



March 15, 2024

ה' אדר ב' תשפ"ד

**PURIM PARENT REMINDERS ABOUT FRIDAY MARCH 22 - OUR PURIM CARNIVAL!!**

Everyone comes to school in costume (bathroom freindly with no weapons, please).

Please bring in all the coins you have collected for our Purim Tzedaka Coin Challenge - thank you!

Each child will prepare Mishloach Manot for another child - please do not send in additional Mishloach Manot.

**STANDING UP FOR WHAT IS IMPORTANT  
TAKING ACTION  
BRAVERY AND COURAGE  
KNOWING THAT HASHEM IS WITH US**

We continued exploring the Purim megillah narrative, observing and discussing the admirable traits and values embodied by Mordechai and Esther. This allowed us to understand better and connect with them as role models. Look right at our ideas!

We learned about Mordechai's response upon discovering Bigtan and Teresh's plot against the king. We looked at how Haman became powerful and how Mordechai refused to bow to him because he only bowed to Hashem. Haman was so angry (as the children noted- he was in the "red zone") and decided to destroy the Jewish people, using a lottery to determine the date of their destruction. Through a reenactment of Mordechai and Esther's conversation, by Morah Shaina and Morah Chaya S, with Rocky assisting as the messenger, Hatach, we explored the urgency of Mordechai's message to Esther, urging her to petition the king for mercy. Despite Esther's initial apprehension because the king had not called her, Mordechai told her that Hashem would save the Jewish people either way, and that this may be the very reason she became the queen. Understanding her mission, Esther asked Mordechai & the Jewish community to fast and pray for three days. Together, we reflected on Esther's fear, and brainstormed strategies to bolster her courage, even crafting a collective letter as if we were Jews of that time, offering encouragement to her.

The story of "Chester the Brave" helped us understand bravery & courage - the willingness to confront fear for something important to you - recognizing the empowering influence of knowing Hashem is by our side. We also explored a narrative about the Baal Shem Tov as a child, whose father's teachings about Hashem's presence helped him during challenging times. Lastly, we learned about Esther revealing her Jewish identity to Achashverosh and telling him of Haman's evil plan and of Haman's punishment for this.

**Questions for your Shabbat table:**

Why did Mordechai refuse to bow to Haman?

Why did Esther decide to go to the king even though it was dangerous?

Do you ever do things that are hard for you because you know it is important?

Can you share some things you noticed about Mordechai's character?

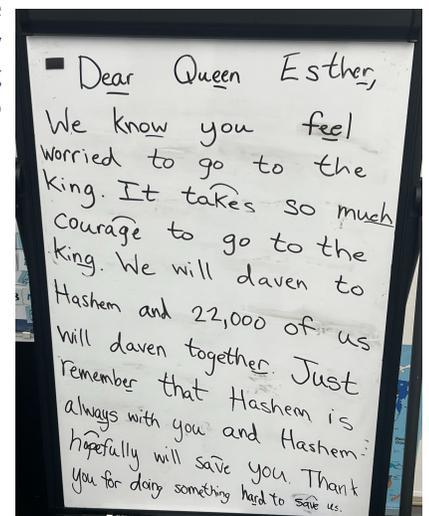
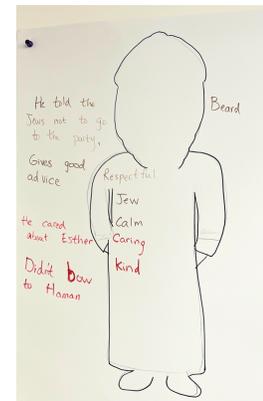
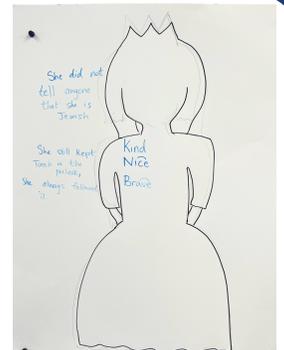
Can you share some things you noticed about Esther's character?

**How many different ways can you complete these sentences?**

Esther didn't want to go to the palace **because**... (e.g she didn't want to be the queen)

Esther didn't want to go to the palace **but**..... (e.g. the guards came to get her)

Esther didn't want to go to the palace **so**.. (e.g. Mordechai reminded her Hashem is with her)



## Can you sing these Purim Songs at home?

You can use our playlist: [Tamim NYC Songs 23/24 parents - playlist by Sara | Spotify](#)



Mishenichnas Adar (2 different tunes)  
Vayehi Bimai Ahashverosh (see lyrics below)  
Chag Purim (see lyrics below)  
Al HaNissim  
LaYehudim (see lyrics below)  
Shoshanat Ya'akov  
Leytzan Katan Nechmad (see lyrics below)



Please help your child to keep practicing these songs at home - you can use the playlist above.  
We will be giving a mini concert at The Atria of our Purim songs on Thursday, March 21!



**VEYEHI BIMAI AHASHVEROSH**  
Vayehi Bimei Achashverosh , Hu Achashverosh x2  
Hamolech MeHodu v'Ad Kush x2  
Sheva v'Esrim Umeah Medinah x2  
It was in the days of Achashverosh, he was Achashverosh. x2  
The King from India to Ethiopia, x2  
127 countries he did rule. x2



Do you remember how to sing the Hebrew and English lines together?



### LAKOVA SHELI

La-kova sheli shalosh pinot, shalosh pinot, la-kova sheli.  
Loolei hayu lo shalosh pinot, lo hayah zeh ha-kova sheli!



**CHAG PURIM**  
Chag Purim, Chag Purim, Chag Gadol Hu La'Yehudim,  
Masechot Ra'ashanim, Shirim v'Rikudim  
Hava Narisha, Rash, Rash, Rash! BaRashanim.  
Purim Day, Purim Day, What a happy holiday,  
We'll make noise, with our toys, sing and dance and play.  
Hava Narisha, Rash, Rash, Rash! BaRashanim.



### LAYEHUDIM

Layehudim, Layehudim haytah orah, V'simcha v'sason vikar. x4



**SHOSHANAT YAAKOV**  
Shoshanat Yaakov, tzahala v'samecha, birotam yachad, tchelet Mordechai. (x2)  
T'shuatam hayita lanetzach, vetikvatam b'chol dor vador,  
Baruch Mordechai haYehudi. (x2)



### LEYTZAN KATAN NECHMAD

Leytzan katan nechmad, Roked im kol echad, Leytzan Katan Sheli, Oolai tirkod itee.  
Oolai, Oolai, Oolai tirkod itee. Oolai. Oolai, Oolai tirkod itee.

