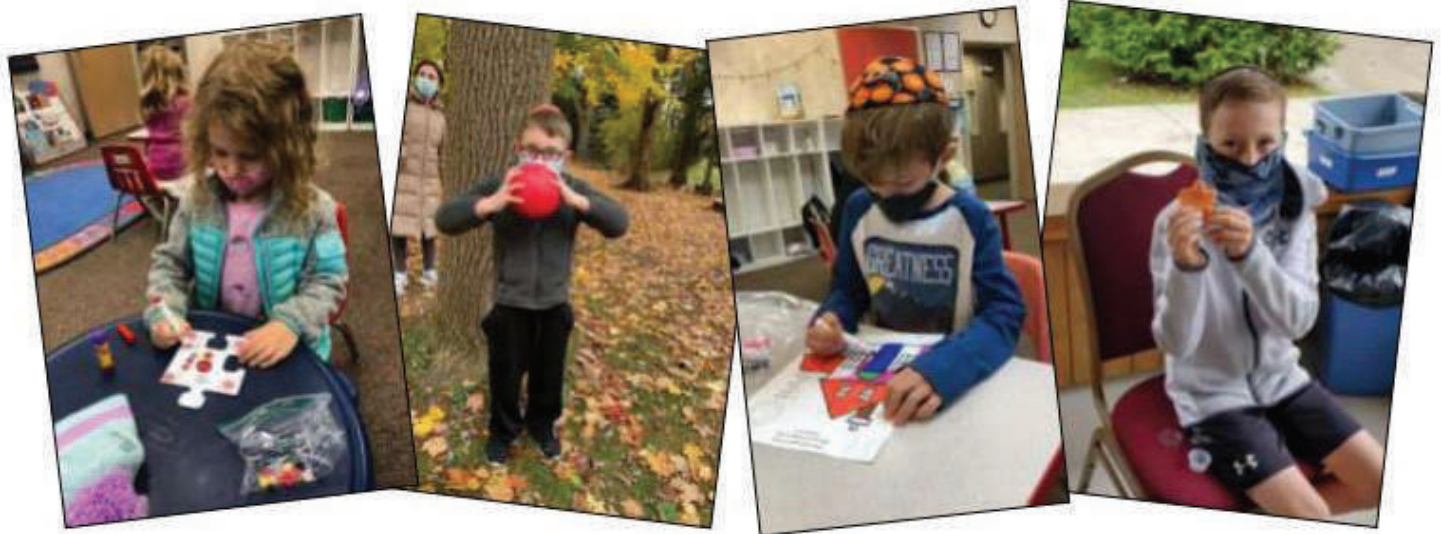


# SOLOON CHABAD | Hebrew School Special Events 2020/2021



**We Make it Work, No Matter What it Takes!**





# ZOOM or IN PERSON?

ZOOM or IN PERSON – that was the question of every educational institution this year. At Solon Chabad, both options were available and families were welcome to switch back & forth as needed. 75% of the families chose in person, and thank G-d, we were able to provide our students with safe, in person instruction the entire year.



Outdoor classrooms were created for all ages by purchasing tents and rearranging the grounds so that parents could be confident that the children were safe.





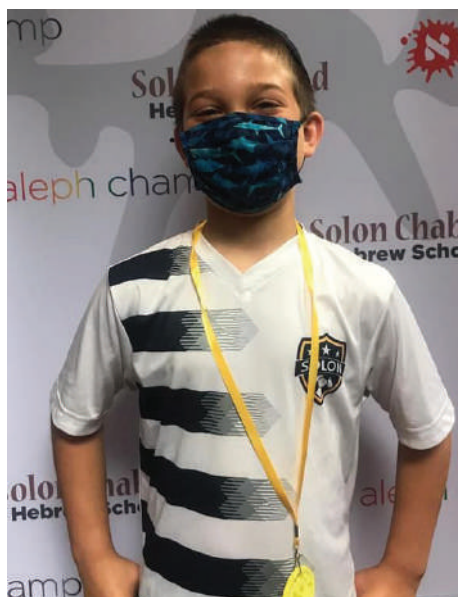
# Cold Weather?

## *Not a prob at Solon Chabad!*

When the weather turned cold, moving indoors yet keeping windows open to bring in fresh air, coupled with masks and social distancing enabled learning to continue uninterrupted. Warm spirits in spite of the cold weather!



Aleph Champ tutoring resumed with social distancing, and even though distancing plus masks is not the ideal learning environment, parents and children agreed that it was better than the alternative!



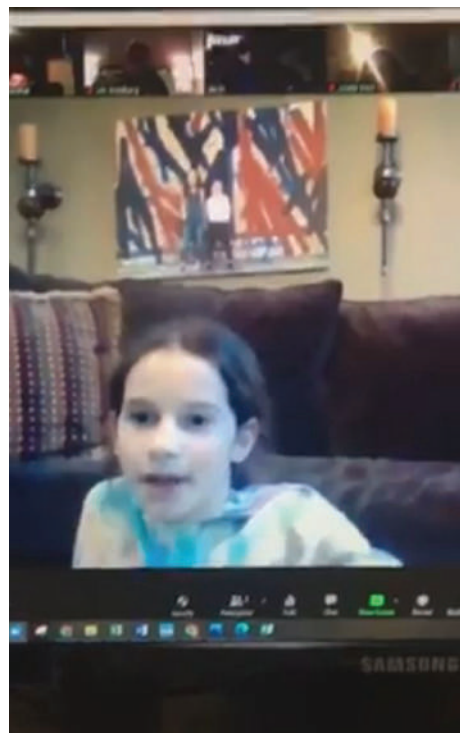


# Not Comfortable Yet?

## Learning at home was still an option

Some families chose to remain home and learn virtually and they were kept on the same curriculum as In Person classes so that whenever they wanted to switch, they were always on the same lesson.

Virtual families received weekly deliveries with crafts, food art, hands on activities and all the supplies that they would have received in class. Online games like Kahoot and GimKit enhanced the Zoom lessons and kept kids engaged.





# Shabbat @ Home

Instead of the annual Solon Chabad Shabbat Family Dinner, an @home Shabbat contest inspired 45 families to celebrate Shabbat in their own homes. Children crafted Shabbat items to be used and prepared a box of Shabbat supplies to take home, including fancy paper goods and candles, grape juice, challah dough to braid and bake, and more.

On Friday afternoon, they helped set up their Shabbat table at home and sent in photos of their Shabbat @ home before joining a pre Shabbat Zoom program. The pride and long lasting effects of the Shabbat @home were felt all year as many families reported that they used this experience to continue celebrating Shabbat each week.





# In Honor of Rosh Hashanah

In honor of Rosh Hashanah, any girl that promised to light holiday candles could register to receive a beautiful silver plated candlesticks as a gift. 73 candlesticks were packaged beautifully, together with a framed and personalized blessing card and delivered to each home.

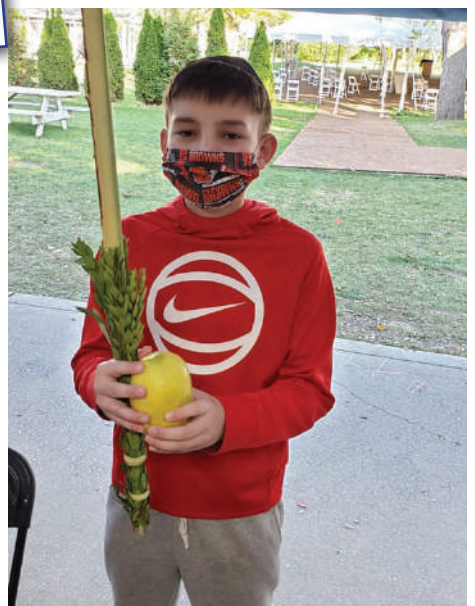


Each holiday was celebrated with activities, crafts & games to make the traditions come alive! Safe ways were found to include parents for holiday performances and parties. The families were SO grateful to be able to come in person, while carefully observing safety precautions at all times



# Sukkot:

Sukkot was celebrated by inviting parents and siblings to the synagogue sukkah, blessing the Lulav and Etrog, and receiving individually packaged got a box of mini donuts. Each child created adorable Sukkah napkin holders as well.





# Chanukah:

Chanukah preparations were comprehensive included every class creating their own age appropriate Menorah. The students learned about the holiday and its customs with a Giant Chanukah book, and hands on lessons such as going on a hunt for oil and using a real oil Menorah to learn the blessings.



Chanukah was celebrated with a fair of four stations, with a different activity and personalized Hebrew School soundtrack for each, culminating in a dreidel dance off in the dark with light up rings.



# Light Every Night:



A Grand Chanukah Raffle encourage the children to light the Menorah EVERY SINDLE night of Chanukah, with a grand raffle for a mini drone or Fuji film camera! Students had to send in photos of themselves lighting the Menorah each night, for another ticket to be entered into the raffle. 71 children participated!



On each night of Chanukah, all families to participate in the lighting of our Outdoor Giant Menorah and to enjoy a different

activity, such as a visit from Elsa and from Spiderman. Different Hebrew School students led the blessings each night in the microphone before the small assembled crowd outdoors while participants joined via Zoom.

**8 CRAZY NIGHTS**  
@ SOLON CHABAD  
WATCH FROM CAR  
JOIN ON ZOOM  
solonchabad.com/zoom

GRAND MENORAH LIGHTING + ENTERTAINMENT EACH NIGHT!  
Join on zoom or watch from your car and get donuts & cookies!  
Reserve food at [www.solonchabad.com/chanukah2020](http://www.solonchabad.com/chanukah2020)

1 Thursday 12/10, 5:30 pm VIRTUAL PRESCHOOL PERFORMANCE	5 Monday 12/14, 5:30 pm STORY TIME WITH ANNA FROM FROZEN!
2 Friday 12/11, 4:00 pm VIDEO CLIP OF CANDLE LIGHTING IN EVERY ERA	6 Tuesday 12/15, 5:30 pm SUPERHERO TRAINING WITH SPIDERMAN!
3 Saturday 12/12, 6:30 pm Kahoot! ZOOM KAHOOT GAME	7 Wednesday 12/16, 5:30 pm VIRTUAL TOUR OF ISRAEL WITH RABBI GREENBERG
4 Sunday 12/13, 5:30 pm BALLOONS & MAGIC WITH FLOWER CLOWN	8 Thursday 12/17, 5:30 pm RAFFLE DRAWING FOR KIDS' CONTEST!

**Grand Chanukah Raffle for Mini Drone or Fuji Film Camera**  
Text a picture of yourself lighting your menorah to enter the raffle. Every additional night that you light the Menorah and text a picture will award you an additional ticket. Text to 440 561 6210

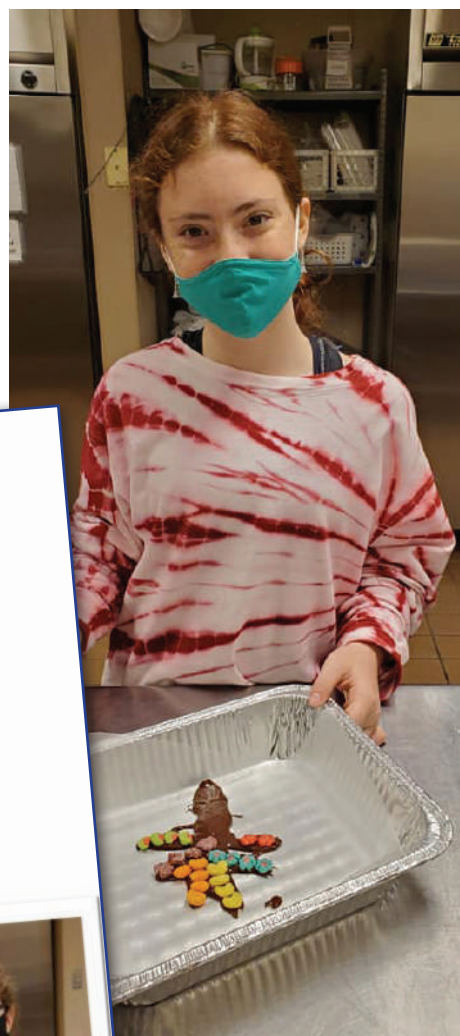
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# Tu Bshvat:

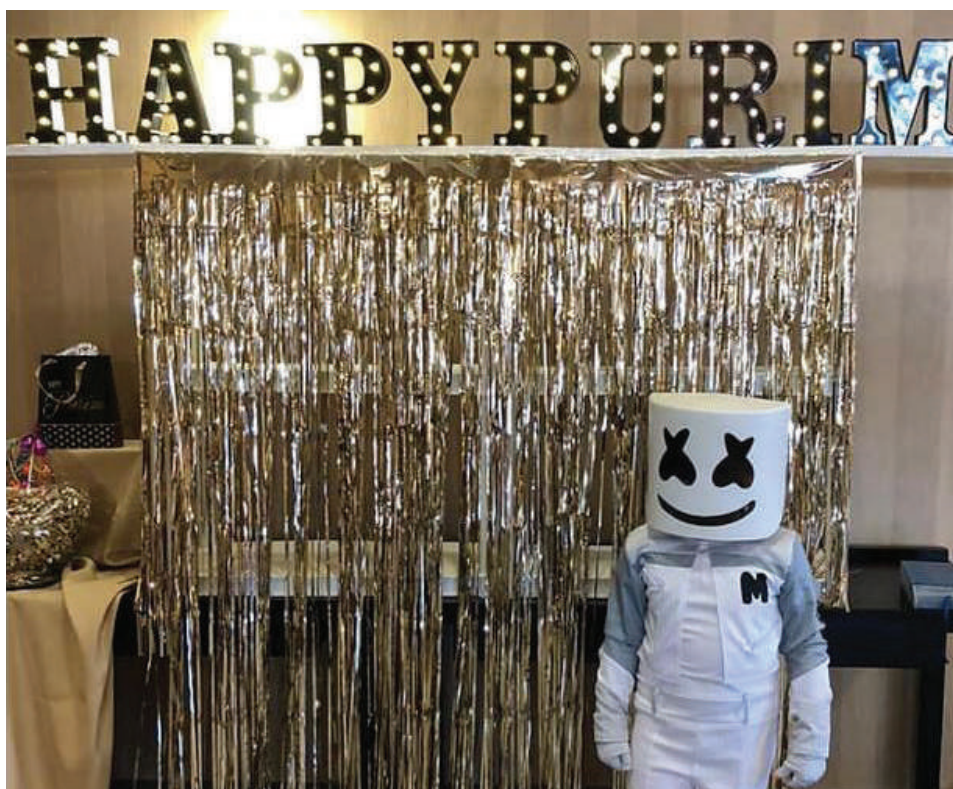
Tu Bshvat was celebrated with a big Minute to Win It competition, with each race involving another one of the 7 fruits of Israel! Children competed to balance figs on their heads while hula hooping, squeezing water from sponges to 'water' their pomegranate seeds, and more! To reinforce that the holiday is about trees, every child had the opportunity to make chocolate bark in the shape of a tree for snack, with different options for the crunch!





# Purim:

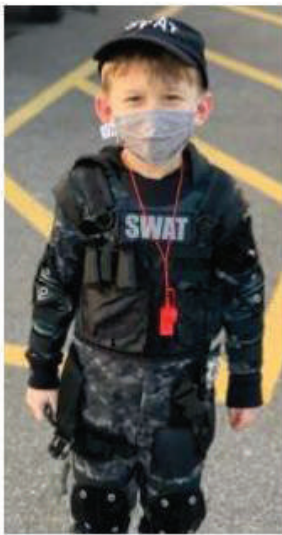
Instead of the usual Purim carnival, other Covid safe ways were found to create the excitement. The students came dressed in costume for a Masquerade and posed in front of a fun back drop with lively music playing as they came in. Every class baked hamantashen, created and traded mishloach manot, and came to the sanctuary to listen to the socially distanced Megilla and play a funny game with the teachers!





# Purim Parking Lot Party:

On the day of Purim itself, families were invited to join an OUTDOOR Purim party in the parking lot. Every car was assigned a spot and received a special package with goodies and supplies needed for the party. A DJ on a huge stage in the parking lot, a Bingo game as well as a scavenger hunt made a great time to be had by all! The kids got really into the dancing outside, and were so grateful to have the opportunity to see others and celebrate Jewish holidays during a time like this!



## PURIM DJ DANCE PARTY!





# Passover:

Every child created a glass wine goblets for Elijah or a glass bowls for Charoset.



The students learned about Passover by acting out the story with costumes, playing 'Chametz/Matzah' freeze dance, and going on an 'Order of the Seder' scavenger hunt around the building! All supplies were provided to every teacher so that each class can enjoy the Passover stations individually.



## Charoset Iron Chef Competition!

Following the burning of the chametz on the morning of the Seder, children took part in a Junior Iron Chef competition including various charoset recipes. Teams were broken up into small groups and ingredients were placed in a basket in the center. At the end of the event, judges tasted a bit of Charoset from each team and winners were pronounced based on taste & appearance!

A promotional poster for the 'Junior Iron Chef Charoset Competition' at Solon Chabad. The poster features a young girl in a white chef's hat and apron, smiling and giving two thumbs up. She is standing behind a table with a large glass bowl of charoset and various fresh ingredients like lettuce, tomatoes, and onions. The text on the poster includes: 'Junior SOLON CHABAD IRON CHEF CHAROSET COMPETITION', 'FRIDAY, MARCH 26 10:00 - 11:00 AM OUTSIDE IN PAVILION', 'RSVP FOR TABLE WITH INGREDIENTS \$10 PER FAMILY', and 'BEGINNING WITH BURNING OF CHOMETZ'. At the bottom, it says 'OPEN TO ALL! SIGN UP AT WWW.SOLONCHABAD.COM BY WEDNESDAY'. There is a small Hebrew logo in the top right corner.

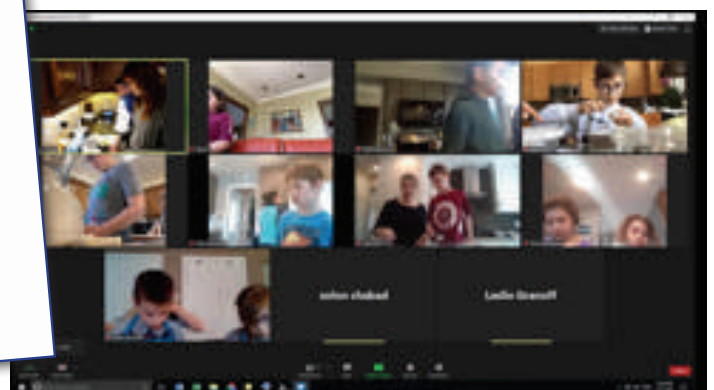


# Passover con't:



Parents of Kindergarten & First graders were invited to come in person as the students performed Passover songs for their parents and modeled the Seder for them.

A Virtual Passover Cooking Class was presented to learn some Kosher for Passover recipes. The ingredients were delivered ahead of time, and the kids made potato kugel, matzah ball soup and almond cookie bars!





# Lag Ba'omer:

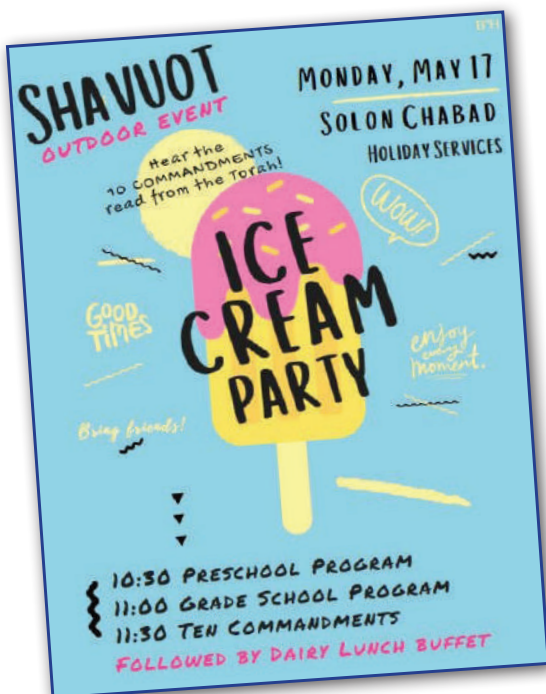
School activities including edible bonfires and virtual drawing classes, illustrating the story of Rabbi Akiva.

Lag Ba'omer was celebrated with an outdoor picnic with individualized food buffet and 150 people enjoyed meeting and seeing friends in person some for the first time since March!



# Shavuot:

Edible Mount Sinai and Ten Commandments games brought in the holiday of Shavuot with an actual Ice Cream Party on the holiday itself. An Outdoor kids program brought many Hebrew school families to learn about this often uncelebrated holiday.





# Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class



Parent child Bar/Bat Mitzvah series was held via zoom and 18 children and their parents attended a 6 week session to discuss the inner meaning of Bar/bat Mitzvah. The classes ended with a private Mikvah tour for each family.

# Siddur Party:

3rd graders received their own Siddur at the outdoor Siddur party, where parents helped them personalize their prayerbooks and watched them lead a mini service.





# Torah Ceremony:



1st grade families decorated Torah covers and had so much Nachas as their children went on stage to perform songs and receive their own little Torah.





# Torah Stories:

Torah stories come alive at Solon Chabad and Covid didn't hold us back. Children built Noah's ark, took water out of a "well," created a burning bush and knocked down Jericho's wall.





# Last Day:

Our last day celebration was exciting for all as we celebrated conquering the covid challenge without lessening our Jewish connections. Inflatable slide, cotton candy and a teacher vs student dodgeball game ensured wonderful memories that will remain forever.

