

פרשת וישב

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Welcome Bobby...

Recently, we welcomed **Bobby** as the newest member of our Otsar Day Hab family. Bobby embraces us with his friendly wave and warm smile. This week, Bobby experienced our arts and crafts and kitchen activities. Then Bobby enjoyed a relaxing game of Jingo and another day of community outing. Bobby is pleased to be surrounded by many outgoing people at the day hab and is getting to know their personalities while socializing. We look forward to getting to know Bobby and are happy he has joined our wonderful program.

Chanukah Crafts with Hindy...

On Monday, we continued decorating our Chanukah holder boxes. Those that needed to finish coloring Chanukah pictures did so. We then took strips of ribbons and pasted it going around the middle of the box. To brighten up the ribbons, **Shoshana, Bobby, Eddie J** and others glued on thin beaded gold chains. In various places of the box, we pasted the Chanukah pictures. Next week, we will complete the look of the beautiful holder boxes by placing on nice ivory satin bows.

Neighborhood Walks...

One of the ways we keep our heart pumping and body energized is starting the day with a walk. This week, we did not let the cold air stop us as **Aidel, Pavol, Eddie J, Shoshana, Yelena** and **Yanky** zippered up their coats and put on their hats before venturing out in the neighborhood. The sun was shining brightly and their bodies warmed up pretty fast as they walked around the block. When they came back, they were feeling good and ready to begin.





Mailing...

A few days this week, we rotated groups to assist in a Chanukah mailing for a local organization. In one of the groups, Sara and **Adele** folded the papers while **Bracha** and **Lila** wrapped the papers in rubber bands. Lots more mailing will be done to reach two thousand letters going out into the communities.



Our Thanks to You...

We are very grateful to our weekly sites for giving us the opportunity to volunteer our time making other people happy. We show our appreciation by giving them sweet packages. Our very own participants, custom made the packages, filling them with delectable chocolates and candies. On Wednesday, we provided the group with the sweets. **Francine, Maria, Chayala** and **Roger** joined around the table putting the assortment of chocolate and candy into each compartment of the containers. We had a jolly good time laughing and forming discussions about who likes which candy that it made the work time more enjoyable. We completed the packages by tying a nice tulle ribbon into a bow and they were ready to be shipped out. Next week during Chanukah, our groups will distribute the packages to the volunteer sites.



In the Kitchen with Anat...

We met back in the kitchen on Tuesday geared up to cook and bake our finest dishes. Tuesday, our meat day, we were served Tovah's baked chicken bottoms. To add to the main dish, we baked carrot muffins, our enjoyable vegetable salad and a special edition... **Anat's** yummy vegetable soup. **Simcha Meyer, Lila, Peryl, Bruce, Mordy** and Yvette peeled many carrots and **Mildred** and **Harriet** with the help of their counselors, placed the carrots into the food processor for fine shredding. We then placed the carrots in the mixing bowl with sweet and wholesome ingredients to include, whole wheat flour, eggs, sweetener and a touch of cinnamon. The batter was mixed until no longer lumpy and then placed in muffin tins. Lots of good vegetables went into the soup such as carrots, sweet potato, zucchini and onions. Most of the delicious flavors





came straight from the vegetables and less from the spices. The great food went slowly down and warmed up our insides!!

Tuesday afternoon, another group made fluffy white chocolate chip cakes to be eaten during snack time. For lunch on Wednesday, we made baked ziti and fresh cucumber salad. **Bobby** and **Bracha** joined their friends, **Lila**, **Adele** and **Yvette** in mixing marinara sauce and shredded mozzarella cheese with the whole wheat pasta. Then they sliced really well many cucumbers for a juicy and tasty cucumber salad. A nice surprise was told to the group that they were baking Chanukah cookies!! How exciting were they to make the dough, roll it and shape them into menorahs and dreidels. The cookies will be saved for next week Chanukah events. In the afternoon, **Eshka**, **Lisette** and **Pavol** were some of us that assisted in preparing cheese sandwiches and vegetable sticks for our Thursday trip to the Toy Museum. We tip our hats to our wonderful chefs for a job well done!!!

Trip to the Toy Museum...

On Thursday, our day hab group went to the Toy Museum located in Fort Greene, Brooklyn. We enjoyed a series of short skits put on by the museum staff. The skits were about children playing with different toys. We learned that in the past, children played by themselves and eventually, toys brought children to play together. There were other skits about teddy bears, marionettes, dolls, fire trucks and various animals who learned to appreciate each other. **Yanky** said, "I loved the shows" and he said his favorite part was when they explained how teddy bears came to be in America and how the stuffed bears was named after **President (Theodore) Teddy Roosevelt**. **Lisette** and **Miriam** enjoyed the girl who was bored until **Queen Marlene** suggested having fun dancing. **Francine** liked the animal part of the skit where all the animals in the forest got along well. **Chayala** thought it was all just fantastic and amazing. We all agreed!!!

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