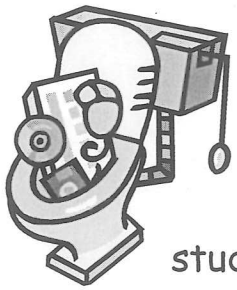

A Word on Toilet Training

First, be assured, we don't know of any high school students who went to Adas Israel's Gan Hayeled that are still wearing diapers. So, we may safely assume that between now and high school your child will be "trained."

If you are relaxed about the "training", your child will be too.

At school, we will take each child to the bathroom just to "look." We will see the sinks, turn on the water, turn off the water, find the paper towels and find the toilets.

We will explain that the toilets are used by school children when they are ready. If they like, they will be placed fully clothed on the seat and held firmly – just to see what it's like. We will flush and hear the loud noise and talk about how scary it may look and sound. The visit will be a low key and gentle introduction to the "big time."

Invitations will be extended later to those who are ready, maybe even to accompany a schoolmate already "trained." This will be a matter-of-fact visit with casual conversation and compliments on the "big girl/boy underpants." This visit is usually the clincher.

We trust that you will keep us informed as to your child's readiness and any progress at home

We believe that the key phrase is: when they are ready. We don't mind changing diapers at school and are quite willing to do so until your child is ready to use the toilet.