

Message from the Director

Dear JMP families,

The children's joy can be felt as we approach the holiday of Purim. We introduced it with music, as Sheldon came with a harmonica, flute, and guitar outside and the children showed their balance and mobility by playing Hokey Pokey and the limbo game. At the following Shabbat party, we brought out the huge Megillah and told the story of Purim. They built a Shushan Castle and dressed up in capes.

In the Montessori and holistic way, we have placed Purim in different areas of the classroom. In language, we are exploring the stories; in writing, we are doing tracings and labeling the characters of the Megillah. In sensorial, we are listening to the sounds of rice and beans shaking and deciding which would sound best in a gragger.

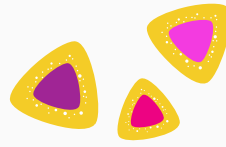
In geography, we are looking at which part of the world Purim took place in. For practical life, we look forward to baking Hamentashen together! We also are very thankful to all of our families for sending in treats for Shalach Manot as we practice grace and courtesy together. **Please bring treats to school on or before March 18th.**

Please have fun participating in our first Spirit week -check out the list on this page. We are excited about our annual Purim Masquerade and our Shushan Purim bounce House.

The best lesson of Purim is that everything can turn upside down and show us sunshine and joy!

L'Chaim to life and joy for all,

Morah Esther



Purim Fish

In honor of the symbol of Adar which is fish, our preschool artists created a school of watercolor resist fish using oil pastels, brushes and paints.

First, they observed the live fish in the classroom aquariums. They compared Henri Matisse's 2D print, "Goldfish", to a 3D model of a tropical fish.

Next, students selected fish templates to explore lines, shapes, and colors using oil pastels. With translucent watercolors, they painted over the opaque pastels to create stunning resists. Finally, students had the choice to cut out their fish with scissors and mount on a colorful backgrounds with glue paste.

For language and labeling, they also learned the Hebrew word for fish =Dag.

Well done and Happy Purim!

Ms. Dili Revere

Art at RJMP





Ahava News

Dear Ahava parents,

It's been a great and busy month in Ahava class.

Our first month together was exciting and the kids really enjoyed being together.

We did fish art with Miss Dili and Mezuzah sand art with Morah Esther.

We bought new toys for the class- like new instruments, stacking blocks, a music book and new manipulatives. The kids have really been enjoying them!

One activity that the kids enjoyed most was listening to music with Mister Sheldon and dancing at the outdoor Shabbat party. We also started to learn about Purim and have been listening to Purim songs in the class.

This month will be so special as we continue to have Purim activities all month.

We'll start by telling the kids the story of The Megillah using hand puppets to perform for them.

We are looking forward to Purim Spirit week coming up and the big custom party!

Wish you all the best,
Morah Gal



Shalom News

Dear Shalom families,

February was a month filled with fish projects and artwork to honor the month of Adar. The children loved displaying all of their hard work on the classroom and hallway walls and especially loved their time with Ms. Dili learning resistance art with oil and water colors. SO COOL! Look for those special projects to come home soon.

We are looking forward to Purim with much excitement.

We've started on fun already with dance parties, balloon parties, and super colorful crafts. Morah Esther is teaching us the story of the Megillah in such fun ways and we have our first Purim Spirit Week this month here at RJMP and the children are so excited!

In learning we have been working on pre-writing activities using sand trays to trace the letters with our fingers and of course focusing on what sound each letter makes. We will continue to have our morning work cycle where the children quietly choose individual Montessori works to bring to their own rugs, helping to teach independence and personal space.



Nosh, Nosh

Nosh, nosh, a Hamantash,
Let's make a Hamantash now,
Nosh, nosh, a Hamantash,
Let's make a Hamantash now.

Roll and roll the dough with me,
Make it flat and you will see,
Haman's hat was just like that,
Let's make a Hamantash now.

Nosh, nosh... (repeat)

Pinch and squeeze the dough with
me,
Pinch and squeeze and you will
see,
Haman's hat was just like that,
Let's make a Hamantash now!



Miss Kara



Re'Ut News



Dear ReUt Families,

We concluded our safety curriculum with learning about safety practices at home and at school, including fire safety and the Stop, Drop, and Roll procedure. We enjoyed reading The Bravest Fireman and practicing how to safely cross the street.

We are happy to welcome the beginning of the Purim season in this first month of Adar. We are learning about fish in art and science, with mixed media fish projects and puzzles and books about fish anatomy. We learned that fish are the symbol of Adar and that they, like HaShem, never close their eyes and are considered to be holy. We are having fun reading many books about Purim and reading the big megillah and playing with Purim puppets.

One song we learned this past month was about crossing the road safely:

Look both ways,
Before you cross the street.
We use our eyes, we use our ears,
Before we use our feet.

Wish you a joyous Adar,
Morah Deb



PURIM SPIRIT



WEEK

Please have your children participate each day. If you need assistance please ask.

- **Monday 3/18 Hamentashen Bake** - Wear a chef's hat or apron for baking.
- **Tuesday 3/19 Pajama Day** - Wear your favorite pajamas.
- **Wednesday 3/20 Crazy Hat Day** - Wear your silliest hat.
- **Thursday 3/21 Mismatched Day** - Wear your craziest outfit.
- **Friday 3/22 Costume Day** - Wear your favorite Purim Costume for our school masquerade.