



May 17, 2018

# "Rosh Chodesh Sivan"



On Tuesday, the entire Early Childhood family gathered together to celebrate Rosh Chodesh Sivan. When the children entered the playroom, Morah was holding a Torah up in the sky and singing, "Hashem gave us a present..." What present did we get? "The Torah!" What a special day! We called up our birthday children, sang and clapped for our friends and did the Mitzvah of V'ahavta L'reacha Kamocho.

Happy Birthday to our Sivan birthday children!

# "Yom Huledet Sameach!"



Singing,  
Dancing  
&  
Clapping!



We sang our month song, sang goodbye to Iyar and welcomed Sivan.

We remembered how Hashem gave us the Torah on Har Sinai in Sivan!



We then woke up Mitzvah Man. He told us all about his preparations for Sivan and showed us the beautiful flowers he put out to decorate his house for Yontif.

Watch at:

<https://youtu.be/z-EjjgnwBug>

We reviewed the 4 names of the Chag. The children named the Chag and explained its name!



We count 7 weeks from Pesach to Shavuot.

It's when we got the Torah!

It's when the farmers cut the wheat in Israel.



It's when the Jews in Israel brought their Bikurim to the Beit Hamikdash.

When we discussed the last name, Mitzvah Man told the children that many, many years ago he lived in Eretz Yisrael (not ASHAR) and was a farmer. Every year at this time, during the times of the Beit Hamikdash, he was very busy. Mitzvah Man took the children to his field and told them he was looking on his trees for the first fruits, because those will be given to Hashem on Chag Habikurim (Shavuot)! But how would he know if it was a first fruit? We found the tiniest fruit growing on the tree. How would we remember that this was the first fruit to grow? Atara tied a red string around the fruit. When we return, we will look for the fruit with the red string! Morah then turned the lights off and we used our imaginations to pretend that it was night time. We then turned them on and pretended it was day. Back and forth a few times and time had passed. When the lights came back on, not only had the fruit grown, but there were lots of Rimonim! How would we find the one that grew first?

Watch at: <https://youtu.be/Nqb9Tt3GnSQ>



Morah took some farmers to the fields to find the first fruits to bring to Yerushalayim! We were so happy we tied it with a red string, because now there were so many beautiful fruits, we never would have remembered which one grew first! We picked the first fruit from the trees in the fields and took the basket to Yerushalayim.

I'm Farmer Mitzvah!!



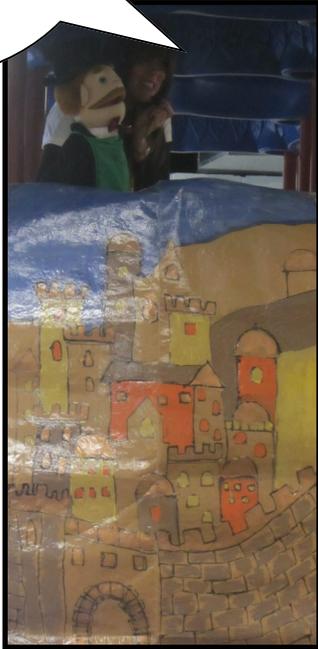
I have to bring my Bikurim with my Chaveirim to Yerushalayim!



I found the first fruit with the red string!



I hear music!  
Do you hear  
that, too? We  
must be getting  
closer to  
Yerushalayim!



We began our hike all the way to Yerushalayim to give our Bikurim to the Kohain to give to Hashem in the Beit Hamikdash! As we got close, we heard the Leviim playing their instruments. As we got closer to the Beit Hamikdash, the music got louder and louder! It was so exciting!

We met the Kohain and gave him our Bikurim to thank Hashem for all the food He gives us.

We can't wait for Moshiach to come so that we can bring our Bikurim to the Beit Hamikdash once again!

We then returned to ASHAR where we received a special sticker reminding us that it was Rosh Chodesh Sivan and that Shavuot was almost here- the day we got the Torah on Har Sinai.



**Rosh  
Chodesh  
Sivan**



### Dates to Remember:

- **Friday, May 18th-Monday, May 21st:** Shavuot. No sessions.
- **Monday, May 28th:** No sessions. Memorial Day.
- **Sunday, June 3rd:** Celebrate Israel Parade.
- **Wednesday, June 13th:** Kindergarten Graduation. 9:30am.
- **Thursday, June 14th:** Rosh Chodesh Tamuz and Av assembly. Please dress your child in a white top and dark bottom.
- **Sunday, June 17th:** Happy Father's Day.
- **Tuesday, June 19th:** PreK Aleph-Bet Presentation. 9:30am.
- **Wednesday, June 20th:** Nursery End of the Year presentation. 9:30am. Children will be dismissed after the performance.
- **Wednesday, June 20th:** Last Day of School. Noon Dismissal.

***Shabbat Shalom!***

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# "Kids' Quotes"

We asked the children, "What did you like best at the Rosh Chodesh assembly?"  
Here are some of their answers:



I liked carrying the fruit to Yerushalayim.



I liked Morah Jackie's Har Sinai mountain hat with flowers.



I liked when they put the red string on the first fruit and when the Leviim were playing music.



I liked singing, "Hashem gave us a present..."



I liked when Mitzvah Man was dressed as a farmer.



I liked when the children walked around to get the first fruits and take them to Yerushalayim.

# *Morah Malky's Music & Movement*

**Shavuos is coming. Come get ready for the special Chag. Let's have teamwork, cooperation, fancy footwork, fun and games. For toe-tapping, finger snapping fun, here are some activities we had fun with this week:**



- ◆ Motion switch review
- ◆ Hoop/ Rocket course
  - ◆ Flower bridge
- ◆ Black and white ribbon wands
- ◆ Throw the bean bag on the flower
- ◆ Whip up some cakes with our spoon/eggs
  - ◆ Musical Centers
  - ◆ Octaband Fun

