



Week of January 9th – January 13th, 2012
The Monkeys/Ha' Koofeem

5 little fingers on this hand
5 little fingers on that
A dear little nose
A mouth like a rose
Two little cheeks so tiny and fat
Two eyes and two ears
And ten little toes
That is the way the baby grows.

Math:

We voted on the name we wanted to give our class baby girl. Baby won, and we named her baby.

We talked about body parts and counted how many eyes, fingers, nose, ears etc the baby has.

We continue counting boys and girls and adding them up for the total of children.

We learned that now there are 11 friends. We now have 6 boys and 5 girls.

We did this by using different colored people connectors to separate the boys from the girls.

We continue counting how many centers are in the classroom and how many children are allowed in each center (4 in housekeeping, 4 in library, 3 in blocks, 2 in art and sand table, 4 in manipulative and 4 in writing).

We count to 10 in Hebrew before snack and lunch. **Tuesday/Thursday** kids are learning to count to 5 in Hebrew.

Language/Literacy:

We began talking about the life cycle of a Jewish child. This week we talked about babies and baby naming. We learned that a few days after a baby is born, the parents bring their baby to Temple and have a celebration with family and friends to give the baby a name. The baby gets an English and a Hebrew name. We voted on what the class' baby would be named. We asked the children "What should we name our class baby?" majority picked "Baby".

We also talked about how to take care of babies. We learned that we need to be gentle when holding a baby and that we need to keep them covered because they get cold very quickly.

We also learned that babies eat and sleep a lot!
We read "Babies" "Animal Babies" and "Zoo Babies".
Picture/Name association in centers and in cubbies. Children learn to associate objects with the pictures on shelves, it helps them clean up as they learn that each toy has a place.
Every Friday we read "Dinosaur on Shabbat"
We continue taking attendance and practicing our "Ani Po" (I am here) and "Lo Po" (Not here) response.
We continue discussing classroom and playground rules.

Science/cooking:

Explored weather (we looked outside the door with our binoculars and discussed if it was sunny, rainy, cloudy etc).
We continue talking about recycling, the children love playing the recycling game during center time.

Gross Motor:

Music and movement with Morah Beth.
Music and movement in the classroom to different songs.
Walked up and down the stairs to go to the library and on the playground to go on the slide.
Rode tricycles and cars in the playground.
Running, jumping, climbing on the rock wall, kicking and throwing balls.

Fine Motor:

We used markers to draw our families to put in our "Meet the Monkeys" big book.
We used crayons, color pencils and markers to draw during center time.
We painted at the easel.
Used different manipulative (pegs, people connectors, tower builders).
Coloring, gluing, cutting.

Social/Self-Help:

We continue working on having/giving personal space.
We continue working on using our nice words (please and thank you).
We began working on our sharing skills; we share our toys and play together.
Washed hands after potty, for snack and lunch and after entering the classroom.
We continue doing our helping hands jobs.
Take food out of lunch boxes.
Eat independently with a spoon/fork.
Throw garbage in the trashcan.
Pushed chairs in, after sitting at the table.
Use please and thank you, be kind to our friends.

Tuesday and **Thursday** class is working on new routines, sitting on carpet for circle time, washing hands and following rules. Most importantly we are learning

that mummies always come back! 😊

Specials this week were: Music with Morah Beth and Cantor Zach.

Our Malachim this week were: Amanda and Kate.

**Shabbat Shalom
Morah Dalia and Morah Diane**