

DATES FOR
YOUR DIARY

◆ **15th December
Virtual Chanukah assembly**
(zoom invite to follow)

◆ **18th December
end of term.
School re opens
Tuesday 5th of
January 2021**



simon marks
jewish primary school

חוריה עם דור-ארוץ

04 December 2020

18 Kislev 5781

Parasha: Vayishlach

Shabbat time: Starts Friday at 3.38pm and ends Saturday at 4.46pm

We remain Covid Free!

We have been extra busy over the last couple of weeks! Many thanks to everyone who joined us for our virtual Art Exhibition. It's clear to see that our skills have really developed over the last few years. The standard of work was excellent all round. And the most important part is that we all had a lot of fun



throughout the day!
This year Hackney Council will be holding a Virtual Chanukah celebration. Our upper school choir have been busy practicing our song in preparation for this. This week the film and sound crew were in to record our performance. We will share the link with you all as soon as we have this.

Chanukah rehearsals are in full force across the school. We will soon be inviting you to join our virtual Chanukah assembly on the 15th of December. Please check your emails regularly for this.

In early years children have been measuring dinosaurs and using cubes to compare measurements. As always we want learning to be fun.



And finally, we have had an overwhelmingly positive response to parents evenings. I know from talking to staff that overall things have gone smoothly and you have been able to see some of your child's work and held discussions with various members of staff. These will continue well into next week so if you haven't had the opportunity to talk to the relevant staff members then please give Sue a call and we will fit you in.

Ms Metin- Headteacher

Jewish Studies team
Mitzvah day has always been a very special time for everyone at Simon Marks Jewish primary

School. It was heart-warming to see such an overwhelming desire to uphold the Jewish value of tzedakah (helping others).

The pupils realised that there were a lot of older people feeling isolated at the moment and thought that baking some biscuits would help to comfort them. So with your donations of ingredients and so many able volunteers, each child took time out to make some chocolate chip cookies for a local care home. They tasted amazing.



I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who donated a toy or game this year for children who are ill and have to remain in hospital. The gifts have been deeply appreciated. We couldn't be more proud of the way that our Simon Marks Community all came together for Mitzvah Day.

We look forward to presenting our virtual Chanukah performance this year on the 15th and wish everyone a Happy Chanukah, Chag Chanukah Sameach!

