

It is so crazy how quickly the year went by. We had an amazing time and learned a lot together this year. This is a just a small summary of our year of Hebrew Club.

We began the year learning about the holiday Rosh Hashana. We tasted apples dipped in honey, and even made our own Shofars! We continued learning about the high holidays - Yom Kippur, Sukkot, & Simchat Torah. On Sukkot we all had a chance to shake the Lulav and Etrog and then had a yummy pizza lunch in the Sukkah.

Once the High Holidays passed, we began our curriculum of learning about the Torah.

We started with the book of Bereishit; the first of the five books of Torah. Bereishit begins with the creation of the world. We learnt what G-d created on each day and how He rested on the 7th day which we call "Shabbat." We made a "Mock Shabbat," where we discussed the concept of Shabbat, and watched the teacher light Shabbat candles. We even got to taste some yummy challah!

We built our own tri-level Ark, and discussed what Noah put on each floor. Our Ark was pretty cool but it wasn't close to the size of Noah's Ark! We decorated mini Charity boxes, with a picture of Noah's Ark and a rainbow. We talked about how the rainbow was a sign that G-d would never flood the world again, that's why we make a bracha whenever we see one!

We continued learning about Abraham our forefather. We discussed how G-d promised him and all his descendants the land of Israel, and that it is the Jewish people's land. G-d promised Abraham that a great nation will come from him, it will be as countless as the sand and stars. We tried counting grains of sand and realized it was quite impossible!

We learned all the different blessings, we say on different types of food. We even got to make some blessings on some yummy snacks, and topped it off with baking our very own delicious chocolate-chip cookies!

We continued learning about how after Avraham had his Brit he wasn't feeling and G-D made the weather boiling hot so no guests would come. Though Avraham loved having guests, as its a big mitzvah! We learnt this lesson in a tent just like Avraham had, with an entrance in each direction so he could welcome in guests coming from all-over.

We learnt how Abraham sent Eliezer to go look for a wife for his son. He brought along gifts for the woman. We made jewelry out of cheerios, almost like what he brought with him. We then learnt that he went to the well to look for a wife for Issac. He decided that whichever girl would offer to give him water, was the woman for Isaac, because this would show that woman had the quality of kindness. We learned how a well worked back in the olden days and each tried to draw water ourselves! Issac got married to Rivka and we learned how a traditional Jewish wedding works!

Chanukah was very exciting for our class. We learned the whole story of Chanukah, made yummy Chanukah shaped cookies, made our very own dreidels, played some very fun Chanukah games, and topped off all the Chanukah fun with the amazing Jewish rapper that we had so much fun dancing with!

We continued after Chanukah with our curriculum where we learned about Isaac and Rivkah's twin children, Esav and Jacob. We learned how Jacob was the righteous son while Esav spent most of his time hunting. Esav tried to trick his father that he was the good son. We had fun making puppets of Yaakov and Eisav and acting out parts of the story.

Yaakov then went left home and started working for his uncle Lavan. Lavan told Yaakov that if he works for him for 7 years he will let him marry his daughter Rochel. Lavan then tricked Yaakov into marrying his older daughter Leah. Yaakov worked for Lavan for another 7 years, he then married Rochel. Finally Yaakov left to home, he now had 4 wives, 12 children (which would soon become the 12 tribes) and a daughter. We did a special project where we learned about all the Jewish Tribes and what made each tribe special.

One son of Yaakov was named Joseph. Yaakov loved him very much. We made ourselves multi-colored coats, just like Yaakov gave to Joseph. We learned how Joseph's brothers became so jealous that they decided to throw him in a pit. One of the brothers felt sorry for what they did, so he returned to the pit and sold Joseph as a slave to Arab merchants who were traveling to Egypt. In Egypt Joseph was thrown into jail where he met two people. He analyzed their dreams. And after that they thought he was a hero!

We had a great time acting out the dreams that Pharoah had and learned how Joseph explained that his dreams meant that there was going to be 7 years of plenty, and then 7 years of hunger. Pharoah then made Joseph his right hand man. Yaakov's brothers then traveled to Egypt during the Famine to get food. They soon found out that Joseph was second to the king. Once Yaakov heard that Joseph was alive he moved his family to Egypt and set up Shuls and Yeshivot in Egypt. This concluded our curriculum of Bereishit!

Purim came along and we had a blast learning about this fun holiday. We dressed up like Esther, Achashveirosh, Haman, Vashti, and Mordechai and acted out the story of Purim. We learned about all the special customs that we do on Purim. We played some

fun Purim games, baked our very own Hamentashen, and decorated masks to dress up in for Purim. On Purim everyone came dressed up in different costumes and we spent the day having an amazing time going on rides and jumping in the bounce houses! We heard the Megillah and all went home with Shaloch Manot!

Then next holiday was Passover. We made our own Moshe in the basket. We learned about all the preparations that we have to do in our homes before Passover. We made special door hangers to show which rooms were already cleaned for Passover. To review the story and laws of Passover we played a fun game show. The highlight of our Passover learning was our trip to the Exodus exhibit. We walked through the whole story of Passover starting with the Jews as slaves to Pharaoh till we walked through the split sea! The fun trip ended off with a Matzah bakery, where we learned all the rules of making Matzah. We donned our matzah bakery hats while we had a chance to bake our very own Matzah!

After Pesach we continued on with a new curriculum. This curriculum is called "All About Me." The topic explains how we can use each part of our body in order to serve Hashem, by doing different Mitzvot. Our head: To learn Torah, wear a kippah, and that men can use it to don tefillin. Our heart: To love a fellow Jew -Ahavat Yisroel. Our nose: To smell besamim (spices) by Havdallah. Our mouth: To pray, say brachot on food, eat kosher and more!

We spent Yom Hazikaron (Memorial day for Israeli soldiers) learning about our country, the Land of Israel. We learned about celebrating our independence on Yom Haatzmaut! We read a book about all the different cities in Israel and what makes it so

special. We also made a cool sand art craft of the map of Israel.

After Pesach we began counting Sefirat Haomer, we learned about the amazing willingness of Rabbi Akiva. Rabbi Akiva went from being a shepherd to one of the greatest Rabbis in his time with over 24,000 students. We learned about Lag Baomer and what a happy day this is. Anyone that joined us on the Lag Baomer parade at Gulfstream can agree! We saw many floats decorated with different mitzvot, listened to Jewish singers, and went on a lot of fun rides!

I had an awesome time this year teaching all of you! You all kept me on my feet while you sped through your Aleph-Bet books. You were all so eager to learn about the Torah and Mitzvot! Each week I grew more proud of you guys! Thanks for being the greatest kids ever! I love you all and I'm really going to miss spending my Sunday mornings with you!!! Keep in touch!