

# SOLON CHABAD HEBREW SCHOOL

## ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023



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At Solon Chabad Hebrew School, creative and hands on experiences are the norm rather than the exception.

In addition to any games, art, cooking that the teachers do in their regular class, the Family Educator supervises staff who prepare school-wide activities around twice a month as well as ready programs and activities for each class to use each week to enhance the learning, foster an excitement and love of Judaism and most of all, create positive memories of Hebrew School.

Enjoy this enclosed report on the activities from this school year. There are many more photos on our Hebrew School Facebook page where we post pictures after every Sunday and Wednesday.

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## SHOFAR

**GRADES: K-4**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 11**

Description: We kicked off the new year with Rosh Hashanah discussions and making mini Shofars to practice the 3 types of sounds, Tekiah, Shevarim and Teruah.



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## KOSHER FOOD PANTRY

**GRADE: 7**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 18**

Description: Our 7th graders went to the Kosher Food Pantry to prepare many Rosh Hashanah food packages with apples, honey, challah and more.



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## ROSH HASHANAH PREP

**GRADES: K - 6**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 18**

Description: The kids practiced blowing the shofar and blessing and eating the apples in honey, and learning all about the holiday. The 6th grade also baked honey cakes for all to enjoy.



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## SUKKAH DECORATING AT MONTEFIORE

**GRADE: 7**

**DATE: OCTOBER 2**

Description: 7th graders volunteered their time at Montefiore to decorate the Sukkah on their campus for the residents.



# TASHLICH FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

**GRADES: K - 6**

**DATE: OCTOBER 2**

Description: We invited all the families to join us for the Tashlich service, during Hebrew School.



# LULAV & ETROG & DANCING

**GRADES: K - 7**

**DATE: OCTOBER 9**

Description: The kids practiced the blessing on a real Lulav and Etrog, they did a Lulav and Etrog hunt to remember all the 4 kinds, and had a DJ Dance Party because on Sukkot its a mitzvah to be happy and dance!



# SUKKOT

**GRADES: K-6**

**DATE: OCTOBER 16**

Description: To learn the laws of a Sukkah, the kids visited a Sukkah and created an edible Sukkah for snack. During the visit, they practiced the blessing for eating in a Sukkah



# SUKKAH HISTORY

**GRADES: 3-7**

**DATE: OCTOBER 12**

Description: In trying to teach our students the origins of the Sukkah, we had each student build their own mini Sukkah, and then all classes "camped" in the format of the 12 tribes and had to march in the correct format. They set up their sukkah each time they "camped" just like the Jews in the desert.



# TORAH STORIES

**GRADE: 1**

**DATE: WEEKLY**

Description: The first graders learned Chumash Beraishet in a hands on manner. Every week they listened to the story of the Parsha, and then had a choice of how to review the material. They could dress up and act it out, or draw a picture of it, or build the scene with toys!



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# EXODUS PERFORMANCE

**GRADE: 2**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 20 & WEEKLY**

Description: The second graders covered Chumash Shemot. The first unit was taught through singing, dancing and acting. When they finished the Unit, they gave their parents a glimpse into the classroom. The next Unit was about building the Mishkan through STEM activities. The final Unit was about the giving of the Torah and taught through scavenger hunts.



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# HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR VISIT

**GRADES: 6 & 7, AND PARENTS**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 20**

Description: 6th and 7th grade had the privilege to meet a Holocaust survivor, Albert Hirsh, and hear his story first-hand.



## SHABBAT

**GRADE: KINDERGARTEN**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 20**

Description: The kindergarten completed their Chumash unit of the 6 days of Creation with a Shabbat party, complete with Challah braiding and then a Shabbat dinner... on Sunday!



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## BUILD A MENORAH

**GRADES: K-6**

**DATE: DECEMBER 4**

Description: Every year, we make sure each class builds a different Menorah to take home and use for Chanukah. The Menorahs are different and creative each year and it brings a renewed excitement for the holiday. They also receive a page of blessings and the students practice leading the lighting of their new Menorahs so they can lead the family with this mitzvah.



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## MALTZ MUSEUM FIELD TRIP

**GRADE: 7**

**DATE: DECEMBER 12**

Description: The 7th graders went on a field trip to the Maltz museum to learn about the Holocaust and Jewish life in Cleveland.



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## CHANUKAH PARENT PROGRAM

**GRADE: KINDERGARTEN**

**DATE: DECEMBER 18**

Description: Kindergarten parents joined their children for an event to show the parents all they learned about the holiday, and to play dreidel and sing Chanukah songs together, bridging the gap between home and school.



# CHANUKAH NURSING HOME VISIT

**GRADES: 7**

**DATE: DECEMBER 18**

7th graders went to the Solon Pointe Nursing Home to cheer up the residents with a Chanukah party. The Jewish residents there don't get many programs or visitors, so they were very grateful and it was a great learning experience for the students.



# SUPERJEW

**GRADES: K & 1**

**DATE: WEEKLY**

Description: Kindergarten and 1st Grade had a special curriculum geared for them, where they were SuperJews! Every week they learned about a different Jewish value, and added that sticker to their cape. They covered topics such as blessings on food, belief in G-d, Yetzer tov and yetzer hara, and many more Jewish values.



# TU B'SHVAT

**GRADES: K-7**

**DATE: FEB 5**

Description: Aside from learning about the holiday, each class made fruit kabobs, dipped them in chocolate, and played bingo to learn about the 7 fruits of the land of Israel!



# SYNAGOGUE REPLICAS

**GRADE: 3**

**DATE: FEB 22**

Description: The third graders learned about the important parts and objects in a synagogue, and created replicas of famous synagogues from around the world.



## HAVDALAH

**GRADES: 4-7**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 22**

Description: A visiting Rabbi from NYC did a Havdalah workshop and each child made a set with spices and all to take home and use on Saturday night. The kids also learned the Havdalah prayer and sang along with the guitar.



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## MEGILLAH

**GRADES: K-7**

**DATE: MARCH 5**

Description: The Rabbi read a portion of the Megillah in Hebrew, and the kids practiced listening out for Haman's name and shaking their graggers at the right time.



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## PURIM CARNIVAL

**GRADES: K-7**

**DATE: MARCH 5**

Description: Each booth at the carnival was a Purim learning experience, such as bowling, in the form of knocking down Haman's 10 sons. The kids fulfilled the Mitzvot of Purim by finding the pennies in the flour to put into Tzedakah, and assembling mishloach manot for their peers, etc.



# PASSOVER WALKTHROUGH EXPERIENCE

**GRADES: K-7**

**DATE: MARCH 12**

Description: Each class went to 6 stations to get the full exodus experience. The oldest classes led the stations, beginning with a pyramid building race, then finding baby Moses in the Nile, and continuing to the burning bush. They sped through the 10 plagues and left Egypt only to be chased by "Egyptians" into the Red Sea. The older kids did a phenomenal job running the stations and the rest of the school learned a lot and had a blast along the way.



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## MODEL SEDER & PASSOVER PROJECTS

**GRADES: K - 7**

**DATE: MARCH 19**

Description: We set up a model Seder and each class came to visit for a quick run through of all the steps of the Seder, including grape juice, matzah, the Ma Nishtana, and finding the afikoman. Every child decorated a glass for Elijah to take home and use at their Seder!



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## MA NISHTANA ICE CREAM CHALLENGE

**GRADES: 3 - 7**

**DATE: MARCH 22**

Description: The students practiced the Ma Nishtana at home and at school for a few weeks. On the last Wednesday before Passover, they were tested on fluency. Each question of the Ma Nishtana that they recited fluently was traded in for a scoop of ice cream or a topping!



Time to start practicing!

- Next Wednesday, March 22nd, we will have ice cream and toppings at Hebrew School!
- Earn ice cream by singing or reading the Ma Nishtana to your teacher, as many times as you can. (Must be fluent. No need to memorize.)
- Earn up to 5 tickets, based on how much you know! Each ticket earns you a scoop of ice cream or topping!



# PASSOVER DISHES

**GRADES: K-7**

**DATE: APRIL 2**

Description: All the kids made their own traditional charoset so they know how to make it for their own Seder at home too!

The kids also baked kosher for Passover Almond cookie bars, and the oldest kids made a real Passover dish - potato kugel!

The kids can now be confident contributors to their family's celebration at home!



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# COUNTING OF THE OMER

**GRADES: K-7**

**DATE: APRIL 16**

Description: Learned about Counting of Omer with Nerf gun challenge & More!

Younger grades went on an Omer Walk, following number signs from 1 to 50, and finding Mount Sinai at the end! Older classes learned the info with a giant matching game and then reviewed by racing to shoot a nerf gun at the correct number date they were asked about!



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# SIDDUR CELEBRATION

**GRADE: 3RD**

**DATE: APRIL 30**

Description: The 3rd graders were each presented with a brand new prayer book to keep, and showed their parents a sampling of the prayers they have mastered. They each learned the meaning of their Jewish names, and wrote them in the front cover of their Siddur.



# SHAVUOT

GRADES: K - 7

DATE: MAY 21

**Description: Ten Commandments Scavenger Hunt and Mount Sinai Snack!**

For snack, each child got ingredients to depict a cupcake Mount Sinai scene, complete with frosting grass, sprinkle flowers and graham cracker tablets.

For the last day of school, and in honor of Shavuot, we had a 10 Commandments Scavenger hunt around the entire campus. The older grades hid in 10 spots, each holding a sign of one of the ten commandments. Each child got a paper with the tablets and they were challenged to find each hiding spot, answer a question about that commandment, and then get their card stamped. It ended of the year on a fun note, and with interactive learning!



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# TORAH CEREMONY

GRADE: 1ST

DATE: MAY 7

Description: The 1st graders performed a sampling of the prayers and songs about Jewish knowledge that they learned throughout the year. This included the Aleph Bet, a song listing all the Jewish holidays, a song about the Abraham and Sarah, and more. They were each presented with a Torah to keep and treasure, and all the parents blessed them while they were under a Tallis.



# ALEPH CHAMP & HEBREW READING

GRADES: K - 7

DATE: WEEKLY

Description: Familiarity with the Hebrew letters begins in Kindergarten, and first graders enjoy weekly Alef Bet activities, games, manipulatives and cut outs. Starting from 2nd grade, each student gets to work with a private tutor using a Karate style color coded system to encourage and promote Hebrew reading fluently. The goal is to be a Black Alef!!



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## BAT MITZVAH CLUB

GRADES: 6 & 7

DATE: 6 WEEKS JAN - MARCH

A parent child Discovery course was taught to all 6th graders covering real life topics like Life Cycles, including Bris, Marriage, Shiva, Afterlife, as well as a Mikvah Tour. These conversations made becoming a Bar/bat mitzvah meaningful and real.

Parents loved the opportunity to learn alongside their children, and many begin coming to adult education or Family classes as a result

**Bar/Bat Mitzvah**  
DISCOVERY COURSE

Help your child to see how we learn why we celebrate a Bar/Bat Mitzvah and help keep our focus in the right place (before we get too busy with the party!)

Jan 22	Lesson 1	Introduction The REAL Bar/Bat Mitzvah & Mitzvah Projects
Jan 29	Lesson 2	Life Cycles - Part 1 Baby naming, Bris, Bar/Bat Mitzvah/Talit & Tefillin
Feb 5	Lesson 3	Life Cycles - Part 2 Jewish Marriage, Chupah, "Get"
Feb 12 or Feb 19	Lesson 4	Mikvah Tour - No group class Will schedule privately with one family at a time
Feb 26	Lesson 5	Life Cycles - Part 3 Jewish beliefs in death, mourning and afterlife
Mar 5	Lesson 6	Living Jewishly Jewish Calendar, Eishes & Challah baking

Classes are IN PERSON  
Sundays from 4:30 - 5:30 pm  
Fee: \$75 per family

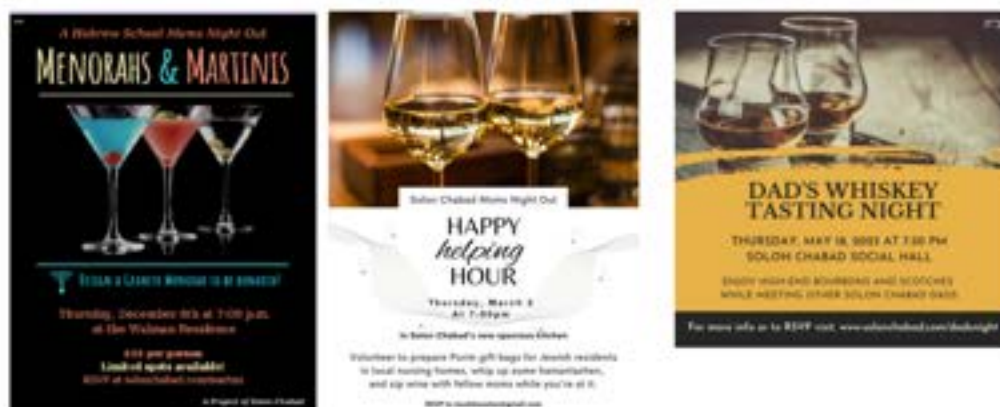
# FLYERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



## BRINGING FAMILIES TO SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES



## BRINGING FAMILIES TO CELEBRATE HOLIDAYS AS A COMMUNITY



## EVENTS FOR PARENTS TO CREATE COMMUNITY