Hi everyone and welcome to Gesher Yachad’s first newsletter! The Gesher Yachad team has come together to create this new and exciting packet! Here you will find some fun recipes, a Passover rhyme, some jokes, a word search, a dvar torah, a spotlight and even a song to get involved with! We hope you find this just as fun as we do!

Best,

THE GESHER CREW!

Malki, Zak, Ellie, Eli, Leora, Yehuda, Maddy, and David.

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Keeping it fun with Ellie Blanchard! (Answers on last page)

1. Q: What goes up when rain comes down?

2. Q: What word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?

3. Q: What can you catch but not throw?

4. What starts with the letter “t”, is filled with “t” and ends in “t”?

5. Q: How do you make the number one disappear?

6. Q: What did the snowman say to the customer?
Home Made Peanut Butter Cups!

By Maddy Schwartz

What You Will Need:
10 graham crackers
1 1/4 cup powdered sugar
1 1/2 cup peanut butter melted
2 cups milk chocolate chips

Instructions:
- Place the graham crackers in a food processor or blender, and pulse until blended to a powder. Pour the powder into a large bowl then add powdered sugar and peanut butter. Mix until fully combined.
- Place 15 cupcake liners on a big baking sheet.
- Melt the chocolate chips in a microwave-safe bowl, stirring every 30 seconds at a time until smooth. Pour a heaping tablespoon of the melted chocolate into a cupcake liner and spread out to cover the bottom. Place a heaping tablespoon of the peanut butter mixture into the center and top with another heaping tablespoon of melted chocolate and spread evenly over the peanut butter layer. Refrigerate for about an hour until set and firm.
- Store in an air-tight container for up to a week.

THEN ENJOY!!!!

Circle Time With David Kreisberg!


Down by the baaaay, where the watermelons grow, back to my home, I dare not go

For if I do, my mother will say………..

Have you ever seen a Goat riding on a boat? Down by the bay!

Send us your Rhymes and get involved!
Gesher Yachad Word Search

By: Eli Goldberg
The world has been going through a very difficult time, and everyone is unsure of what their next steps should be. In moments of struggle, we have an opportunity to look at ourselves and decide how to grow from the experience.

Parshat Vayakel walks us through the building of the Mishkan, and addresses the kiyur, which was built with the mirrors of the women of klal yisrael. Mirrors are seemingly out of place in the Mishkan, we should be focusing on Hashem and not ourselves. It is the mirrors, however, that give us the opportunity to look at ourselves and make changes to better our service to God. The kiyur was used by the kohanim to wash their hands and purify themselves before they began their service. Rabbi Yaakov Neuberger explains that the mirrors remind us of our history, and specifically the history of the Jews in slavery in Egypt, and act as a reminder of the pain and suffering we underwent as a nation. When we look back on the difficulties, we have endured we can then apply that experience to better the world for future generations.

As we approach Pesach, we reflect on the hardships of our time in slavery, and we use that difficult time in our history to appreciate our freedom and to work on ourselves as more compassionate people. In this time of “social distancing” and uncertainty, we can choose to look in the mirror and cleanse ourselves and think about ways to better ourselves and better the future.
Hi everyone! We have decided to start a Gesher Yachad Spotlight series! Each week we are going to highlight someone new from Gesher Yachad and learn all about them. Since it’s our first week I thought it’s only fitting to start out this series with our very own program director, Malki Infield!!

YF: Hey Malki!

MI: Hey Yehuda!

YF: Do you mind if I ask some questions?

MI: Of course not! Ask away!

YF: What is your favorite Shabbat food?

MI: If I had to narrow it down though… I would definitely say chicken soup and of course potato kugel!

YF: How did you first get involved in Yachad and how long have you been involved?

MI: I first got involved on a Junior Yachad shabbaton when I was in 8th grade! I had so much fun, so I decided to get involved. So, I’ve been involved for quite some time!

YF: What’s your favorite circle time activity?

MI: The MILKSHAKE!! Hands down the best song out there!

YF: Does your dad happen to be a Rockstar?

MI: How did you know!? The answer is yes ☺️ My Dad is in Shlock Rock! Quite the Rockstar.

YF: If you were to go to an amusement park, what would be your go-to rides?

MI: I LOVE rollercoasters so probably a cool and upside down one first!

YF: What is your preferred timing for consuming chicken nuggets?

MI: IN THE MORNING! Well, really any time!

YF: What is your favorite breakfast cereal?

MI: Fruity pebbles! They’re so yummy!

YF: What is your favorite Yachad swag item?

MI: HMM this is a hard one…. Maybe the Yachad onsie!
Rhyme about Washing our hands for Urchatz at the Seder

We wash our hands at the sink
But it’s not as easy as you think
We hope you have a lot of hatzlacha (Luck)
Remembering NOT to make a bracha
The reason we wash I’ll explain to you
You can think about it while you chew
The halacha (rule) is when something is dipped
You cannot put it past your lips
Unless you do a full netillah (wash)
If you already knew this, I ask mechillah (forgiveness)
The reason we do this we are benei chorin (free men)
That means we’re free not avadim (slaves)
Answers:

Q: What goes up when rain comes down?
A: An umbrella!

- Q: What word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?
A: Short

- Q: What can you catch but not throw?
A: A cold.

- Q: What starts with the letter “t”, is filled with “t” and ends in “t”?
A: A teapot!

- Q: How do you make the number one disappear?
A: Add the letter G and it’s “GONE”

Q: What did the snowman say to the customer?
A: Have an ice day!

**Please feel free to reach out and send in some pictures for our next newsletter! Infieldm@ou.org