



## **The Penguins/Ha Pegveneem**

**Week of January 9– January 13, 2012**

We are continuing with our fruit and vegetable challenge this month. The children are all trying new foods and are now members of the Two Bite Club. The goal for the month is 390 fruits and vegetables to be eaten at school in January. If we reach our goal we will earn a very special party. We continued talking about growing up as we prepare for our annual Tot Mitzvah. We have also been rehearsing daily, as we prepare for our special day. The children are getting more and more excited for the Tot Mitzvah every day. They have all been practicing so hard and have truly learned so much. They are learning to work as a team and as individuals to make our special play the best. The Penguins, One And Only Club book has started coming home so look for it in your child's backpack.

### **Math-**

The penguins continue counting how many friends are in our class, boys, girls and how many altogether. Every day we count the calendar and the days in English and in Hebrew. We are also counting the 100 days, this lets us do a lot with addition and subtraction. During our fruit and vegetable challenge we are doing lots of adding daily, weekly and monthly totals.

### **Literacy-**

We read many books this week in book, including; "The new Baby", "If I Was A Penguin", "Curious George" and the "Puppies, Journey of a Lifetime" . We also read; "The Jewish Life Cycle Book." We have also started doing Loving Letters this week and U was randomly selected. If you have not done so already please find 2 pictures that

start with the letter U. You can try magazines, the computer or catalogs. Please remember to let your child make the selection. If they choose something that does not begin with the letter U please send it in and we will all talk about it.

### **Fine Motor-**

We have started Penguin news which really helps with writing skills. We have also been painting and gluing items on our very special centerpiece you will be able to bid on after the Tot Mitzvah. We have also been working hard to put together our life cycle chapter book.

### **Gross Motor-**

We used our outdoor playground equipment to slide, use steps, climb and run. We did also, went to gym where we did obstacle courses, practiced some new yoga moves and pushed a ball with a stick around cones.

### **Science**

We are still talking about nutrition and life cycle as we prepare for Tot Mitzvah.

We discuss the weather each day and make predictions as to what the weather will be like tomorrow.

### **Judaic-**

We are learning about becoming a Bar and Bat Mitzvah.

We have been practicing many Jewish songs for the Tot Mitzvah.

Every day we have been practicing our Hebrew colors, we often use this as a transition game.

### **Reminders:**

Please remember to work with your child on their lines for the play and help them put together a costume for Tot Mitzvah.

Don't forget to send in your old cell phones and ink cartridges for the funding factory.

Also check your pantry for Campbell's soup labels.

Our annual Tot Mitzvah will be January 22, 2012

Rick Recht is Saturday night please join us for this spectacular concert.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> - Tot Mitzvah

Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> – Sylvia Rouss, author of Sammy Spider books will be visiting Temple Torah. She will be signing books, reading stories and we will have lots of other fun activities. Lunch will be included in the price.

Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> – Temple Torah Community wide Purim carnival. All new rides, games and lots of fun for the entire family. This will be from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Thanks for letting us share in your child's life we love having them in our class they make our days at school wonderful! We truly love each and every one of them.

Shabbat Shalom

Morah Sharona and Morah Rachel.