

A Hebrew Academy Marine



So, what's Purim or Passover going to look like for a Jewish Marine on the USS NASA? Well, officer David Kohn, a proud Hebrew Academy graduate, had his chance

to talk to eager students at the Hebrew Academy and told them that it'll be just fine. The Academy students had many questions for the young air controller.

He spoke to students about what it's like to keep kosher Shabbos, Chanukah and Passover on the ship. Most importantly, he told students that he felt the Academy had given him the opportunity to have all options open to him including patrolling our airspace.

Community Shabbat Dinners

Shabbat Dinner at the Hebrew Academy has our school family and friends coming together from all over Long Beach and Orange County to participate and feel a part of a dynamic and growing community. Shabbat Dinners begin with a lively children's Lecha Dodi Shabbat service followed by a fabulous Kiddush and dinner with the finest in Shabbat cui-

sine. There is a fantastic children's program during the dinner. This program is open to the entire Jewish community and is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends and enjoy a genuine Shabbat experience. Our next Shabbat dinner is scheduled for March 19. For more info call Rabbi Popack at (714) 898-0051 ext 203.

March Upcoming Events

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY:

Band Night
 March 1st, 5-7pm

Rosh Chodesh Assembly
 March 16th

First Grade Passover Performance
 March 21st

Model Seders
 March 25th

Pesach Carnival
 March 26th 12-2pm

To RSVP or for more information on all events call (714) 898-0051.

Twice the Mitzvah!



For Anat and Andrew Rosen, Hebrew Academy parents, the birth of their twin boys called for a special moment in local Jewish history. The double Brit was held at the Hebrew Academy. The Rosen's feel part of the Academy extended family and were proud to celebrate their simcha amongst family. The local Jewish community is growing and we can thank the Rosen Family twice for that.

Matzah Bakery from Camp Silver Gan Israel



Camp Silver Gan Israel is welcoming the public to a free, hands-on Matzah Bakery in March. Guests are invited to visit Silver Gan Israel to enjoy a fun Matzah baking experience and Passover presentation.

"The Matzah Bakery is guaranteed to generate excitement for Passover and a renewed appreciation of hand-baked shmurah Matzah," said Rabbi Sender Engel, who is organizing the presentation. "After a great turnout for our Chanukah

workshops, The Hebrew Academy/Silver Gan Israel is proud to sponsor the Model Matzah Bakery as part of our ongoing holiday workshop series."

The unique Model Matzah Bakery lets children learn how shmurah Matzah is made- literally "from scratch." Dressed in baker's hats, the children start by threshing and winnowing natural wheat stalks and separating the wheat from the chaff. Then they make flour in rustic hand-driven millstones that have the authentic look and feel of years ago. Next, the children draw special water from an old-fashioned well, and begin mixing the flour and water into Matzah dough.

Once the 18-minute clock starts (according to Jewish

tradition, the process must be swift so the dough doesn't rise), the children quickly mix and knead the dough. Then the dough is rolled out and riddled with holes by special Matzah perforators. The matzot are rushed to the "brick" oven in the hope of baking the entire batch of matzot in just 18 minutes.

While the Matzah bakes, guests watch an exciting video presentation on Passover. At the end of the program, each child is given his or her own Matzah to take home, and tours of the campus will also be available.

For date and time or to arrange a Bakery tour, please call Rabbi Sender Engel at (714) 898-0051, ext. 221.

Surf with SGI-A New Website for Kids!



Camp Silver Gan Israel announces the opening of a new high tech website (www.SGIkids.com and www.CampSGI.com) for Jewish kids.

"The internet is a place children spend a lot of time. We feel that quality Jewish programming should be available in cyber space," said Rabbi Sender Engel, the camp director. "From games to weekly Torah portion from videos to interactive holiday guides and comic strips with important les-

sons, there is sure to be something in the 'kids zone' for every Jewish child."

Parents will also enjoy finding updated weekly articles about Jewish parenting and a friendly, easy to navigate environment. Rabbi Sender said SGI is constantly on the cutting edge of technology with cyberspeed communications, the ultimate in gaming capabilities, online registration and organization the best that only modern technology can afford.

"Silver Gan Israel is the biggest Jewish day camp on the west coast, a position earned through years of innovative programming and phenomenal staffing," the Rabbi said. Other recent innovations include a new recreation room and a science adventure

program.

As the summer approaches, many exciting trips and shows will be posted to the website as well as pictures from the previous summer season. Find out your Jewish birthday, Shabbat times, Yahrzeit dates, when your bar/bar mitzvah will be and more with the calendar tools. Enjoy the hamentashen recipes, enter the online Purim costume contest and play all kinds of holiday games.

Silver Gan Israel is fully accredited by the American Camp Association. Camp registration for the summer of 2010 is open to children ages 2-14. Parents can learn more by contacting Rabbi Sender Engel at (714) 898-0051, ext. 221 or sender@campsgi.com.