

פרשת דברים
July 28, 2017

Arts and Crafts...

Monday began a new week at OTSAR starting with our arts and craft activity. **Abie H.** took the challenge with **Hindy's** summer project and created a stress-free workplace in the craft room. We were told that the project could be messy; therefore we quickly covered up with plastic aprons and sleeves. Abie H introduced the project to be a personalized ice cream designed tote bag. Paper cut outs in the shape of ice cream on cones were given out. Three cut outs per person were positioned on the tote bags and taped down so as not to move. Many cups filled with paint and different sized paint brushes were placed in the center of the tables. We painted the ice cream cut outs with a rainbow of delicious colors. **Maria, Chayala, Adele** and **Francine** added extra special designs using rhinestones and sequins. On Wednesday, another arts and crafts group was formed for those that needed more time to complete the project. The bags were put aside to dry before sending home.

Paperclips...

One might ask what sort of topic such as paperclips can be written up as a highlight of the week. Well, here at Otsar day hab, paperclips are just no ordinary of-





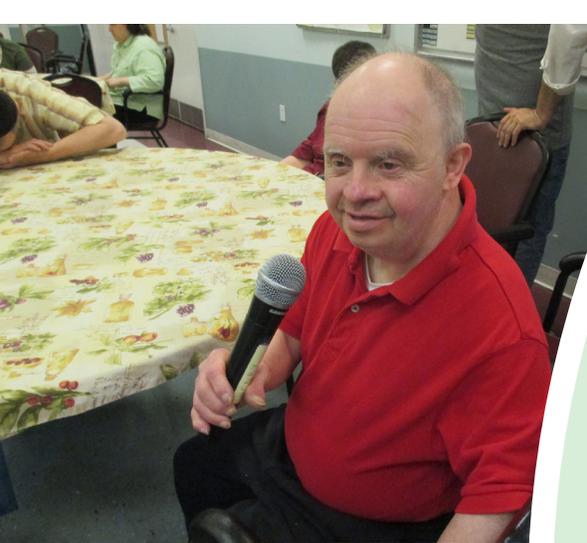
fice supply. Paperclips have meaning to participants who join the group assisting a local girls school. On Tuesday, **Lisette** and **Sara** worked side by side taking off many clips from the Visznitz school holiday charts and counting clips by one hundred per group. No need for calculators as the women's counting skills was put to practice. Each group of clips was kept separated and packaged in plastic bags ready to be used again by the students when the next holiday rolls around.

Gardening...

The warm, bright sun and the cool breeze made it a great week to rejuvenate our garden. We discovered that a few more staff is knowledgeable in horticulture (gardening) which made the reorganizing of the garden even better. **Pavol** was thrilled to join in shoveling out all the dirt from the pots and positioning the pots in different places of the backyard. **Lila** perked up when she heard that eventually we will plant new flowers and produce, therefore she wanted to be one of the first to help make the plants grow. Lila, like Pavol, worked through and helped mix the dirt pile. We will be tending to the garden area every week and look forward to seeing wonderful results!!!

Lessons learned...

At the library on Wednesday, the specialty group chose the movie called "Lion Guard" to view and discuss. **Bracha** enlightened the group



with many lessons learned from this animated clip. As Bracha described in many words, Simba the lion did not have a very positive relationship with one of the other animals of the jungle and often struggled to express himself the nicer way. But he was told, as a lesson for all, "Fighting is not the answer." Simba listened to these kind words bravely and used his words to tell others how he feels. Another scene that Bracha and her Otsar friends learned from was when an animal family came to a community in the jungle to steal from others. The family saw how nice the community was to each other and realized that they made a mistake. **Harold, Pavol, Yaakov** and **Eddie J** all agreed that stealing is never okay and to always be kind to others.

Cropsey Park...

Wednesday was the second day this week that the weather was amazingly cool and unusual for the summer. We took advantage of the weather change and scurried to Cropsey Park. **Gita, Mark W, Yvette, Aidel, Yaakov, Rena** strolled on the path and **Yelena, Eddie J, Eshka** and **Henry** sat in the shade. The group then came together for a fun time of ball throwing and reading time. We thrive to be outdoors and are happy when the weather agrees with us!!!

PLEASE NOTE: OTSAR DAY HAB WILL BE CLOSED TUESDAY,

AUGUST 1 FOR TISHA B'AV