

Chanukah highLIGHTS at Ohr Torah Cincinnati

Students at Ohr Torah had a month packed with programming leading into and in celebration of Chanukah.

The Lower Elementary students were treated to a behind the scenes tour of Marx Bagels, along with a bagel lunch and a special cookie decorating activity. Mr. YY and Mrs. Rena Davis, who are the owners of Marx and also Ohr Torah Parents, were exceedingly gracious in sharing their bagel-making expertise with the students, teachers and chaperones.



In preparation for the Annual OTC Family Chanukah Mesiba, all students contributed in a meaningful way to making the event a success. The Pre-Primary students (ages 3-6) performed two songs for everyone. The Lower Elementary and Upper Elementary Girls completed a Makerspace Team-Building Dreidel Wall Decorations Challenge. The Lower Elementary Boys completed dreidel ceiling hangings. The Upper Elementary Boys completed a Teamwork Challenge of preparing all the furniture in the Community Room for the event. Following a warm welcome from Dr. Chaviva Randolph, Rabbi Zev Meisels, Upper Elementary Boys Judaic Director spoke to everyone about the

purity and kedusha contained within the sparkling flames of the menorah, and how this purity and kedusha is also visible in the eyes of our children. Parents and children then enjoyed refreshments and hands-on activities together in children's classrooms.



Other Chanukah highLIGHTS included the Pre-Primary students making homemade donuts and hand delivering them to all the other classrooms in the school as a "Bridge Building" Experience. OTC students and staff enjoyed a spectacular, surprise Chanukah Dance Party with the talented DJ NAYZ, Noam Zuroff, older brother to an OTC student. Cool Critters came for a visit to educate OTC students about a variety of rescued animals, as extensions to the students'



ongoing zoology studies. Mrs. Julie Meyers, OTC Parent, came to share words of inspiration about Chanukah with the Upper Elementary Girls, and treated them to sufganiyot. The Pre-Primary and Lower Elementary students of OTC hosted a visit from the devoted Deer Park Fire Department who taught the students about fire safety and gave them a chance to try on fire uniforms and tour one of their fire trucks. Additional experienc-



es included an OTC School-Wide Pizza Making "Food Prep" experience. Students were also treated to a visit from a talented local violin professor at NKU, Mr. Zev Herzog, who played solos for the students. For the Upper Elementary students, Mr. Herzog held a Q & A session focused on the importance of diligence, of perseverance and of developing one's unique talents and strengths to "Leave Fingerprints" on the world, which is one of OTC's



school themes. Mr. Herzog also explained what it is like to be a shomer Shabbos musician. Finally, Dr. Dena Morton, Department Chair and Math Professor at Xavier University and



OTC Parent, shared her passion for math with the 3rd grade students via a hands-on lesson on Mobius strips, followed by intriguing hands-on lessons with the Upper Elementary Girls and Upper Elementary Boys on secret codes. Great times were had by all and a lot of hands-on, experiential and collaborative learning occurred throughout these Chanukah highLIGHTS at OTC!

