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A monthly glimpse into the tents of Educational Institute Oholei Torah



"Oholei Torah" is akin to the term "dwelling in tents," referring to the "tent of Shem and the tent of Ever." Sichas Shabbos Kodesh Bamidbar 5742

"אהלי תורה" איז ע"ד הלשוו "יושב אהלים". וואס דאס גייט דאך אויף ״אהלו של שם ואהלו של ערר." שיחת ש״ק במדבר תשמ״ב



Featured

Kindergarten-East Flatbush

Mrs. Faige Winner, Principal

Mrs. Devori Schwei, Educational Director

- 9 classes
- 24 staff
- 139 students
- 6 support staff.

MAZAL TOV!

Baby Boy

Rabbi & Mrs. Mendel Teleshevsky Rabbi & Mrs. Mendel Schtroks

Bar Mitzvah

Engagemenrt

Rabbi & Mrs. Hurowitz Rabbi & Mrs. Fischer

Rabbi & Mrs. Shain

Ms. Rivky Spielman



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Grade 8 | Grade<u>s 5-7</u> Grades 3-4 | Grades Pre1A-2

Library KINDERGARTEN

Crown Heights | East Flatbush

ADMINISTRATION OFFICES

Development Office | Financial Office Registration Office

YOUNG JEWISH LEADERS YESHIVAS KAYITZ PROGRAM **OHOLEI MENACHEM DAY CAMP REB MICHOEL'S MINYAN MANAGEMENT**

Transportation | Building Management Operations | Kitchen | Maintenance

> **PTA BALLROOM** RECREATION CENTER

Kindergarten

East Flatbush

Around ten years ago, a fire burned through the East Flatbush campus that houses the Oholei Torah Kindergarten. The boys relocated temporarily during construction, first to the 667 Eastern Parkway campus for a day and then to Ocean Parkway.

Construction was expedited and within a few months the building was rebuilt, beautifully and intuitively. Kid-friendly in all aspects, from the color palette to the plush materials, the renovated Kindergarten campus makes for a warm and friendly environment.

Young boys are most impressionable. Time and again the Rebbe speaks about the importance of educating our children from day one. And the younger they are the more pure and more impressionable.

Here are a selection of Kindergarten highlights from the past few months:

Asara b'Teves

For Asara b'Teves, two Kindergarten classes made a beautiful large model of the Beis Hamikdash. The Asara b'Teves came alive in the vibrant and imaginative minds of our young students, resulting in a hand-on project.

Hei Teves

When a child is inculcated with a passion for Seforim, his entire life will aspire to uncovering the teachings within its holy pages. Hey Teves, Didan Notzach, is the day the Rebbe and his Chassidim celebrate the holy library of Chabad Lubavitch, and the eternal teachings that were shared and published with Mesiras Nefesh. Oholei Torah Kindergarten ran nine special programs, one for each class, to celebrate Hei Teves and share with our boys what Didan Notzach is all about.









The Kindergarten Director, Mrs. Winner, distributes various objects to help stenghten the students' connection to the Rebbe and Chassidus. This custom is founded upon the inspiration she learned from her mentors, especially the legendary leader of Oholei Torah, Reb Michoel Teitelbaum. On Hei Teves, Mrs. Winner gave the boys a beautiful book on Hiskashrus to the rebbe. It is one way a Chassidishe aura saturates the halls, classrooms, and the entire Kindergarten building.

Yud Tes Kisley

On Yud Tes Kislev, Mrs. Winner brought a Tanya she personally received from the Rebbe for all the boys to see and hold. The students, who all study Tanya in class with their teachers, were very excited to celebrate Rosh Hashanah la'Chassidus, the day that Tanya was revealed for all the world to learn and grow.

Each boy also received a Yud Beis Pesukim book as a prize.

Chanukah

On Chanukah, when the lights shine bright, our lights, our *kinderlach*, put on a beautiful performance.

Mrs. Winner, infused with the Hashkafa that she learnt from her mentors, Reb Michoel and Rebbetzin. Teitelbaum, inspires all of the teachers to do the same.

Rebbetzin Teitelbaum spent a lot of time in the same office as Mrs. Winner. She once conveyed to her that to be a teacher you need one thing: LOVE!

The following story demonstrates it beautifully:

Every year, on the 5th Lichtel of Chanukah, Reb Michoel would give all the students Chanukah Gelt. One year, Mrs. Winner gave

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Rebbetzin Teitelbaum chocolate coins to distribute to the boys after Reb Michoel handed out the money. In the middle of giving out the real Gelt, Reb Michoel asked that they stop giving the chocolate coins, saying that the chocolate "takes away from the chashivos of the Chanukah gelt."

A critical thing Mrs. Winner learned over the years is that if you believe in what you do you will see success.

A principal gets strength from her mentors. She is then able to give it over to her staff, who in turn give it over to the boys.

Highlights

The permits for building a new playground on the roof were delayed. When faced by a challenge, a Chossid takes the Lechatchila Ariber approach. All the playground equipment was purchased and delivered, making a *keli* for Hashem to fill. Shortly thereafter, the permits came through.

On Chof Teves, the Rambam's yahrtzeit, Dr. Feldman A"H would come to teach the boys about medicine, showcasing various medical equipment to demonstrate the powers of healing. He would listen to the children's heartbeat with a stethoscope and tell them that they have a lev tov, and give them stickers. This year, IY"H a Hatzalah volunteer will bring an ambulance for the students to explore.

Everything the boys learn we want them to bring to life. The teachers live with everything they teach and, as a result, so do the boys.

When the children live it, they are happy. And then they are happy, so are the parents, the families, the community, the world, and Hashem!











