

פרשת במדבר

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Home Sweet Home...

Hindy welcomed the groups back into the arts and crafts room for another wonderful Monday of creativity. In addition to livening up their homes with the recent flower centerpieces, the groups designed their own Blessing in the Home plaque to hang on a wall. Each one of the participants was given a cardboard cutout in a square shape. They were then instructed to cut out a larger square piece of a wall paper design so that it can be cut, pasted and draped so that the paper can fully cover the cardboard. **Pavol, Yaakov, Francine, Peryl** and many others carefully smoothed the wallpaper design by pressing down carefully so that there was no air bubbles formed. **Adele, Miriam, Yanky** and their friends proceeded by gluing a strip of dark pink velvet material down the center of the board. Placed over the center of the strip, **Shoshana, Yvette, Mordy, Eddie J** and many others placed a smaller square cut out of a solid color wall paper with the Blessing on top. To give the plaque a finishing touch, some of the participants placed a small velvet bow on top of the saying. The beautiful saying to all states:

Through this gate

Shall come no sadness

To this dwelling

Shall come no trouble

Through this door

Shall come no fear

In this place

Shall be no conflict

This home shall be blessed with

Harmony and peace.





Canarsie Pier

On Wednesday morning, with a little breeze and the sun peeking out from the thick but white clouds, a large Otsar group set out to Canarsie Pier. There they learned of the pier being a major attraction as a fishing station and often people will rent kayaks and take a ride in the water. Just as on Wednesday, when the wind picks up, many families come out to Canarsie Pier to fly kites. **Aidel, Sasha, Harold** and **Yelena** with their peers enjoyed the educational reading and viewing the area while sitting on the comfortable benches. **Bracha** tells us her experience on this community outing:

“Our group went to Canarsie Pier. We learned the history of the pier. We went outside to enjoy the weather. Some people went on a walk. Our counselors took pictures. I had a good time.”

Kitchen...

Mordy, Peryl, Lila, Lisette, Yvette, Pavol and many more divided their time to join in the fun time cooking in the kitchen this week. On Tuesday, **Eddie J** and staff brought over from the preschool kitchen, Tovah’s healthy turkey balls savored in homemade sauce to go with the whole wheat spaghetti. The group made fresh and seasoned tomato and cucumber salad as the side. On Tuesday afternoon, the group prepared eggplant parmesan for Wednesday’s lunch. Bread was toasted to be grinded up for bread crumbs. **Mordy** and **Simcha Meyer** helped slice the eggplants. **Peryl** and **Ed-die** cracked and whipped the eggs for dipping the eggplants. **Lisette** helped coat the eggplants with breadcrumbs and then they were lined in the baking pans. Tomato sauce was poured over each layer and sprinkled with shredded cheese. On Wednesday, another group came in to the kitchen prepared to make wholesome cheerio muffins and a classic cheesecake in honor of Shavuot. The cheerios were ground and mixed with many ingredients to make it a healthy addition to our lunch. The batter was poured into muffin tins and came out of the oven soft dark and moist. **Lila** and **Yvette** worked with **Anat** to whip up many egg whites for the



cheesecake mixed with creamy cheeses and sour cream. We made our own crust for the bottom of the cheesecake and baked it to perfection. The cheesecake will be served closer to Shavuot time.

Welcome Mildred...

On Wednesday, we welcomed back our longtime friend **Mildred**. Mildred came for a visit during lunchtime and each one of us had the opportunity to chat with her. We all complimented Mildred on how well she looked and filled her in on all the wonderful things going on at Otsar. Mildred tells us how she has been keeping herself healthy and fit by exercising and resting up. Mildred says she is taking small steps to come back to Otsar and is looking forward to joining all of her favorite day hab activities. We told Mildred that her place is always here with us at Otsar day hab!!!



Group Visit to Kamla...

Kamla has been out sick and deeply missed at Otsar. Therefore, on Tuesday afternoon, the participants and staff decorated and signed a get well card for Kamla. On Wednesday, **Eddie J, Chayala, Mordy, Mark W, Henry, Richie** and **Pavol** took the card and went to visit Kamla in her home. Kamla was very happy to see the group and the group was happy to see that she is getting better. On behalf of the entire Otsar family, they wished Kamla a speedy recovery and return!!



Computers...

Our computer skills were put to the test a few times this week. **Sora** worked on sorting coins and dollars while **Roger** figured out how much change is left after purchasing items on the computer. **Rena** focused on her memory by matching 12-16 various toy collections and **Pavol** located the same of the kitchen utensils displayed on the screen. Our participants feel accomplished and proud when they practice their skills in real life when out at community sites and during

