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# מה חדש Ma Chadash?

A newsletter from Talmud Torah to the parents & students

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## Talmud Torah's Scholastic Book Fair is Coming – March 14-21 Help Us Raise Money for the Library

Talmud Torah and the Heilicher Minneapolis Jewish Day School will hold a joint Scholastic Book Fair in the library beginning on Sunday, March 14, and running through Friday, March 21, to update our book and DVD collections. This is the largest Book Fair Scholastic offers, so book selections may be more diverse than those at the Book Fairs in your children's secular schools. Books will be available for all ages from preschool through high school and adults--at Scholastic's discounted, tax-free prices. 25% of all money collected will go to the library.

### Join Us for "Bagels & Books" on Sunday, March 14! Talmud Torah Class Preview Day

On Sunday, March 14, when parents drop off or pick up students, they can stop across from the library for bagels and coffee. Then come on into the Book Fair! You can browse and enter your student in a contest drawing (see attached flyer for information). Talmud Torah classes that meet on Sundays will visit the Book Fair that day. Join your student's class in the library, if you like. Students may buy books or write down a Wish List of books they would like to purchase.

### Volunteers Needed!

Please contact librarian Cathi Oskow by phone or e-mail [coskow@mjds.net](mailto:coskow@mjds.net) if you would like to help out at the Book Fair during any Talmud Torah hours the week of the Book Fair. Help is also needed for the Books and Bagels event.

## Talmud Torah Students and Staff Get into the Spirit of Purim

Everyone at the Talmud Torah definitely got into the spirit of this joyous holiday. At our all-school assembly, classes creatively performed a variety of Purim songs, exhibiting their understanding of this holiday and its true spirit. Whether they sang in Hebrew or in English, performed traditional or non traditional songs, the students clearly knew that Purim was a time to celebrate and let off some steam. Several classes even wrote their own Purim songs! Parents who attended were impressed by the high level of participation and the *ruach* (spirit) exhibited by the student and staff.

The faculty entertained the student body with a rendition of the Purim story which included all the characters and many parodies of well known songs.

It was wonderful seeing so many of our students in costumes, adding to the spirit of Purim. When asked questions about the holiday, it was obvious that all of our students had learned so much in their classes.



We are so proud of all our *Mekhina-Dalet* students who participated in these celebrations.



### **Mekhina Students Go on an AlefBet Field Trip**

*Mekhina* students visited the beautiful art exhibit, *Dreams & Variations of the Hebrew Letters*, by Gloria Cooper that decorated the halls of the Sabes Jewish Community Center. Students looked at the paintings and read the artist's explanation. They each selected their favorite painting, shared what touched them and why it was special. The field trip was enjoyed by all!



### **CIS Hebrew 1001 Students Make Edible Israel!**

Learning the geography of Israel took on a new meaning with *Edible Israel*. Students were divided into small groups to decide how to make the map of Israel using food that eventually would be eaten. After assigning jobs such as making the base, buying candy for the cities, gummy fish for the bodies of water, etc, they began building their edible Israel. They were given a key with all the items to be put on the map. They learned the bodies of water, neighboring countries, regions and various cities by studying each edible Israel. After rotating from the pizza box map to the brownie map to the pretzel map, the students enjoyed eating their *Edible Israel*.

Questions or comments regarding the **Ma Chadash**? Email them to [schalom@talmudtorahmpls.org](mailto:schalom@talmudtorahmpls.org)

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