



The Elephants / Ha Peleem

Week of January 16th – January 20th, 2011

This week we worked hard on getting ready for the Baby Naming of Baby Jacob Elephant. We tied our panels together to create his special baby blanket, we created his certificate, we had open ended discussions about how the naming is the first time the parents have a covenant with god to bring their child up in a Jewish environment and teach them Jewish morals and values. We then began to talk about how a Jewish child goes on to go to a Jewish preschool, then Hebrew school, and then at age 12/13 gets to make their Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Literacy

- Read books about babies
- Literacy chart- created a birth certificate
- Showed them birth certificates and baby naming certificates
- We discussed Bar/Bat Mitzvah and how you get to read from the Torah- we explained that if a child was having a Bar/Bat Mitzvah this weekend the story they would be reading is the story of Passover
- We went over the story of Passover and then created our center piece for the Tot Mitzvah
- Found names during morning circle
- Identified the letters and sounds of the letters in our names during circle
- Recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang Hatikvah during circle
- Found letters around the room during transitions

Math

- Counted how many panels we painted and decided how we were going to place them to create the blanket
- Counted back to how many days it took the lima beans to begin to grow- 6 days- Rylee's guess was correct! 😊
- Counted to the date during calendar
- Identified shapes and colors while making our head dress with foam shapes
- Recognized numbers during calendar
- Counted to 10 in Hebrew and English before snack and lunch

Science

- We checked our lima seed beans each day
- Made baby food (smashed bananas) Placed a banana in a zip lock bag and smashed it up and then tasted it
- Talked about what it tastes like , did it change the taste, how did it feel, and did they like it when they tried it
- We discussed the weather each day
- We discussed the new month and year

Gross Motor

- Danced the Animal Action, Freeze Dance, and other body movement songs
- Explored the play ground – bikes, houses, slides, trucks, rock climbing wall, playing chase, air boat, ball(catching and throwing)
- We had music with Miss Beth
- We practiced our balancing skills by having an egg on the spoon relay and yoga in gym with Miss Alisa

Fine Motor

- Explored with a variety of materials in the art center
- With the panel of material we painted we tied it together to make a blanket for Baby Jacob Elephant
- Used dot paint and glitter glue to decorate the birth certificate
- Practiced their cutting skills by cutting out of magazines things a baby needs
- Created a center piece for the 4 yr olds Tot Mitzvah of Pharaoh's daughter finding Baby Moses in the water- the children cut grass, painted the water and the basket

- Practiced writing their name on their work
- Created tall towers and bridges with blocks
- Feed the Bunny game- taking tweezers and picking up carrots to feed the bunny
- Played with puzzles
- Played with Legos and other manipulatives

Social/Self Help

- Continued to work on unpacking backpacks, sorting snacks, throwing out trash, packing up and proper hand washing skills.
- Cleaned up after centers
- Practiced using our words with our friends- at home if they are whining ask them to use their words so that you can understand their needs, role model proper words for them to use when in a conflict with their siblings or friends

Shabbat Shalom,

Morah Sheri

Thank you to all the parents that came to participate in our Baby Naming for our class baby!!!! It was a fun day!!!!

Please remember to bring Tzedakah each Friday. Some of the children have already lost their envelopes that were made in the beginning of the year or I keep forgetting to place them in your child's back pack, either way you can place the coins in a zip lock bag with their name on it! Thanks!!!!

We participate in a program that collects ink cartridges and old cell phones. When we send them in we accumulate points, these points allow the school to purchase new materials. Please keep that in mind when upgrading your phones or changing the ink! Thanks!!!!