

Ohr Torah Cincinnati Celebrating its Fourth Year of School-Wide Experiences: Rosh Chodesh Adar Alef and Parent Education Night on Impressionistic Lessons!

In honor of Rosh Chodesh Adar Alef, the Lower Elementary team at Ohr Torah Cincinnati prepared a very mysterious and intriguing activity for all OTC students! It involved a blindfold and a bag of mysterious objects. The students each took turns trying to identify an object from the bag while blindfolded. Then, the elementary students needed to figure out what all of the objects in the bag had in common and identify which object was extra and didn't fit with the rest. This activity was tied into the month of Adar Alef by explaining that the arrival of Adar is a sign that Purim is near! We know that



Ms. Hochberg discussed how we connect with Hashem daily through Tefilla and the importance of keeping that direct line open and clear! We would not want our communication with Hashem to be muffled, chas vishalom!

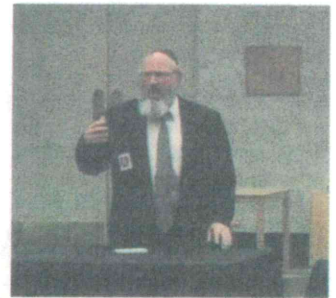


Mrs. Bidnick presented a lesson about our purpose in this seemingly massive world. When we take a closer look we realize that we all have a clear purpose and that we are directly connected to Hashem!

one of the key messages of Purim is that at times, the miracles of Hashem are hidden and not so obvious to us. It is our job to use a discerning eye and possibly all of our senses to find Hashem in our daily lives! We also know



Rabbi Landon walked the parents through history and showed them that we are all part of Hashem's plan. Hashem made many promises to Klal Yisroel and they have all been fulfilled. We are awaiting the fulfillment of the final three, Kibutz Galias, Biyas HaMashiach, and Techiyas Hameisim. May they come speedily and in our days!



Rabbi Meisels brought out the importance of being Mikadesh Sheim Shamayim in our daily lives and how we learn this message from Yosef Hatzaddik!



that Adar Alef is an "extra" month due to this year being a leap year. Thus, the students needed to find the "extra" object in honor of this particular month of the year!

At our Winter Parent Educa-

tion Night, our Judaics team presented to parents on the topic of OTC Impressionistic Lessons! Parents were taken on a journey through a series of lessons their children receive.



Congregation Sha'arei Torah Happenings

The Sha'arei Book Club met at the home of Dr. Dena Morton this past Sunday evening and was treated to a great time of food, camaraderie and a lively discussion and multimedia presentation of A.J. Jacob's *Year of Living Biblically*.

A big thank you to Dena Morton for opening her home and hosting this great event. The Book Club looks to the future and will be meeting to discuss our next book is *The Art Forger* by B.A. Shapiro, in May.

Sha'arei is excited to announce that for this year's Israel360 program, we will be welcoming Rabbi Menachem Leibtag for Shabbos on May 3-4, the Shabbat preceding Yom HaAtzmaut. Rabbi Menachem Leibtag is an internationally acclaimed bible scholar who uses a vibrant thematic-analytical

approach blending the methods of modern academic scholarship with traditional Jewish approaches to the Biblical text. We are very excited to welcome Rabbi Leibtag for this upcoming Shabbos. Israel 360 is a program of The Religious Zionists of America to send inspiring Israeli speakers and thinkers to 360 communities across the globe.