

פרשת אמור

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Shavuot Project...

On Monday, we continued beautifying our flower project for Shavuot.

We rolled some more dark colored papers to look like long green stems.

Adele, Yvette and **Mordy** were some that chose artificial flowers to add to the project with the already custom-made flowers in place. We secured all the flowers and stems onto the marble stone looking base and the centerpieces were done. We were able to take home the arts and crafts projects at the end of the week.



Reading Comprehension...

Our recent reading comprehension group met and delved into a few articles of their interest. **Bracha, Francine, Chayala, Roger** and **Lisette** agreed on the first article titled, "How Do People Breathe". We discovered from the reading that air moves in and out of our lungs 25 times every minute. We breathe to take in the good fresh air and breathe out the "used" air. Our bodies need a gas called oxygen, therefore, by breathing, our lungs take in the good gas and breathe out the bad gas called carbon dioxide. The group answered the questions well and really felt they learned a lot. In addition, we filled in the blanks in sentences regarding how robots are helpful to scientists. Robots also help people learn about important things and service people in everyday life.

Medical Supply...

On Tuesday, **Pavol, Miriam, Eddie J** and **Bracha** headed to Wound Healing Company to package medical supplies. As usual, three items are placed in the bag and our group sat around the conference table, in position to take on their tasks.

Miriam separated the bags one by one and handed each one to **Pavol**. In turn,



Pavol put one medical item in the bag and passed the bag onto **Bracha**. Then Bracha did the same to **Eddie J**. All the bags were complete and our group did an excellent job working as a team!!

Visit With Yeshiva Of Flatbush...

Tuesday came and the sun peaked its yellow head out from under the clouds. The sun kept shining well into the afternoon at the same time that one by one Yeshiva of Flatbush students walked in to our day hab center. This week was Hessed week for their school and **Elissa Menaged** from the Sephardic Bikur Cholim arranged for these pleasant young individuals to mingle with us for an afternoon of crafts. We were greeted with warm smiles and friendly words and we were happy to have the students sit at our tables. The students came with large popsicle sticks and an idea was formed to make bon fires out of the sticks in honor of Lag B'Omer. Lots of different colored crayons and markers were scattered throughout the table and glue was placed on the tables as well. We started by choosing crayons and while the coloring went on so did the conversations flow. We got to know the students and the students felt at ease. After coloring, we put glue on the back centered of each popsicle and piled them diagonally on top of each one making the sticks look like fire. When the craft was done, we gathered together to take a group picture and then thanked the students for coming by. Thank you Elissa for taking time and always having Otsar in mind!!



Clips...

Once a year, we volunteer our time to assist the Visnitz Girls School from Brooklyn in sorting paper clips used for holiday projects. The paperclips were sent to us recently and we were happy to help out. This week, **Maria** and **Adele** put there number skills to use and counted out the paper clips sorting one hundred clips per group. Then they both worked together to collect the clips and package them in small zippered plastic bags. Another shipment of paperclips may come in and will be available to continue giving our time for the wonderful school.





Community Outing...

On Wednesday morning, **Yanky, Yaakov, Sara, Pavol, Aidel, Bracha, Harold, Sasha, Marc S** and **Eddie J** ventured on a community outing to the historic Brighton Beach area in Brooklyn. Brighton Beach is known for its high population of Russian-speaking immigrants and many other Brooklyn residents come during the warm days for some fun in the sun at the beach. We toured mostly on the bus learning about the different neighborhood landmarks in Brighton Beach. Our staff person, **Shalom** as well as **Harold** were very familiar with the neighborhood and added to what was already being discussed. We learned that before the 1860's, Brighton Beach was all farmlands. Until a man by the name of **William Engeman**, built a property and named it "Brighton Beach". Harold talked about his aunt that he used to visit who lived in a hi-rise apartment building in Brighton Beach. Shalom pointed out where his grandfather was a Rabbi of a shul and also the place that Shalom grew up in. We also noticed a large Menorah situated on the main street of Brighton Beach. When it is Chanukah time, the Menorah is lit brightly for all to see. Our van parked and we went off to take a stroll on the boardwalk. Some of us suggested when the weather turns warmer to sit on the sand and dip our feet into the water. Whatever the weather, we always have a good time together!!!

Birthday Celebrations...

Anat and our wonderful kitchen helpers prepared a deliciously decorated chocolate sprinkle cake in honor of the birthday festivities. On Tuesday afternoon, we started off with a round of singing and invited **Judi B, Bracha, Marc S** and **Miriam** to come up to the front as their birthdays are in this month of May. When the birthday people were in the spotlight, we burst out in harmony singing "Happy Birthday to you..." As we sang, the birthday group held the cake with their faces beaming with smiles. We wished them many years of happiness and then we each got a piece of cake. We look forward sharing in many more happy occasions.