

פרשת תולדות

November 17, 2017

Mock Wedding...

MAZAL TOV!!! The (mock) wedding of the year happened right here at Otsar Day Hab. The Kallah, **Lila** adorned in a fluffy white gown and sparkling head piece sat next to handsome **Yaakov** the chosson at the Bedekin.

Francine and **Eddie J** sat as the parents of the chosson and on the other side of **Lila**, sat **Lisette** and **Bruce**. All the guests arrived in their pretty dresses and fine suits. One by one they came to say hello to the chosson and kallah. Music played by none other than **DJ Mr. Levy**

who entertained us once again with his fantastic tunes. The chuppah was set up in the arts and crafts room and men and women sat on opposite sides. Slow music played while in walked **Yaakov** with **Eddie J** and **Francine**. **Roger** wowed us with his chazzan like sounds as he sang a welcome song. **Mordy** did a great job holding up the chuppah poles with **Pavol**.

In walked the flower girls **Rena** and **Yvette** sprinkling custom made flower petals from their flower baskets. And then the kallah arrived. **Lila** with **Bruce** and **Lisette** at her side made their way under the chuppah drapes. Mazal Tov again!!! We all went back into the main room for lots of dancing. All different shtick was done for **Lila** and **Yaakov** as they sat in the middle of the room. We waved a huge circle skirt with balloons on it as Lila and Yaakov tried popping the balloons as they floated in the air. **Yossi** especially enjoyed the air movements as he worked extra hard to wave the fabric extra strong to make the balloons go extra high! **Bracha** reveled in watching as her balloons danced around and didn't pop so easily. Once all the balloons popped, **Simcha Meyer** grabbed a broom and swept up the pieces. **Hindy** then brought out a huge box of musical instruments. We made different patterns of dancing while using the instruments to beat along with the music. As the party started winding down, staff rolled out a Vienesse table filled with lots of





delicacies. At the center, a magnificent wedding cake stood on a high pedestal surrounded by sweet miniatures to include graham cracker brittles and cupcakes as well as mouthwatering fruit cups. While we were enjoyed the miniatures, **Abie H** sang a Grammin (poetry song) that **Yanky, Fran, Mordy,** and **Eddie J.** made up in honor of the wedding. It was really done well! Thank you **Hindy** for always making sure that we have an amazing time and thank you **Mr. Levi** for the excellent DJ music!

Looking forward for next year's mock wedding!



Friendly Visiting...

Tuesday afternoon, we welcomed women from the Sephardic community who came to shower us with a pleasant time. This Hessed Day was arranged by **Elissa Menaged** from the Sephardic Bikur Cholim. The women needed no introduction as they made their way comfortably seated at our tables and got the conversations going. We all agreed on a Bingo-like game as a fun and interactive entertainment. Numbers were called out as we scanned our game board and lots of rows were covered with pieces. Many of us called out completed rows and we kept saying "Let's continue to play." A few more rounds went on until lively music was cranked up, tables pushed to the side and we moved our feet to the dance floor. Of course we showed the women how our body shook to the beets and they followed our lead. We had a blast with our new friends and we asked them to come again real soon. Elissa has been in contact with us quite often arranging various schools and groups to meet with us. We were thrilled when she came along with this wonderful group of women. Thank you Sephardic Bikur Cholim for always leaving us with a long lasting impression.



Beading...

This week, **Maria** was at the beading board again, beading a bracelet. Maria with her fine steady hands held the delicate and small Swarovski pearls and threaded the pearls one by one on the string. Maria has from time to time reminded us and voiced her interest in the





field of beading. Therefore, this has become her project. Eventually, Maria will have the company of other peers at Otsar who may spark the same interest. In the meantime, Maria brushed up on her fine gross motors and skillfully created a complete bracelet. The bracelet resembles those that are sold at high cost in various stores in the community. Maria ended the afternoon feeling proud and accomplished.

Kitchen...

Busy, busy, busy in the kitchen we are week after week baking our most favorite dishes or **Anat** surprises us with new recipes. This week, we hustled in to the kitchen excited to make a broccoli kugel to go with turkey slices and brown rice. **Simcha Meyer, Yvette, Lisette, Lila, Mordy** and **Bruce** were some of us gearing up in our kitchen uniforms ready to cook. They softened and mashed the broccoli, cracked, checked, added and whipped the eggs with spices and poured the batter into many tins for a good baking. The broccoli kugels came out with a tint of brown around the edges of the broccoli, soft and delicious. Tuesday afternoon, we gave another group a chance to bake a sponge cake. Again there was checking and whipping of eggs going on in our large mixing bowls combined with whole wheat flour and more wholesome ingredients. The cake was served for snack time and boy, how soft and scrumptious they were. On Wednesday, ingredients were located to make homemade pizza. **Mildred, Lisette, Mordy, Simcha Meyer,** and **Peryl** placed whole wheat flour, eggs, yeast and healthy oil in the large mixing bowl and they took turns kneading the dough. The dough was put aside to rise while cucumbers were peeled and diced along with tomatoes and spiced for a refreshing salad. When the dough was ready, the group spread the dough into pans, added luscious marinara sauce and some pizzas were given vegetable toppings. The aroma of the pizza baking filled the day hab and we waited patiently for lunch to be served. In the afternoon, another group prepared egg salad sandwiches and veggie sticks for their Thursday trip to the Green Acres mall. Looking forward to next week activities in the kitchen!!!



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