

Dear Parents,

Wow! The children have all settled in so well and have lovely smiles all morning. They are so excited to stay for lunch next week. This week the children have started to make friends and are playing beautifully together. All the children encourage each other to play and talk really nicely to each other. It's been lovely to see friendships blossom. The children have been very good at selecting different activities and tidying up!

On Tuesday the children loved their first PE lesson. They listened really well to instructions and had a lot of fun moving around the hall and stopping on the right coloured dots.

Next week we will be introducing self-registration and they will be taking out their first library books.

Your wonderful children have settled into Jewish studies so comfortably. Next week we will be starting learning (and singing - we are always singing!) about Rosh Hashanah but this week we looked at Hashem's beautiful world. At Etz Chaim we have a vegetable patch at the back of the school and Nursery picked and ate fully ripe tomatoes. We took our magnifying glasses out and rooted around for potatoes too. We said 'Thank you' to Hashem - in the form of brachot- when we ate our tomatoes and smelt the herbs and we thought about all the wonderful things He gives us including our mummies and daddies. We decided they were the best things in the world!

This week Nursery started to learn the words שלום (Shalom- hello), בוקר טוב (Boker tov – good morning) and אני (Ani – I am). The class is learning the song שלום שלום, which you can find on: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VF-N0xSNFFw>

Thank you for joining us for the shofar blowing at the start of the new school year. From **Monday 16th September**, children will be lining up and then we will blow the shofar for them. You are welcome to stay to listen but are not obliged to.

Shabbat Shalom  
Nursery Team

