



# "Chodesh Iyar"

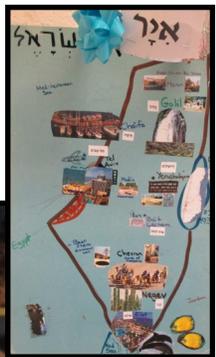
On Monday, the entire Early Childhood family gathered together to celebrate Rosh Chodesh Iyar. As the children entered the playroom, Morah was singing, "B'Chodesh Iyar, B'yom Hachamishi...." The children watched as Morah sang and waved the Israeli flag over their heads. Morah welcomed the children one class at a time and then the assembly began.



# "Yom Huledet Sameach!"

Happy Birthday to our Iyar birthday children and Eretz Yisrael!  
We even clapped for Eretz Yisrael!

Watch at: <https://youtu.be/2Q7Zvz9D170> <https://youtu.be/YJbLJEjBR7o>



Dancing & Birthday Claps



We had three special guest at our assembly, three ASHAR graduates who are now interning in our school. They helped hold our Chodesh cards and were a nice addition to our celebration.



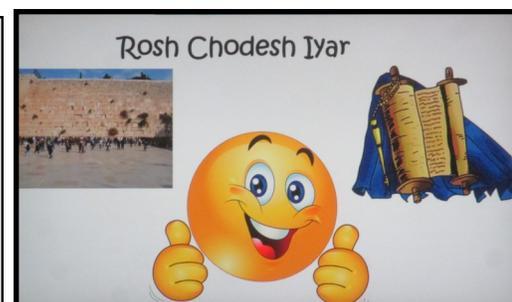
We sang goodbye to Nissan and hello to Iyar! We noticed that Iyar's Chodesh card had different holiday pictures on it. We knew that Israel's birthday was coming on the 5th day of Iyar and then Morah had us re-sing our Chodesh song to figure out the other holiday that comes in Iyar. "Nissan has the Seders, Lag Ba'omer's in Iyar." We then learned a little about each Chag.

We watched and sang the Hatikvah and learned about Rabbi Akiva and Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai.

Watch at: <https://youtu.be/GeQ72YjyKqg>



We are so happy about our two upcoming happy holidays in Iyar!  
We learned our new Mitzvah, "V'havta L'raecha Kamocho" and received a sticker as we left the room.





# "Yom Ha'atzmaut"

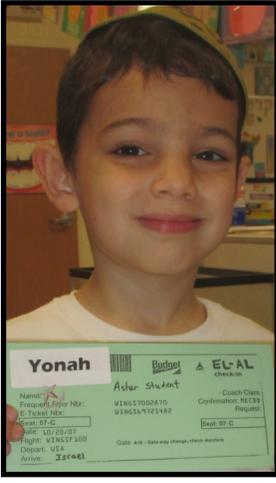
On Thursday, in honor of Yom Ha'atzmaut, the entire Early Childhood family took a pretend trip to Eretz Yisrael. After learning so much about Eretz Yisrael, the children arrived in school excited and ready for this day. We took off on an El Al airplane, with passports and luggage in hand. We landed in Eretz Yisrael and watched the Israeli flag wave high in the sky.



We then went to daven at the Kotel and visit many special places in our Holy Land. We had a blast experiencing different activities all over Israel and truly love the special land that Hashem gave us. Here are some pictures from our special trip.

**Passports, tickets, security and more!**

**It was a true airport experience!**



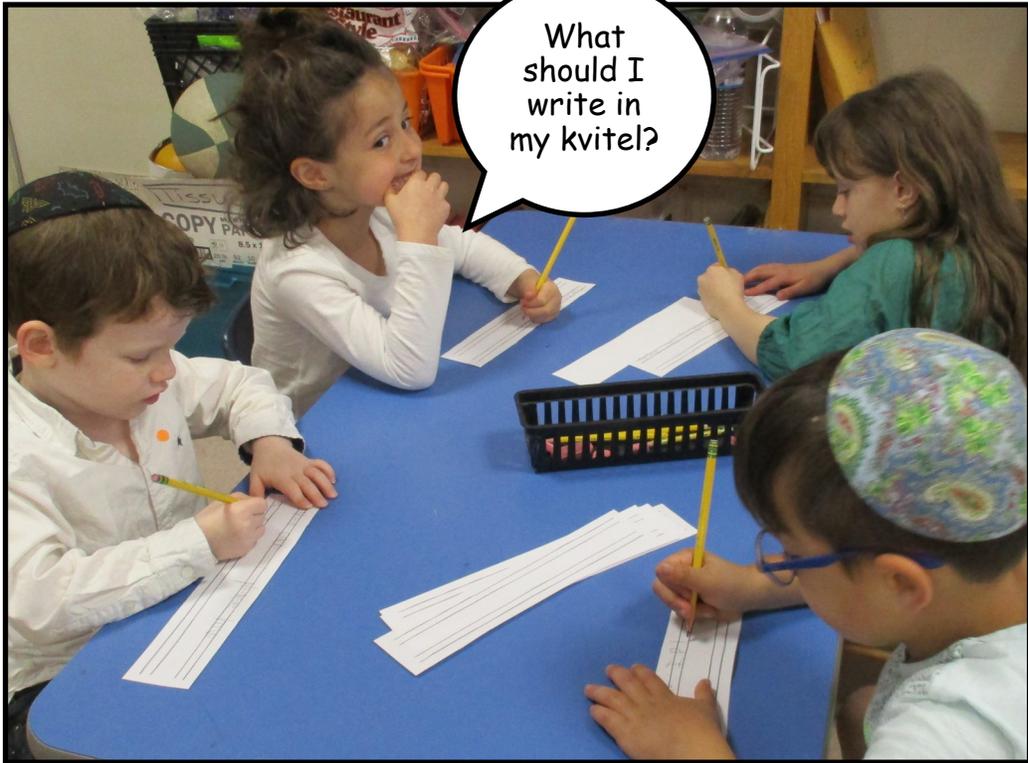
## THE AIRPLANE

**Flight attendants, in flight snacks, movies and more!**

**Watch at:**





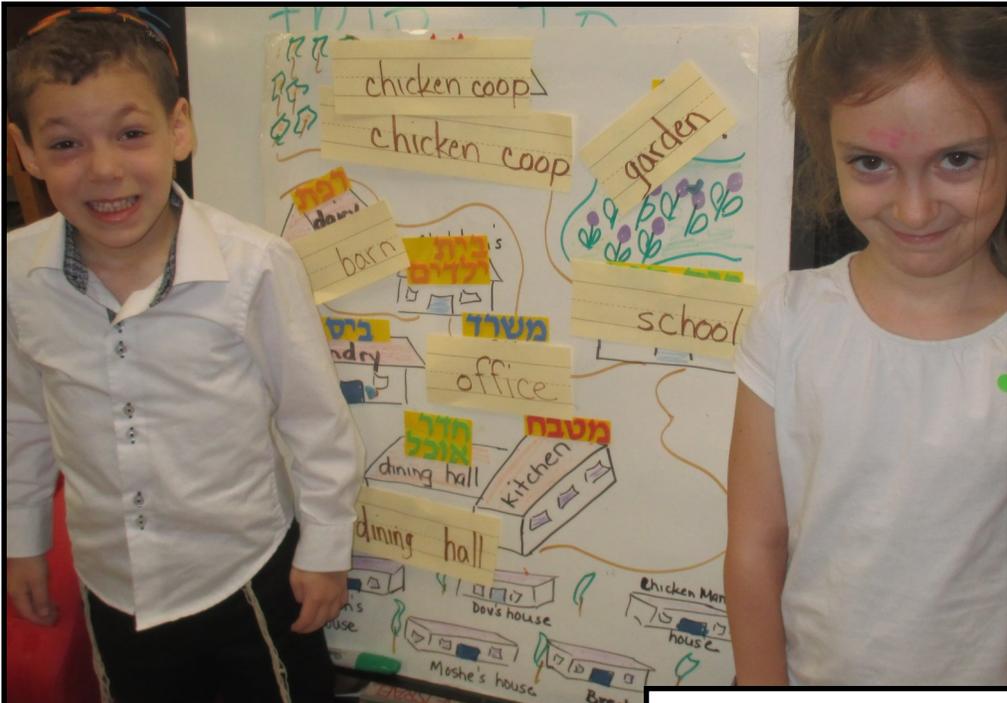


What should I write in my kvitel?

We visited the Kotel in Yerushalayim, Mearat Hamachpeila in Chevron, the Kibbutz in the Galil, Tzfat, the Dead Sea and more...

We are davening at the Kotel.





**Kibbutz Life:**  
Planting and cooking

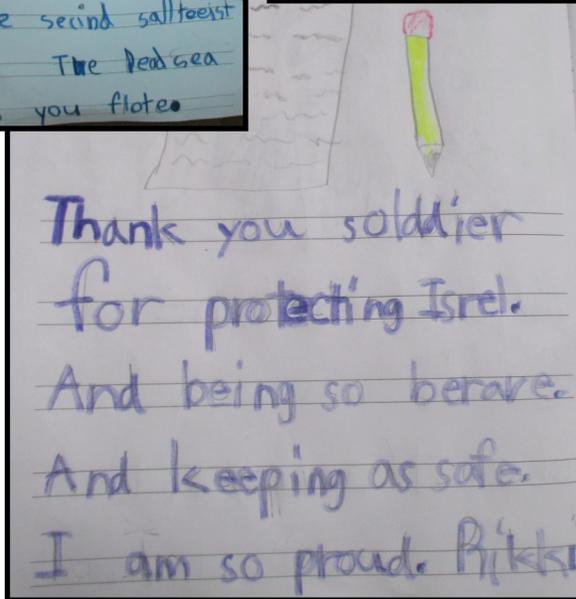
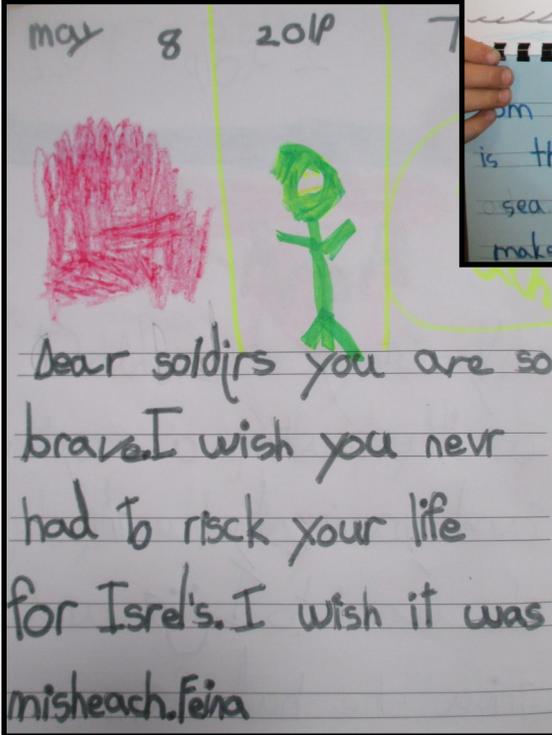


The excavation dig!



Sand art, necklaces and candle making in Tzfat.

Our Kindergartners wrote beautiful books about the cities in Eretz Yisrael and wrote letters to the Chayalim!



Throughout the day the Nursery, PreK, Kindergarten and First Grade classes joined "MJ Tours" and learned more about Eretz Yisrael. After finding Eretz Yisrael on the globe and tracking their trip from New York, the children discussed our journey with our land of Israel from the times of Avraham Avinu until today. We learned how the Jews fought to win back our country 71 years ago and then rebuilt the land by building homes, planting trees, building roads and bridges, and of course Yeshivas and shuls. They then watched a Nefesh B'Nefesh video of three different groups of Olim making Aliya! It was extremely exciting and moving! We are looking forward to Mashiach coming and all of us once again returning to our homeland!



After a wonderful unit on Yom Ha'atzmaut, our first graders created a model depicting on of the wonderful Hebrew songs they learned about the Jewish people rebuilding Eretz Yisrael, "Eretz Yisrael Sheli."

Here's a cute video of the song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dq1u8BIGJb0>



### Yom Ha'atzmaut Videos

- Singing Hatikvah: <https://youtu.be/5N1I98xf4mA>
- Happy Birthday Eretz Yisrael: <https://youtu.be/ZaIT0qBqmzs>
- On the airplane and ready to go: <https://youtu.be/oc-mbp26Jho>
- Listen to a first grader reading about Yom Ha'atzmaut:  
<https://youtu.be/p4R9IPcp89w>

### **Dates to Remember:**

- **Sunday, May 12th:** Happy Mother's Day.
- **Thursday, May 23rd:** Lag Ba'Omer celebrations.

**Shabbat Shalom!**

**Principal, Early Childhood & First Grade:** Jacqueline Borgen



# חלב ודבש

מורה נופר ובנצי



Dear Parents,

We had such an exciting past two weeks! We learned all about Israel, and how its flag has only two colors (Blue and White) and has a blue star in the middle. We even made our own Israeli flag!

We then learned about all the beautiful cities that are in Eretz Yisroel.

We put on face paint and pretended to be soldiers and learned how they protect Israel and keep it safe. We then took a trip to Israel and went on a train. We visited Yam Hamelach and saw how things float in salty water, we also went to Beer Sheva and sat under a tent and ate a snack. Then we went to shuk Machane Yehuda and got candies from the shuk! Lastly we visited the Kotel and put a note in it. We had a great time!

Shabbat Shalom!

Feel free to review the words we learned over the weekend with your children.

flag – דגל

blue - כחול

white- לבן

soldier- חייל

salt – מלח

tent- אוהל

note – פתק

market place – שוק

Jerusalem – ירושלים

train- רכבת



# Morah Malky's Music & Movement

Hi! Shalom! Welcome to Israel!

Thank you for dancing with me in our beautiful park. We also took a trip to the army base and Shuk. Come again!

Keep those hands moving,  
Keep those feet tapping,  
Keep on smiling,  
And keep on clapping!

Some fun activities:

- ◆ Motion switches
- ◆ Mountain balance beam
- ◆ Crawl through the tunnel
- ◆ Cheering for Yom Haatzmaut
- ◆ Parachute Fun at Ganei Yehoshua
- ◆ Jumping Rockets at the airport
- ◆ Bean bag throw at the shuk
- ◆ Flag dancing at the Army Base



# "Kids' Quotes"

We asked the children, "What was your favorite part of Rosh Chodesh Iyar or the Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations?"  
Here are some of their answers:



I liked going to Eretz Yisrael on an airplane.



I liked the huge flag of Israel.



I liked feeling the salt water at Yam Hamelech, it felt so cold!



I liked singing the Hatikveh outside in the morning with the whole school.



I liked making the Kotel out of cookies.



I liked when the birthday children danced with Israel at the assembly.



I liked watching the movie when the people were going to Israel, it made me feel like I was going to cry because it was really special.



I liked going on a tour with Morah Jackie.



I liked making the pita pizzas at the Kibbutz.

This week, we met with the directors of the Diamond Summer Program and were quite impressed by the amazing program they are now offering for boys ages 4-10 in Camp Shalom in Teaneck, NJ. If you are interested in finding out more about their summer camp program, please contact me or the directors of the program.

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