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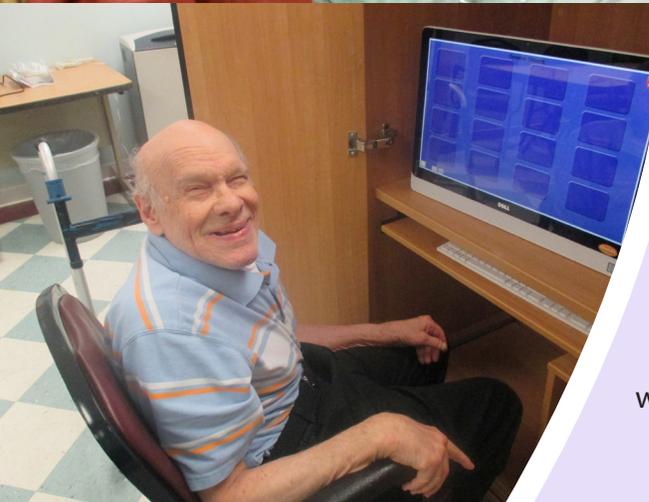
Reading Comprehension...

In last week's session of reading comprehension, **Francine, Maria, Roger, Chayala, Lisette** and **Bracha** chose to learn about the topics of Earth day and butterflies. Each one of them received copies of the articles and took turns reading. The article about Earth Day stated that in the 1950's, the Senator of Wisconsin, **Gaylord Nelson** was disgusted with the pollution on earth and fought for lower gas and water usage. Senator Nelson also promoted more walking than riding in motor vehicles. On April 22, 1970, Earth Day was recognized and continues to be celebrated. The reading comprehension group all agreed that everyone should use less shopping bags and plastic bottles and remember to recycle.

In the article on butterflies, the group was informed that scales on butterfly wings are very important, besides for being beautiful. They were all amazed how scales keep butterflies safe and alive. Both articles were fascinating to read and led to discussions during and after the activity ended.

Arts and Crafts...

On Monday, **Judy P** excitedly showed the arts and crafts groups a sample of a decorated stationary box as this week's project to create. Judy P prepared in ad-



vance all the craft materials needed to uniquely design the box. A note pad holder and pen holder were bonded as one. In the centers of the tables were different sized buttons. Judy P instructed everyone to schmear glue on different places of the holders and then placed the buttons over the glue. Each button was pressed down firmly so that they were secured in place. The participants picked up already made little bows and pasted them on the side of the pen holder. Once those tasks were set, everyone received an outline to cut strips of ribbon. The ribbon strips were grouped in bundles tied and then again glued on the other side of the holder. Each step was like a puzzle coming together for a completed and artistic look!!!

Community Outing...

On Wednesday, the community outing group ventured to Michael's craft store at the Gateway Center. With autumn approaching, Michael's summer merchandise was slowly being packed up or put on sale. At Michaels, the group browsed the many isles and glanced at the large display of the autumn season items. **Harold** and **Pavol** ran over to see the funny looking scarecrows. **Shoshana, Gita, Yelena** and **Marc S** were able to hold different sized pumpkins. The group was shown pussy willow branches and was told that the fluffy soft ends of the branches grow at the end of winter. The colors of autumn around the craft store painted a picture that summer was coming closer to an end. But not soon enough as we know our summer outings will continue for as far as we can go!!



Computers...

Our computer program was very popular this week among our Otsar participants. Many of us scrambled for a chance to utilize our computer system. **Bruce, Miriam, Francine, Chayala** and **Sara** focused on strengthening their money management skills. Francine put her money skills to the test and entered a virtual shopping store. Francine made many virtual purchases with the money that she had earned on the computer. **Shoshana, Marc S, Pavol** and **Adele** enjoyed some matching games and were proud of their skillful memory. The computers continue to be a great source of learning and growing for everyone at Otsar Day Hab!!!

Games...

The participants, who signed up for games on Wednesday afternoon, were in for a great surprise. Little did they know that Jingo games were switched up to a different kind of fun!! But once bean bag toss, balls rolling and golf sticks and balls came onto the floor, did the group realize that their energy was going to increase. **Miriam** perked up and said, "What's a game without a little competition. Let's get out a pad of paper and a pen to score our points." And that is exactly what was done. First came the bean bag toss. **Bruce** got the bag in the hole twice and **Miriam** did the same. **Chayala** scored high as well. The group braked for a good time of ball throwing, and pumping up their muscles. Just in time for a fantastic game of golfing!!! There was lots of cheering and rooting, golf sticks swinging and balls flying. No golf holes were found, but the greatest of Otsar inventions to get the ball between the chairs. Amazing thinkers, amazing gamers and best of all...incredible team players!!!