

# newsletter

פרשת מקץ

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## Trip to SKA High School...

When we announced the latest development, cheers erupted. The participants anticipate this trip all year and Wednesday could not have come fast enough. The sun was glistening, matching our enthusiastic mood!

We loaded the buses in no time and trekked out to the SKA Girls School in Long Island for a Chanukah extravaganza. The girls greeted us with radiant faces and were just as excited as we were. We sat in a big room and started off with an I Spy game. Chocolate coins anyone? After

completing the game, we played a Chanukah Bingo game and all were thrilled when someone shouted, "BINGO". Just wait and see, there's more excitement coming! After the table games, the young ladies with the head

teacher led us to the dance floor. We sure danced up a storm. You could feel the energy coursing through your veins! We then ate a scrumptious lunch. The participants were overjoyed to receive a goody bag beautifully wrapped. We were sad to

leave but we know that we'll be seeing our friends again real soon. We thanked our hosts with tremendous gratitude for this memorable day. A special shout out to

Yafa Storch, SKA teachers and students for this unforgettable afternoon!!



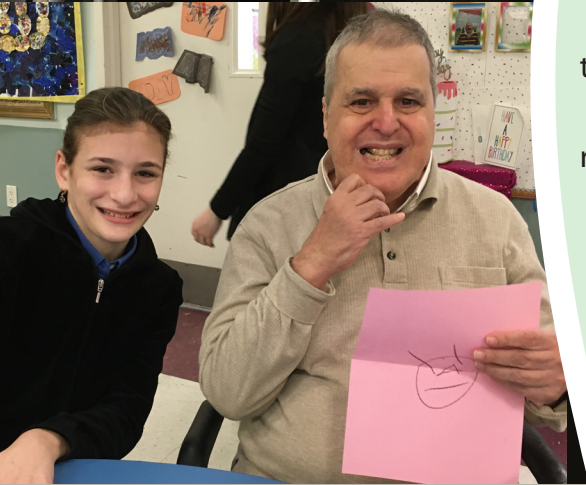


## Menorah Lighting..

Every day this week, we had a special candle lighting of the Menorah. **Marc** and **Eshka** were some that honored us with the brachos in a booming voice. **Roger** sang a rendition of Maoz Tzur. One by one, the candles were lit and burned bright on our tall, silver Menorah. We sang Chanukah tunes in melodious harmony. The participants felt the warmth of the glowing candles throughout Day Hab. In honor of this beloved Yom Tov, we were served sizzling doughnuts, mouthwatering latkes and other delicacies, ala' Otsar style. Whichever way we "spin" it, Otsar Day Hab is packed with non-stop adventures!!

## Gifts Galore..

If you thought we had enough fun for the week, then you were mistaken! Tuesday brought along a day filled with gift giving, cheering and dancing. Mareyle entered our Day Hab with a radiant smile, excited to be back. She treated the participants with a fabulous gift. The excitement started to mount as Maryele went over to each participant personally and handed over the gift. **Sara** peeked inside and was delighted to see Chanukah velvet art. Festive music was heard over the speakers. We took the cue and started dancing, hand in hand, joined by Mareyle. We were then blown off our feet when we received yet another gift: donuts! The participants felt like a million dollars, hearts warmed by this kind



woman. We thanked Mareyle profusely. We can't wait to take home our gifts!!

### Visit with Ne'emas Bais Yaakov..

On Wednesday, we were excited to welcome a group of students from Ne'emas Bais Yaakov. They came to us back in March and we were thrilled to have them once again. The students prepared several table games and rotated it so that everyone got to experience the magic. **Gita** was spotted playing pass the present. Over on the other side of the room, **Richie** played a game with right and left. The student read a story with the words right and left in it. "Joe arrived *right* on time" meant we passed our cards to the participant on the right side. Another table was immersed in the classic game of pennies and a dreidel spinner. **Peryl** landed on *Hei* and received half the pennies in the center. The participants had a blast playing these interactive games and bonding with the students. We ended off the day with dancing and a group photo. Those smiles were fast in coming. As always, we never let our guests leave empty-handed. **Francine** gave out chocolate bars to each student on their way out. On the bar, there was a sticker that read: Ne'emas Bais Yaakov and Otsar Day Hab "Klik In" place. Shout out to our dedicated staff for making this Chanukah come alive each and every day!!

# Otsar Chanukah Events!

