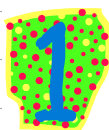




December 8, 2006



1st Grade Highlights

By Helen Shulman

In first grade our curriculum this month revolves around the upcoming holiday, Chanukah. We made a web of all the different parts of the holiday and decided we were most interested in the food aspect.

We made our own cookbook, The First Grade's First Latke Cookbook. We converted Tomie De Paola's Italian story, *Strega Nona* into a Chanukah story. Next week we will be writing Chanukah cards to relatives. We will also be learning fire safety rules for Chanukah.

We wish everyone a very happy and enjoyable Chanukah. Here are our class recipes.

Potato Latkes

By Dara and Samara

Ingredients

- 3 eggs
- 3/4 cups of oil
- 1/3 cup of flour
- 5 potatoes
- 1 teaspoon of salt
- 1/4 teaspoon of pepper

Directions

- Grate potatoes and onions. Rinse potatoes in cold water.
- Add eggs, flour, salt and pepper. Heat oil in frying pan.
- Place 1 large tablespoon of batter in sizzling oil. Fry on one side and then flip it over. Serve with applesauce on the side.

Historical Chanukah Latkes

By Ethan and Izzy

Ingredients

- 5 cups of dreidels

- 6 cups of menorahs
- 2 cups of fire
- 1 tablespoon of Greeks
- 200 cups of Maccabees
- 300 cups of presents
- 14 cups of swords

Directions

- Get one mean king to make mean laws.
- Put the Maccabees and swords in a bowl. Mix well with the Greek soldiers until the Greek soldiers are gone.
- Spin the dreidels and peel the presents.
- Place the fires on the Menorah and sing songs to thank Hashem for the great miracle.
- Serves many Jewish families.

Potato Latkes That Make You Happy

By Heather and Michelle

Ingredients

- 8 presents
- 1 cup of cousins
- 2 tablespoons of grandmas
- Heaping cups of happiness

Directions

- Crack the grandmothers in half in the bowl with the presents.
- Mix the cousins well with happiness.
- Pour all the ingredients into the soul for many years.
- This should make many years of fun and happy Chanukahs.

Maccabee Latkes

By Hannah and Keegan

Ingredients

- 10 cups of strength

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Keep in Mind

Important Dates

Max's Night

Tuesday, December 12

Hot Lunch Orders

for January and February

Due December 15

Book Fair

December 11 - 17

Chanukah Events

Chanukah Choir Performance at White Flint Mall
December 14, 6:00 pm

Chanukah Party

December 17, 4:00 pm

Chanukah Program at Ohev Sholom, The National Synagogue

December 19, 7:00 pm

Kindergarten & 1st Grade

Chanukah Play

December 20, 2:30 pm

Students should wear their white Hebrew Day Institute shirts to all performances.

Open Houses

Friday, December 8, 9:30 am

Tuesday, December 19, 9:30 am

Annual Gala

Sunday, March 18, 5:30 pm

*First Grade Recipes
(Continued from page 1)*

- 10 tablespoons of truth
- 10 teaspoons of bravery
- 100 heaping cups of belief in G-d

Directions

- Mix strength and truth together in a bowl.
- In a separate bowl mix bravery and belief in G-d.
- Combine the two bowls to make a perfect Maccabee.

Jumping Latkes

By: Aviah and Rina

Ingredients

- Sticky boots
- Spring noodles
- Dreidels

- Yoyos
- 99 Googles
- Maccabees
- Jumping pogo sticks
- Greeks

Directions

- Mix the yoyos with the spring noodles. Make sure they stay in the bowl.
- Put the stinky boots on the Greeks. Cover them with Maccabees on jumping pogo sticks.
- Crack the dreidels in half and beat with 99 Googles.
- Serve with duck sauce to keep the jumping latkes on the plate!



Mid-Atlantic Jewish Expo Art & Essay Contest

Congratulations to the following students who have won Honorable Mention for their essays in The

- 4th Graders**
 Josh Lempert
 Sarah Meiselman
 Hadar Pohl
 Elan Rubin
 Rena Shulman

The fourth and fifth grade students have many chances to have their essays and poems submitted to contests throughout the year. Hebrew Day Institute students frequently win many of these contests and sometimes have their work published in national anthologies. Keep up the great work!

Mid-Atlantic Jewish Expo Art & Essay Contest.

- 5th Graders**
 Aaron Rubinstein
 Dean Shilo
 Leah Schaperow

Mazel Tov to the winners from their Hebrew Day Institute friends and families.



4th & 5th Grade Highlights By Naomi Kaplan

December is a very exciting month for all of us here at H.D.I. Our calendar is full of special events and festivities, as we look forward to Chanukah and the winter break. First of all, I'd like to congratulate all of the fourth and fifth grade winners of the Baltimore Expo Contest. MAZEL TOV! I will post a copy of the congratulatory letters (as soon as I receive all of them) on the bulletin board alongside the essays.

the regions and counties in Maryland.

Fourth graders will be putting on a play called, "The Egg and the Bean." Please make sure your student memorizes his or her part and practices speaking in a loud and clear voice. The class will begin another novel, Snow Treasure, learn to use subject, object, and possessive pronouns correctly, and be able to identify

Fifth graders illustrated, memorized, and recited their favorite poems about family, and then wrote their very own original poems. These were submitted for publication on Friday. Our next reading/writing project will be to read an historical novel about the relationship between Native Americans and the early settlers and pioneers (colonial times through the Civil War). Instruction sheets will be distributed before the end of this week. The fifth grade class will also complete a unit on pronouns, and a map unit. Students will be required to fill in the names of states on a blank map of the United States and know each of the states' capitals.

I wish everyone a very happy Chanukah.



Reading Room With Mrs. R. By Mrs. Rothbard

Reviews of December Reading Room books:

the most unsuccessful newsstand in the station, finds him and puts him in the newsstand for a pet.

Kindergarten – 2nd grade Book

Book Club will meet on Friday December 22 at lunch

Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat, who share a home in a nearby drain pipe become his good friends. Chester has a satisfying summer with these two friends and with Mario who plays games with him and buys him a cricket cage in Chinatown.

Zen Shorts by Jon J. Muth

Publisher: Scholastic Press, New York, 2005

Stillwater, a lovable giant panda, tells siblings Addy, Michael and Karl the most amazing stories when he moves into their neighborhood. His beautiful Zen stories help the children to think about their feelings and actions in totally new ways. He teaches the children some important life lessons. He tells Addy the story of a poor man who gives gifts to a robber. Michael learns about a farmer who knows that luck cannot be predicted. And Michael hears the tale of a monk who carries around a burden that needs to be put to rest. This book has beautiful illustrations that help tell the story.

In August, Chester begins to chirp. One night while he, Tucker, and Harry are having a dinner party complete with background music from the Bellinis' small radio, the three friends make a startling discovery: Chester has the ability to imitate perfectly any music he hears once on the radio. The next day the Bellinis overhear him "singing" an Italian folksong he had heard the previous evening. Using these talents they manage to turn this newsstand into a profitable business. To discover the series of events that follow this amazing revelation, read *The Cricket in Times Square*.

Questions & Activities

- What is Zen? Where does the word come from?
- Is Stillwater a good friend?
- How do we learn from our friends?
- What lesson did Stillwater teach Addy?
- What lesson did Stillwater teach Michael?
- What lesson did Stillwater teach Karl?
- Why is it important to think before you act?
- How are some of the lessons Stillwater taught similar to the lessons taught in the Torah?
- Can you think of a time you could have acted differently?
- Draw your favorite part of the book.

Questions & Activities

- What do you know about crickets? Do some research about crickets.
- Locate New York City on a map. How far is it from Connecticut? Find Times Square and Chinatown.
- What does friendship mean to you? How do Chester, Tucker, and Harry show their friendship?
- How are they loyal to each other?
- What adjectives would you use to describe the Bellini family?
- How do they use Chester's fame to increase the family business?

Grades 3 – 6 Book

Book Club will meet first week of January at lunch

The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden

Publisher: Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing Group, Inc. 1960; Newberry Honor Book

Chester Cricket arrives in New York City's Times Square Subway Station from Connecticut one June day in a picnic basket. Mario Bellini, whose parents operate



PTO Corner By Edith Calem

Please join us on Sunday Dec 10th at 9 a.m. at Starbucks on Rockville Pike (Montrose Crossing Shopping Center) for a PTO meeting to discuss the upcoming Chanukah party, among other events. Please email Edith Calem at pto@hebrewdayinstitute.org if you plan to attend so that we



Please join us for our school Hanukkah Party!!

When: Sunday, December 17th

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Where: School Social Hall

Cost: \$10 per family



Teachers—no charge!



Latkes



Sufganiyot



Moonbounce



Arts & Crafts

Special performance by our wonderful school choir!


**Henry Newhouse
Weatherbug Weather Station
Dedication
and much, much more!**



Scholastic Book Fair December 11 - 17



This year's book fair is fast approaching and we need your help! The book fair is a great time to buy books for your children. All students will have a chance to visit the Book Fair and make a wish list. It's also a good time to buy books for your home or for gifts.



Our Scholastic Book Fair will be taking place from December 11 through December 17. Our dedicated PTO volunteers need your help to make the Book Fair a success. Volunteers are needed to set up, run, and pack up the book fair at the times listed below.

If you can help out, please contact Sue Meiselman as soon as possible.
E-mail: smeiselman@gmail.com;
Phone: 301-871-5971

There are still volunteer opportunities available.

Thank you for supporting Hebrew Day Institute. HDI volunteers are the best!

Susan Meiselman
Book Fair Chairperson



Monday, December 11

8:30 to 11:30 a.m. (Book Fair setup)
11:30 to 1:30 p.m. (Teacher preview all afternoon)
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 12

8:15 to 9:45 a.m. (class visits all day)
9:45 to 11:15 a.m.
12:30 to 2:15 p.m.
2:15 to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 13

8:15 to 9:00 a.m.
3:00 to 4:00 p.m.
5:30 to 6:30 p.m. (Club Ed pickup time)

Thursday, December 14

8:15 to 9:00 a.m.
3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

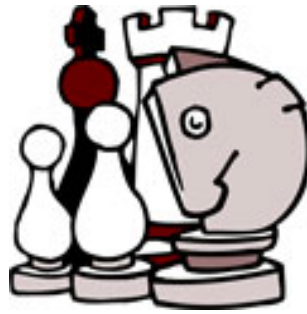
Friday, December 15

8:15 to 10:00 a.m. (pack up for Shabbat)

Sunday, December 17

3:00 to 5:00 p.m. (All-School Chanukah party)
5:00 to 7:00 p.m. (Chanukah party and final pack up)





Friends & Family Chess Challenge

Moms, Dads, Aunts Uncles, Grandparents and Teachers your presence is requested to attend and participate in our Friends and Family chess Challenge.

On December 18, 2006 in Hebrew Day Institute's Media & Technology Center, our chess students will put their chess skills to the test as they challenge you! Each student is asked to have an adult family or friend represented in this challenge as they, the children challenge you the adults. There will be several rounds of competition so may the best team win. This event will last approximately 120 minutes.

Friends and Family Attendance Confirmation

I (Friend or Family Member) _____ will be happy to participate in the Friends and Family Chess Challenge at Hebrew Day Institute on December 18, 2006. I will be attending on behalf of (Child's Name) _____.

CHESS AWARD

To all chess club members:

On December 18, 2006, during our Friends and Family Chess competition, each one of you will have an opportunity to distinguish yourself by earning a chess knight lapel pin for achievement in checkmate. The test is to checkmate your opponent's lone king using your queen and king. You will earn the chess knight lapel pin if you can accomplish this feat in one minute or less. Two attempts are permitted. Many organizations award the lapel pin to its members as a symbol of distinction for skill development. The chess club will do the same with the knight pin.



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