

Hebrew Day Institute

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L'chvod Shabbat



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4th & 5th Grade Highlights

By Naomi Kaplan

Fourth Grade:

Fourth graders have been learning parts of speech, writing paragraphs, and proofreading their sentences. The reading skills that are presently being emphasized are the survey-read-review method of reading non-fiction material, and the use of various dictionary skills.

Our social studies unit has centered on reading and discussing current events articles in Super Science and Scholastic News magazines. We will begin the unit on our state government later this month.

The members of the class look forward to sharing October book reports as well as beginning their Fall research project. Instructions for this project were given out last Friday. Please sign the paper and leave it in front of your student's binder.

Please remember to sign your student's planner as he or she completes assignments. Thank you.

Fifth Grade: In addition to working in proofreading, parts of speech, and paragraph structure, fifth graders have been learning about the workings of our federal government and the election process. The class will be completing all the assignments for the novel, Maniac Magee, and giving the How To book reports this month. It should be fun learning to do all the different things each fifth grader learned to do by reading his or her book. I look forward to being taught by my students.

Please check and sign your students' planners each night. Thank you.



Learning Styles Specialist

By Susan Lader

The groups are off to a great start and the scheduling has finally fallen into place. I enjoy working with

your children in small groups and in their classroom.

I will be out of school for two weeks beginning Oct. 9. I have spoken with the students and have left class

assignments with the teachers. The children will be keeping up with their skills and ready to move on when I return.



Career Day

Hebrew Day Institute is proud to introduce *Career Day 2006* to be held on Friday, November 10 as part of our regular school day. We have invited a diverse group of professionals representing a wide range of careers. We are welcoming some of our alumni, friends, former and current parents as well as community service

providers to provide an overview of their chosen profession. We hope to inspire and educate our students, one career at a time! This program is geared for our students only. Special thanks to our volunteer committee for all of their support! If you have any questions, please contact Renee Salzberg at rsalzberg@hebrewdayinstitute.org.

Keep in Mind

Calendar

School will be closed Friday, October 6 for Sukkot and Friday, October 13 for Hoshanah Rabah.

Club Ed Friday Hours

On Fridays, Club Ed meets from the time school is dismissed (2:30 during early dismissal; 3:30 regular dismissal) until at least 1 hour before candle lighting on Fridays. Friday closing times are:

October 6	School Closed
October 13	School Closed
October 20	5:00 pm
October 27	5:00 pm

November Through January
CLUB ED CLOSSES AT 4:00 pm on Fridays.

A charge of \$1.00 a minute is administered for pickups made after closing. The Club Ed phone number is: 301-649-6653.



Kindergarten Highlights

General Studies: Helen Shulman

Hebrew/Judaic Studies: Dina Korman

General Studies: We have been learning two letters a week. When a new letter is introduced, students learn the capital and lower case letter. Then we list words that start with the letter we are learning. After that, we use different media to make the letters. We have had some tasty letters such as bread dough, cookie dough, chocolate chips and licorice. We have also used tactile materials to form letters, such as shaving cream, salt, blocks, tiles, popsicle sticks, and ice cubes.

In Social Studies we finished our unit "All About Me." We coordinated some of our pages with the letter we were learning that week. For "D" we opened a donut shop in our classroom kitchen. We included everyone's favorite flavor donut in our book. We studied our finger prints and made pictures of what we like to do for "fun" when we learned the letter F. We made pictures of what we want to be when we "grow up" for G. The last picture is from our sequencing unit. Students made pictures of three stages of their lives.

We also started a unit on safety. In case of an emergency we know to

dial 911. There are safety rules for school, home and even for riding a bicycle. In October we will be learning what to do in the event of a fire.

Reading is a very important part of our curriculum. We read stories on topics that we are learning, including holidays. We also read just for fun. Many of our books are the large sized books that help the students follow along. We have formed reading groups which are taught by me and by Mrs. Lader, our Learning Styles Specialist.

This month we will be starting a penmanship program called "Writing Without Tears."

We also have some fun trips planned for Chol Hamoed Sukkot. We are invited to Mrs. Agassi's Sukkah. We will also be going to an apple orchard.

Hebrew/Judaic Studies: The year has begun with great enthusiasm. The children feel safe and ready for a year rich with learning and growth.

We began with learning about one another; the vocabulary we used is:

Ani, Atah, Aht; Mah shlomeah, mah shlomeh, shlomi tov todah. We learn about the weather in a song, and we read from the board, as well as from our weather chart.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur took a great deal of our time. We learned all about them through stories, songs, art and crafts and bible stories with puppets. Succot and Simhat Torah are the topics of learning for the next two weeks, with stories, crafts, songs and puppet shows.

After the holidays we are going to start our reading readiness program. The next topics of Hebrew conversation are Stahv, fall colors, and learning the meaning of our names.

I am truly enjoying learning with your children. I wish all of you Shanah Tovah Umtukah, and let's keep the line of communication open.



PTO School Spirit Store

In order to make our products more available to you we will be opening the school store on the following days prior to dismissal time.

Thursday, October 12th from 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Monday, October 23rd from 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Thank you for helping to spread school spirit!



Hakafot-a-thon

Please remember, our annual Hakafot-a-thon will be held on Thursday, October 12th – in one week!! Money raised from our Hakafot-a-thon directly benefits our students via our Scholarship Fund. Please support our Hakafot-a-thon generously. If you have any questions, please contact Dina Korman at dkorman@hebrewdayinstitute.org and to volunteer, please contact Edith Calem at pto@hebrewdayinstitute.org. Many thanks!



Sally Foster Time

By Alyssa Drucker

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Any questions call Alyssa Drucker (301)946-2287.



Open House

**Our first Open House of the year
for prospective families will be on
Friday, October 27 at 9:30 am.**

**Please tell anyone you know who may be interested.
Contact Dina Korman at dkorman@hebrewdayinstitute.org for details.**



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