

JFS Highlights

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**Welcome back. We hope you enjoyed
your mid-winter vacation.**

Early Learning Center



We were so happy to welcome back the Toddlers and excited to welcome our new student, Noah. We are learning all about *Tu B'shvat* through songs and projects.

Homemade lemonade and yummy licorice were the treats that Nursery enjoyed in honor of their letter of the week, *L*. Using flashlights to learn about Groundhog Day and shadows was so much fun.

In honor of *Shabbat Shira*, Nursery children made bird feeders out of rice cakes, marshmallow fluff and bird seeds.



Kindergarten children started on the second part of our *aleph bet* letter book. We are also completing our “snowmen” books and were so proud to learn so many new Hebrew words. Edible birds’ nests were made out of Chinese noodles, chocolate and jelly beans in honor of *Shabbat Shira*.

In English class we made winter trees. The children painted their arms brown and printed them on paper to make tree trunks and decorated the branches of the tree with “snow”.



Primer children enjoyed playing their new *Aleph bet* games. In Hebrew literature they are reading books from the Kaspion series. They finished off the week making bird feeders in honor of *Shabbat Shira*.

Groundhog Day was the topic of the week in English class, and the children enjoyed tracing shadows. They are also discussing dental health in conjunction with February’s “Dental Health Month”.



JFS School Bus



We are so pleased that JFS has been awarded a school bus from *Agudat Israel* of America. This bus will be used primarily to transport our New Jersey students to and from school. We are also looking forward to using this bus for future class trips.

Fourth Grade Chocolate party



Our fourth grade class really enjoyed reading Chocolate Fever by Robert Kimmel Smith. The main character, Henry Green, loves eating chocolate. After they read the book, the students enjoyed a delicious chocolate party where they indulged in all kinds of chocolate treats. A “sweet” time was had by all!

Alumni News



We are always so happy to share good news about our alumni who have reached important milestones in their lives. Yoni Lebowitz ('05) was recently inducted into the paratrooper unit of the Israeli army. At JFS we work hard to teach and share with our students a love and pride for *Eretz Yisrael*, and we admire and are so proud of Yoni. May Yoni continue to be a source of *Nachat* to his parents, Daryl and Paul Lebowitz , their entire family, and to *Klal Israel!*

JFS Dinner

The annual Jewish Foundation School dinner will take place on Sunday, March 11, 2012 at the Young Israel of Staten Island. We are pleased to inform you that Amy and Stuart Bierig and Ira and Cheri Gidon will be this year's Guests of Honor. We hope our entire parent body will join us at this important event.

Stop and Shop School Rewards Program



From now through March 29, 2012, we will have the opportunity to earn cash for JFS through the “Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards Program.” All you have to do is log on to www.stopandshop.com/aplus and register your Stop & Shop card. You may also call 1-877-275-2758 to register your Stop & Shop card over the phone. After you register, each time you use your Stop & Shop card our school will earn cash. Please be sure to use **ID#18032** when you sign up. In addition, please encourage your friends and family to register their cards as well. Your participation in this program is greatly appreciated and will benefit all of our students.

PTA News

All Pesach chocolate orders are due by February 17th. Please support our school by purchasing at least one box of chocolate. Thank you for your constant cooperation!

By now you should have received your Purim *Mishloach Manot* order forms. We are very excited about this year's package and we are sure you will love it! Please send in your orders by Friday, February 17th to take advantage of the lower price. The final deadline is Thursday, February 23rd. We also offer a much lower price for packages to staff members, and this reduced price can be used to send *Mishloach Manot* to your children's teachers. This year we are also starting something new. We will now be offering *Mishloach Manot* for you to purchase for friends and family members off Staten Island, for \$25 each. Please call Malkie Goldzal to place an order, at (917)566-5057. We also offer Purim cards that we mail for you to anyone outside of Staten Island. Please read our mailing carefully for all the details!

PTA needs your help packing and delivering our packages to Staten Island residents. If you would like to volunteer please call Rachel Burack at (718)938-4696. We will be packing the *Mishloach Manot* on Sunday, February 26th. We hope you can help us!

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Parsha Corner



Parshat Beshalach **By: Shye Leykin 6B**

In this week's *Parsha, Beshalach*, we learn about the pillar of fire and the clouds of glory that followed *B'nei Yisrael* in the desert. The Jews were supposed to take a short road but *Hashem* took them on a much longer route. If they went on the first road, they might have seen a scary sight that might have made them turn back. Moshe did not know which road to go on so *Hashem* sent a cloud to guide them during the day. For the night, *Bnei Yisrael* needed help to see in the darkness, so *Hashem* sent a pillar of fire to light their way. Just like the Jews put their trust in *Hashem* to guide them during the day and night, so too, we have to trust in *Hashem* to guide us at all times and to be a part of every aspect of our lives.

JFS Jottings

Second Grade Chumash Party: Thursday, February 16, 2012
9:30AM at the Main Center.

JFS Dinner: Sunday, March 11, 2012 at the Young Israel of Staten Island

Science Fair: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 - Grades 4-8
7:00-8:00PM

Parade Paint-A-Thon: Motzei Shabbat, March 10, 8:15PM, at the Main Center

Parshat Beshalach

Candle Lighting Time – 4:58

Shabbat Shalom

