

Message from the Director

Dear JMP families,

This month we wrapped up our 'Keeping Kids Safe Curriculum'. Our children learned how to practice safety in our homes, in our cars, on our streets. Our children also learned hand- in- hand about spiritual protection and created their own artistic mezuzahs. They rolled a scroll with the Shma into a long cylinder case. Using a funnel and hand eye coordination, they poured colored sand in layers to create a pattern for their mezuzah case. Together, at circle time, we sang a song with an echo refrain, where the leader calls out a phrase and the group repeats it. They love the musical cadence of it. Here is the song for you to sing at home.

I have a Mezuzah/ on my door/ Now I will tell you/ what it's for/ I protect you/ Day and night/ as you enter/ I'm on your right/ I contain / Shma Yisrael/ Learn it by heart/ Remember it well! / We are also in the joyous Hebrew Month of Adar and we celebrated with some dancing. The symbol of Adar is a fish. As we can see in our beautifully lit up aquatic fish tanks, fish are creatures whose eyes are always open. This is a sign of G-d's eternal protection.

This month we will explore fish in science, math, and literacy. This is just another example of holistic integration : Jewish Montessori at its best!

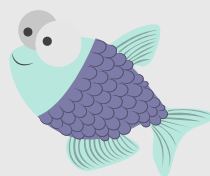
B'Ahava, Morah Esther



Children sweetly thanking Ms. Dili for bringing her art to us



The joyous month of Adar has us dancing. Thank you to the talented Alexis Tischler for leading a ballet class for us!



Welcome Maya to our RJMP Staff

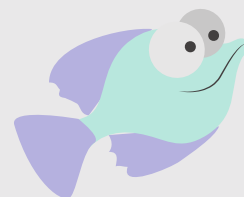
Shalom everyone!

My name is Maya Ruchman, and I am so excited to be joining the Revere Jewish Montessori Preschool and the Chabad community.

A little bit about me, I was born in Chicago, and moved to Nashville when I was 8. I went to Akiva School, and then continued and graduated from Ensworth High School. I went to Indiana University for 2 years, where I studied theatre and later communications. I decided to leave to pursue childcare.

I have been working with children professionally for about 4 years now, and have previously taught at Micah Children's Academy. I love working with kids and being able to instill not only life skills in them, but Jewish values as well.

I would say I am a very creative person. In my spare time, I love rhinestoning, doing makeup, photography, and singing. I love being able to take some of these creative outlets and applying them in a classroom setting. I'm so excited to get to know all of you, and all of your sweet kiddos in the upcoming months!





Ahava
Welcomes
Morah Gal



Dear Ahava parents,

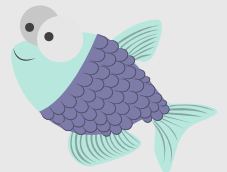
My name is Gal, and I am a new teacher in the Ahava classroom. I was born and raised in Israel in a small town called Beit Shean. I've earned a degree in education and was a theater instructor at the University of Haifa. Then, I spent three more years as a teacher in Israel in various institutions. Teaching and working with kids in my mission. I'm very passionate about what I do, and have so many things that I plan on doing at the

Chabad Montessori preschool.

I first arrived to the United States in 2018, lived in Lexington, KY, and moved to Nashville only a year and a half ago.

I have a wonderful baby boy, Kai (10 months), who is such a Bracha (blessing)! When I'm not in school- I love cooking, traveling, and shopping. I'm very excited to start working with your little ones! We are already having so much fun and it is so nice that we can read Hebrew books together! Please let me know if you have any questions for me.

Love, Morah Gal





Hello, it's me, Miss Kara.
I'm here in Shalom now :)

As it was time for four of our students from Ahava to move up to the Shalom class and with Morah Hadassa awaiting the arrival of her little one, I have moved up with them. The transition has been stable and smooth. I think most of you know me well by now but feel free to reach out with any questions.

I'm so excited for this new adventure. Things are going really well and we are on track for lots of learning and fun! We have already made and decorated the class with beautiful fish projects for the month of Adar. We are continuing our literacy work with sandpaper letters recognizing each letter and their sounds in and out of sequence.

I look forward to speaking with all of you at next months Parent Teacher Conferences.



Miss Kara

A message from Morah Hadassa

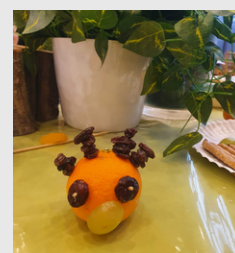
Dear Shalom parents,

As you know I'm due to have my baby any day soon and so I have finished working at the preschool end of January.

It has been a pleasure working with your children. Each and every one of the children have been wonderful sweet and pleasant.

Thank you for your cooperation throughout the year and your support!

I will truly miss them, hope to see you all soon. Take care be well and be safe.



Dear ReUt Families,

The past few weeks have been all about safety, both emotionally and physically. We have explored what makes each of us special, talked about our families and friends, practice identifying emotions, and problem solved when things get a little sticky. Last week, we talked about personal safety in all situations. One of our favorite books so far has been *ME AND MY FEELINGS; GIVING KIDS CALMING TOOLS TO WORK THROUGH STRONG EMOTIONS*, written by Chanie Kamman. This book is very special because it's written on a children's level and incorporates how to problem solve when strong feelings are felt.

We are also deep in the process of assessment. We are seeing which letters are mastered along with their sounds, and which students are able to actually begin reading! We are reviewing and solidifying our early math skills, and continuing practice with beginning addition and subtraction. We look forward to sharing all of our progress with you during parent-teacher conferences next month.

For social studies, we are reviewing our map of the world with the continent song. And each day we hope to begin a new puzzle map of one of the seven continents. We are using the song below to help us as we navigate this work:

CONTINENT SONG

North America
South America
Africa, Europe, Asia
Don't forget Australia
Don't forget Antarctica.
North America, South America, Africa,
Europe, Asia.

Shabbat shalom!

Love,
Morah Deb

