

DATES FOR
YOUR DIARY

- ◆ **1st July— Parents evening—this will now be via zoom, teachers will be in contact shortly**
- ◆ **14th July— Possible Sports day—more information will follow**
- ◆ **23rd July— End of term 1.30pm finish**



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jewish primary school

מורה עם דור-ארי

18th June 2021

8 Tammuz 5781

Parasha: Chukat

Shabbat time: Starts Friday at 9.07pm and ends Saturday at 10.27pm

We remain Covid free— thank you everyone!

I'm sure you have all heard through the media that Covid restrictions will remain in place for the time being. This means we will have to re think our end of term activities. We will still go ahead with sports day but it is likely to be in our playground with allocated slots for year groups and keeping parent numbers to 30 at a time. More information will follow.

A few of our pupils entered the annual Yom Yerushalayim competition, here is one of our entries. This involves drawings



or paintings of Jerusalem,

We have some really talented artists!

In Early years they have been exploring how to make cars go even faster by changing the gradient of a ramp!



Learning is both exciting and fun in all year groups!

As the weather more recently has been exceptionally warm we have been having 'hot plays'. When it rains we are



inside for wet play and when it's very hot we spend some of our playtime inside for hot play. There are a selection of 'cooler' activities and classes rotate throughout lunch times. Please remember to send your child into school with a bottle of water which they can refill during the day— it is even more important in this weather.

And finally a gentle reminder that new road restrictions come into force as part of Hackney's 'School streets' initiative. Please don't be caught out and be fined!

Ms Metin— Headteacher

It really has been a very busy week. The sunshine and heat has helped the children understand a little more about what it would be like travelling through the desert like the Jewish people did on their way to the promised land. This week's parasha jumps to the 38th year of their journey. A lot happens this week: Moses is not allowed

to enter Israel, Miriam and Aaron pass and the plague of snakes attacks the Jewish people and more.

The overarching theme connecting it all is moving forward. The children have been learning what moving forward means. Children in Year 2 are looking forward to their Siddur presentation on Wednesday. This is a momentous occasion when the children are presented with their new Siddur. This will stay with them throughout their time at Simon Marks and hopefully for many years after.

The Year 6 pupils are preparing for their move to secondary school and the other year groups are preparing to move to their next class.

The Torah teaches us that it is important to learn from our experiences to help prepare us for the future. It is reassuring to know that as we look ahead, we are not travelling alone and that G-d is there to support us all of the way.

Exciting news! Challah sales are starting again.

Thanks to some of our parents Challah and Rugelach will be on sale outside our side gate from 3:25pm today and every Friday. Help support the school and make your Shabbat special.

Shabbat Shalom from everyone from the Jewish studies team.