100 board this week, and completed the entire work (ordering number cards 1-100) independently. He was so proud!
- One kindergartener mastered 8 Bob books this week, while two others mastered box 4 of abc's and have started reading Bob books. They are so excited!

Kindness Corner:



- We have been learning and practicing to say "excuse me" when we need to get by, and then waiting patiently for the other person to make space.
- Now that the preschool children understand how to clean up their place after lunch, they are learning and practicing to carefully scrape the food in the garbage before putting their dish as gently as possible into the bin. The kindergarten and elementary children now have lunch cleanup jobs such as sweeping, wiping tables, and loading the dishwasher, and are stepping up to that privilege and responsibility beautifully.

Have a great Shabbos, and a wonderful weekend.

Morahs Daniella, Mushky, Naomi, Dini, & Frieda
