

# What's Happening in...

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## Morah Miriam Apter

Our friend, Solange DeFrancesco, threw a great Chanuka party! We all went over to her home where we were treated to a gourmet lunch. We enjoyed latkes, donuts and lots more delicious food. We played dreidel, of course, and a great time was had by all. Thank you, Solange!

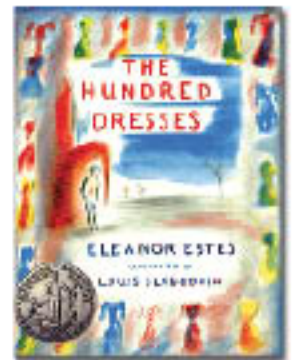


Congratulations to Tzivia Kahn who is completing her Waseca Reading Program. What an accomplishment! Yasher Koach to all the great researchers for compiling beautiful research reports on a variety of topics. So far, we have heard about snakes from Chayala Weiss, dogs from Tzivia Eidlitz and horses from Basya Kahn and Raichel Arons. There are many more reports in progress.

The girls work daily in a friendship notebook. Each girl has a partner and every day she discovers and describes new things about her friend. She investigates her partner's hopes and fears, dreams and desires, anxieties and aspirations. To be a true friend, we need to understand each other better. We hope this helps the girls continue to build excellent friendships for a lifetime!



## Morah Aliza Nadoff



Chaviva was reading *The Hundred Dresses* by Eleanor Estes and was dissatisfied with the abrupt ending. Following her own initiative, Chaviva worked with Morah Aliza to compose an additional chapter at the end of the book. She worked diligently for a few weeks planning, writing, editing and revising her chapter. Chaviva and Morah Aliza then typed the composition and Chaviva added an accompanying illustration. She is the proud author of Chapter 8 in *The Hundred Dresses*! What a great accomplishment!



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Our Box Tops campaign is going strong! Prize winners so far: Yehuda- 80 box tops, Tamar- 144, Shoshie- 154. We are working towards a goal of 500 to have a school wide pizza party so everyone should bring in their box tops as soon as possible. We only need 50 more!

## Morah Sarah Eidlitz



### *Diamonds*

Written by Hadassah Rosen, Chaviva Rosenfeld and Tzivia Eidlitz

In Morah Sarah's class, we are writing a book about diamonds. The diamonds in the book are a Moshul for Mitzvahs. A man went to a land of diamonds to bring them home. Instead, he was influenced by the other people and started collecting stones and pebbles. In the end, he just grabbed one diamond and ran on to the ship. His family was mad at him. The pebbles were a Moshul for Aveiras. We learn from this Moshul that when we are in this world, it is not good to collect Aveiras. We will be so disappointed and ashamed of ourselves, unless we are collecting diamonds!

## Morah Malka Arons

On December 28th, Bnos Bracha made its premier performance with the play "The Story of Yehudis" in front of mothers, teachers and students. Each girl helped to make the play a wonderful success. Based on the story of Elipurni and Yehudis, the play was written and produced by our very own Raichel Arons. Raichel played the brave Yehudis with Chaviva Rosenfeld as her trusted maid. Dressed in royal clothes, Sora Arons played Antiochus. Ferocious yet gullible Elipurni was played perfectly by Tamar Gelfond. Esther Genack and Tzivia Eidlitz performed as Elipurni's tough guards, while Basya Kahn was the intelligent King Achiar. Yehudis Sobol and Chaya Rauch led us through the play with their wonderful narration. Hadassah Rosen and Tzivia Kahn really brought the play to life with their parts as soldiers and then as pious Jews. Chayala Weiss was our trusted stage hand. The sets and props were designed and constructed by all of the girls themselves.

The play brought out so many talents in the girls, including their beautiful singing, lovely art work, and, of course, their humor. The play was truly a product of the unusual creativity, enthusiasm and Achdus at Bnos Bracha!

