

# Hebrew Academy News

## Our Walk Through The Seder Experience

By Berta Straz

We had our Seder experience on April 10. It was based on a giant version of a monopoly-type board game. Large instruction cards were placed at various centers throughout the Jr. Congregation Room. The yeladim walked through the different centers, in small staggered groups, stopping at each station and then followed the directions at that point that were written for them to follow and understand each station. We even held some of our center outdoors!

Our various areas were (for example): To take a piece of matzah, break it in half, wrap it in a napkin and hide it as the Afikoman, so another group of friends could and would have to find it. At a different stop

they had to recite the Yom Tov Kiddush, and at the same time had to finish the sentence "What am I most joyful about in the world, considering that wine is a symbol of joy! Another area had them chew some matzah and whistle the song "Go Down Moses"...We experienced the custom of Netilat Yadaim; bdikat Hametz, and the burning of the Hametz as well. We made our own charoset and Hillel sandwiches out of it, as well as spoke about the interpretation of what charoset stands for. The children at one point had to pretend that they had just come out of Egypt. At the same time they had to tell of a time in their lives when they felt sad, tired, frightened or happy. They also learned to recite the order of the Seder, and most of all enjoyed learn-

ing and singing all the wonderful nigunim that there are for Pesach. They even felt what it was like to have hard work inflicted upon them. They did a lot of physical and strenuous work, and even ran around various parts of Shalom Park, as and if they were fleeing to Midian.

After an hour and a half of the monopoly Seder game, we came together as a school and sat down at a Seder meal to complete the traditional parts of the Seder. It couldn't have been a more enjoyable day at the Hebrew Academy! There are many ways to celebrate and teach a child about the holidays and this was our interpretation of the Pesach holiday.

Thanks to the entire staff who gave of their time and good efforts, and especially to Ziva London for her work in providing the children with such a lovely program.

## Other School Activities



Ruth Meyers begins painting her hand to be a "Hanimal."



The completed "Hanimal". Quack! Quack!

Photos/Roger Meyers



These pictures depict the "Prosecution and the Defense Attorneys" preparing for the "Trial of King Saul".

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### Crisis Assistance Ministry to Honor Volunteers

The Crisis Assistance Ministry Volunteers are to be commended for their tremendous support. Many of them have listened caringly to intake, interviews, or at the Clothing Ministry, while others have diligently followed through with the clerical aspects of the work. They are a remarkable team — complete with human computers in the recording area. The folks who volunteer at the Clothing Ministry have the Ministry's utmost respect for their ability to sort, size and organize so many donations. There are not enough ways to say thanks for the special gifts they give.

The offices will be closed to honor all of the volunteers at a brunch on Wed., May 6 from 10-12 at Shalom Park.

*Ed. note: Emily (Mrs. Samuel) Zimmern is on the Board of Directors of the Crisis Assistance Ministry.*

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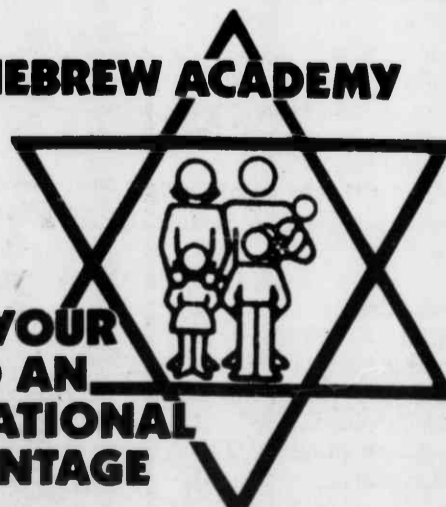
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### Jewish Calendar Candlelighting



May 1 — 7:51 p.m.  
May 8 — 7:56 p.m.  
May 15 — 8:02 p.m.  
May 17 — Lag B'Omer  
May 22 — 8:07 p.m.  
May 29 — 8:12 p.m.  
June 2 — 8:15 p.m.  
(First Eve of Shavuot)

June 3 — 9:20 p.m.  
(Second Eve of Shavuot)

June 5 — 8:17 p.m.  
June 12 — 8:20 p.m.