# Nachas News 🌽



**Gan Israel Preschool** Date: April 20 & 27 2018 Celebrating Israel, Counting Omer, bonfires, and fire safety

## Announcements

Thank you to Morahs Beth, Amy L, Zelda, Maddy and Amy F who helped with Abba and Me. It was a great evening of fun, mess, and ice cream! Thanks to all the dads who came out to enjoy the evening with their kids.

- Picture Day is coming- Teddy Bear Portraits will be here Wed. May 2<sup>a</sup>
- Lag B' Omer fun in preschool Thurs. May 3<sup>.</sup>. Community Lag B Omer celebration here that evening. Music, food, rides etc
- Memorial Service for the husband of Morah Shari this Thursday evening April 26- at 8 PM.
- Mazel Tov to the Glick and Adler families on the birth of baby boys!

#### Photo of the Week- Abba & Me





Next Week's Snack Family- 4/30 Deitsch (Hirsh), Rigberg, Ettedgui, Tonti

**LOOKING AHEAD**...We will be celebrating Lag B Omer on Thursday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Weather permitting the children will take part in outdoor fun including races and parachutes games. We will also have a picnic. On Wed. May 2<sup>nd</sup> we will have picture day. Children will have their portraits taken (we will also try to photograph siblings together). Photos will be available to look at and purchase at pick up on the same day.

#### Aftercare Antics!



Shabbos Times: April 27

Candle lighting: 7:40 PM

Shabbos ends: 8:41 PM

# 2- Year Old - 3 day class

Hello families, last week we explored Israel, talking about the different cities we could visit there. On display in our room are the children's imaginings of Tel Aviv. We made our Omer count with foot prints, walking out of Egypt. The footprints will be posted on the wall (they fell down!) for everyone to count. We made slime in our class for Abba and Me night and the children loved playing with it. If you want to try to make some at home for some sensory play, mix 1/2 cup glue and 1/2 cup water in a plastic jar (like one for pretzels), in another container mix 1 tsp of borax and 1 cup water, pour the borax water into the plastic jar, put the lid on and shake until the slime comes mostly together. You can add food coloring, glitter, shaving cream, etc to change the look and texture.

This week: Reading Shavuot books, getting ready for Lag B'Omer, counting the Omer and spending time on gross motor skills. We will also explore fire safety and go to a puppet show from the Fairfax Fire Dept.

Morah Amy and Morah Zelda











# 2-Year-Old – 5 day class

For our Israel week the children put a lot of effort on their "work", they enjoyed painting, gluing , preparing their crown and listening to great stories like <u>It's Israel's</u> <u>Birthday</u> and <u>Sammy Spider's visits Israel!</u>! Yom Huledet Sameach !! Happy Birthday Israel !!

This week we are omer counting in Hebrew and English. We read the Bravest Firefighter and now we all want to be fire heroes! Morah Suzy, Miki, Carole and Rose

Israeli dancing



Making crowns with Kachol v Lavan (Blue and white)



We love building with legos



Squeezing to make orange juice with Morah Suzy



# **3-Year-Old Class**

Last week, we visited Eretz Yisrael. We had an amazing experience!

We flew to Israel on our playground airplane complete with our Ha'Degelim Yisrael (Israeli flags) and went through passport control with our passports.

We landed at Ben Gurion Airport and spent some time in Tel Aviv exploring the city and going to the beach. It was such a beautiful day that we decided to have a picnic lunch.

We examined a map of Eretz Yisrael to decide where to travel. And decided we needed to bus. So we made one!

In Tzafat, our artistic side shined through as we created beautiful Hebrew name hamsas.

We learned that Yerushalayim is an old and holy city that looks as if it's made of geometric shapes. We created a beautiful shape-filled mural of the City of Gold and wrote our own prayers to stick in the Kotel.

Climbing the snake path of Masada was hard work and it was hot but we did it! Our reward was floating in the salty Dead Sea.

Everyone had fun doing salt experiments. We even made an egg float! Our hypothesis was: An egg will float (vs. sink) in salt water (vs. plain water).

Todah Rabah to Liya's Ima and Saba (visiting from Eretz Yisrael) for telling us what it is like to live and grow up in Eretz Yisrael and showing us fun photos.

This week we continue to count the Omer, getting us closer and closer to Shavout. We are also starting to learn about Lag'B omer and because lots of people have bonfires we are learning about fire safety. On Wed. we will be having a fire safety puppet show from the Fairfax fire dept. We know stop, drop and roll if our clothes are on fire and we practiced calling 911 and what constitutes an emergency.

Shabbat Shalom!

Morah Amy and Morah Goldie





### Pre K Class

Shalom alechem! Our travels through Israel have concluded. We have gone on trips throughout Israel visiting Tel Aviv beaches, Yaffo orange groves where we juiced oranges, danced to Israeli music and did some amazing art in Tsvat. We even visited Israel via satellite on Google. Amazing!

The Pre-K class has their Israel mural complete with old city - Jerusalem, new city - Tel Aviv, the farm - Yaffo, and the desert - Negev.

We even cut out our own camels which was another exercise in dexterity and came up with the most amazing names. So silly!

The letter S was so splendidly spectacular! We had such a super time using s's all week.

This week we continue to count the Omer, learn about the letter T, review the aleph bet and attend a fire safety puppet show. Have a great Shabbat! All the best Morah Terri and Morah Maddy

Falafel Snack!



Explore shells in Tel Aviv at the beach



Squeeze oranges to make juice in Yaffa

