



Schechter

School of Long Island

SSLI Lower School

Friday Letter – February 11, 2022

Parshat Tetzaveh - Candle Lighting 5:07 pm

Dear Schechter Parents,

This week the students continued to enjoy their second week of our Read-a-Thon. We had more guest readers who came and shared a book with the class. The students continued decorating a large kindness tree which is prominently displayed in our main hallway upon entering the building. Like last week, the students enjoyed our special themes of the day. We had workout clothes day, tie dye day and bring your stuffed animal day. Today the students even brought in a flashlight and used it while reading their books.

Today the 3rd grade invited administrators and teachers to attend their class publishing party. The students each wrote beautiful stories about something unique that happened to themselves. They also included family pictures that related to their story. At the publishing party, the children read each other's stories and wrote down things that they most enjoyed reading. These young authors really did a fabulous job and we look forward to the next time they share their fascinating stories.

This week during Kabbalat Shabbat we welcomed the Gan - the kindergarten class as they enjoyed many traditional Shabbat songs. Our Darshan, Rabbi Dermerm, rabbi of Temple Beth Torah of Westbury, came and introduced the parsha by comparing it to the upcoming Super Bowl. Each team wears a special uniform just like the Cohen Gadol in the Beit Hamikdosh - the Holy Temple. Among the garments he wore was a breastplate which contained 12 precious stones corresponding to the 12 tribes of Israel. He would keep every member of each tribe close to his heart and pray on their behalf for a greater future.

Question of the Week (Please submit your answer to be featured in next week's email.)

This Parsha mostly discusses the special garments of the Cohen Gadol. One of the garments he wore was the Me'il - robe which had golden bells on the bottom of the garment. What is the significance of these golden bells?



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Last Week's Question And Answer

Q. Parshat Terumah primarily discusses the various donations given for the construction of the Mishkan. Why then does the Parsha open with the words "**Vayikchu Li Terumah**" which means to take? We are giving, not taking?

A. Jim Rohn, a motivational speaker, once said, "Only by giving are you able to receive more than you already have." The Torah is teaching us the benefits of giving. When we give to an important cause or to a person in need, we feel a sense of joy as we make a positive difference in others' lives. Donating to the Mishkan is a way of connecting to something greater than ourselves, which is one of the greatest feelings one can experience.

Shabbat Shalom!

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