

Good Deeds Get Noticed at JPS

By Nancy Zolotorofe

The Judaica teachers at The Jewish Preschool on Sardis—Morahs Jayme and Pessie—have a wonderful way to encourage every student to do a mitzvah (a good deed, or something that Hashem has told us to do). They've given each family at the Preschool special strips of paper, a.k.a. "mitzvah links." Whenever a child performs a mitzvah at home, it's written down on the link and sent into school. The good deed then gets read aloud in Judaica class and the child feels an amazing sense of pride; they can't wait to do another mitzvah. Eventually, all the links are attached to make a paper chain that decorates the school's sukkah for Sukkot.



In celebration of Rosh Hashana, Rabbi Yossi Groner blows the Shofar for the 3s and 4s classes at JPS. Blowing the shofar at Rosh Hashanah is also a mitzvah.

There is a total of 613 of mitzvot in the Torah. Here is a sampling performed by some of our proud students:

- ✧ Emily said the bracha over the Shabbat candles.
- ✧ Evan helped Daddy clean up the playroom.
- ✧ Aliyah helped Mommy cook dinner.
- ✧ Kyle helped Zaydee find his cane.
- ✧ Isabel said the hamotzie in front of everyone.
- ✧ Samantha shared her trains with her little brother.
- ✧ Rivkie said Moden Ani when she woke up.
- ✧ Noam gave tzedakah when Ima was lighting the Shabbat candles.
- ✧ Emma got herself ready for bed nicely.
- ✧ Scott helped set the table.
- ✧ Hannah tried to make her new classmate feel welcome. (She and her Bubbe wrote down the words, "Play with me, yes or no?" in Hebrew on a piece of paper at home. Then at school, a teacher helped her speak the words to her new Hebrew-speaking classmate.) ✧



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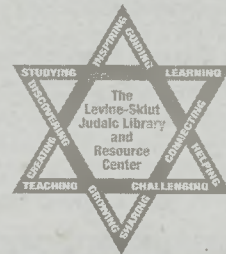
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