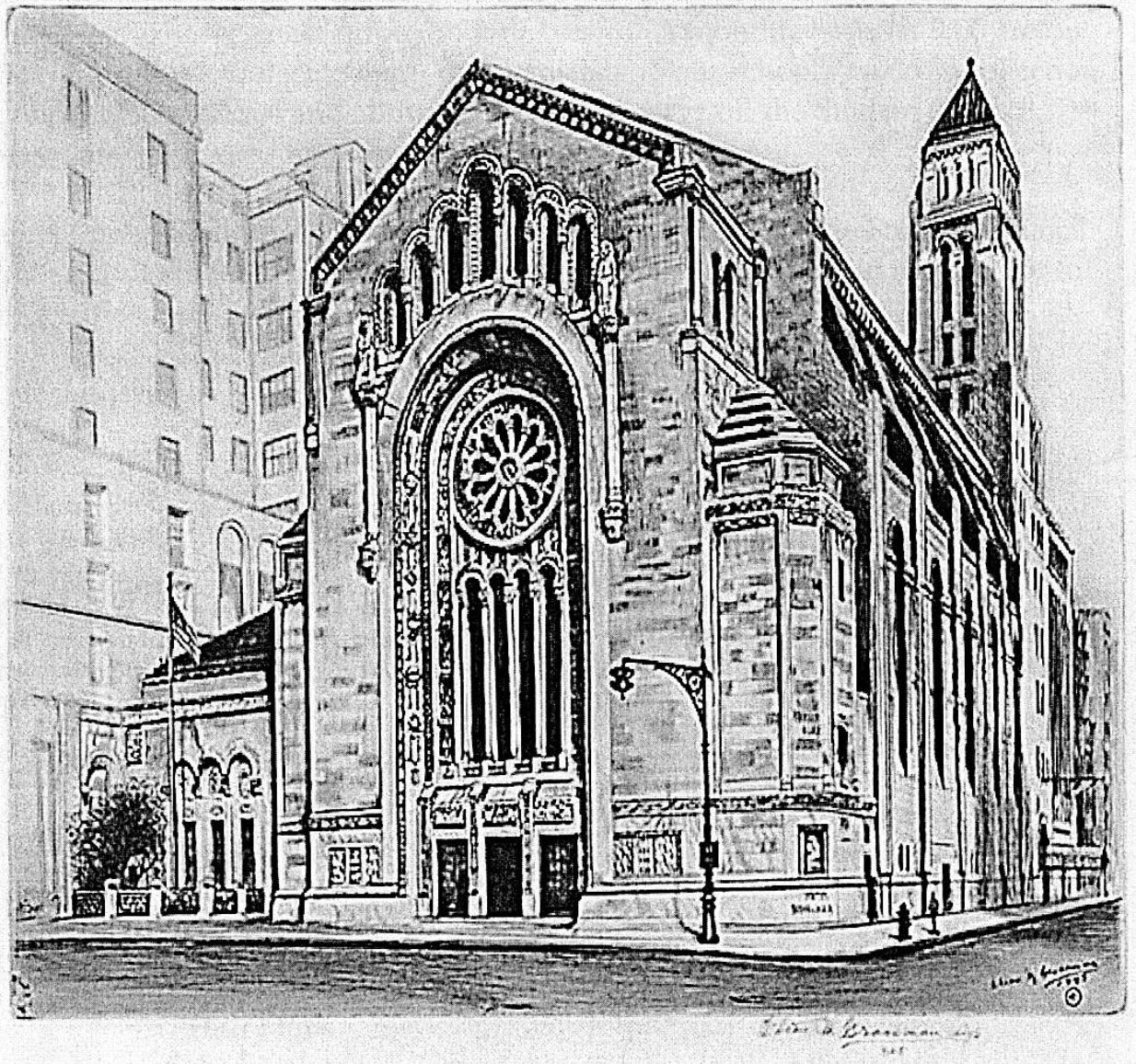


The Prophet's Voice

2014 - 2015



Congregation Emanu-El
of the City of New York

Dear Temple Emanu-El Families,

It is a delight to present you with *The Prophet's Voice*, the annual publication of the religious school of Congregation Emanu-El. Inside you will find interviews of Religious School faculty and artwork done within the classroom.

This publication is largely the work of our Student Council, and it was their idea to dedicate this year's newspaper to the important project of helping us get to know those who teach in the Religious School. The students of the Council, who volunteered to serve, meet throughout the year on a monthly basis (at 9:00am on Sunday mornings) to decide upon the recipients of our school's *tzedakah* collection. All students in grades four and above are eligible to serve on the Student Council, representing their classmates in these important decisions.

The submissions to *The Prophet's Voice* include not only the Student Council members, but students from every grade in the school. We are so proud of all of our students.

Enjoy this issue of *The Prophet's Voice*!

Saul Kaiserman
Director of Lifelong Learning

Rabbi Ben Zeidman
Associate Rabbi

It is an honor and a privilege to have worked with Temple Emanu-El's Student Council this year in creating this annual student newspaper, among the other projects we have taken on. The 2014-2015 Student Council was comprised of:

Brooke	Davide
Seth	Harry
Harrison	Ben
Blythe	Emerson
Ben	Brady
Elizabeth	Alden
Jeremy	Spencer
Lilli	Zachary
Harry	Lilly
Gigi	Jack
David	Sloane
Alex	

Interviews

What Is your name?

Bella Cohen.

What grades do you teach? What days?

I teach 4th and 6th grade on Sunday.

How long have you been teaching at Temple Emanu-El?

I have been teaching for 12 years.

What topics do you cover in class?

Hebrew, and Tefila/prayer.

What are some of the fun ways your students learn?

I make my class fun by having my students do competitions, drawing, and Tic-Tac-Toe.

What does your Hebrew name mean?

The name Bella means white, beautiful, and blessed. It is not a biblical name.

By: Seth

We interviewed Rina S. Moscovitz. She teaches 4th grade and she's been teaching here for 4 years. The topics she covers are holidays, prophets, and Hebrew. Some fun ways she teaches are games, skits and videos. Some facts you might want to know are that she was in the Israeli army and she got her Masters' Degree at Hunter and Columbia.

By: David and Zach

Security Guard Jim

By Brooke

- 16 years at Temple Emanu-El
- Hobby: Music—pop, country
- Lives with all girls
- Scariest thing he ever did: ride a

rollercoaster

- 56 years of age
- Wanted to grow a mustache since he was 17
- Dog lover
- Shoe size: 10.5 mens

I interviewed my teacher Rina about her life and what it's been like for her over the years. She has been learning Hebrew since she was in kindergarten and she was born in Israel! Rina was even in the Israeli ARMY! Rina's parents moved to Israel because they believed in Zionism. When Rina got a little older she moved to the U.S.A. and studied art. Since she is Jewish she decided she really wanted to be a teacher and teach Hebrew. It was a very nice interview. By: Jack

Interview with Rabbi Ben Zeidman

By: Harrison

Do you enjoy your job as a rabbi?

Yes.

What special things do you do as a rabbi?

I spend time with families when they are celebrating or going through tough times. I talk about things that are important to me. I get to hang out with cool students!

What do you do during a day at Religious School?

I lead Tefilah, meet with classes, and spend time with the A-TEEM.

What is a regular day for you at the temple?

There aren't any. I start the day at 8:30 a.m. I have meetings with people that are interested in converting to Judaism and conversations with Religious School people. I do preparation work and write sermons.

What do you do for fun?

I read science fiction and fantasy books. I also like to read comic books and graphic novels. I love to watch Michigan State play basketball and enjoy watching movies. This year, I am playing fantasy baseball, which is really hard for me.

What do you like to eat or drink? Are there limitations?

I do not eat pork and shellfish and try not to mix red meat and dairy. I like to eat pizza and Mexican food. My mom's manicotti is my favorite!

1. What is your name?

My name is Mrs. Ellen French.

2. What grade do you teach? Which days?

I teach on Mondays, grades 3 and 4. On Sunday 3rd grade Hebrew and 4th grade History. I teach History on Wednesdays to the 5th grade and 3rd grade Hebrew on Mondays.

3. How long have you been teaching at Temple Emanu-El?

I have been teaching a long, long, long, long, long, long time. I started in the early 1970's.

4. What topics do you cover in your class?

I teach several subjects: Hebrew, Aleph-Bet beginners Hebrew, history, the Prophets and the Holidays.

5. What are some of the fun ways your students learn?

They learn with Hebrew Tic-Tac-Toe. My students learn Vowel Calisthenics.

We enjoyed interviewing Mrs. French

By: Jeremy and Brady

Interview with Hebrew teacher Ben Kirschenbaum

By: Sloane

Q: What's your name?

A: Ben Kirschenbaum.

Q: What grade do you teach? Which days?

A: 5th and 6th on Sundays and Wednesday.

Q: How long have you been teaching at Temple Emanu-El?

A: 15 years

Q: What topics do you cover in your class?

A: Hebrew and other Jewish Topics.

Q: What are some of the fun ways your students learn?

A: Games and group activities.

Q: How old are you?

A: 34.

An interview with Rebecca Skirball-Miller

By: Gigi

Mrs. Rebekah Skirball-Miller is a sixth grade Hebrew teacher at the Temple Emanu-El Religious School. This is her first year as a teacher in this program, however, she has had many years of teaching Hebrew and Jewish education in New York. During the week, she teaches sixth and seventh grade Hebrew studies at Solomon Schechter Day School in Westchester. Mrs. Skirball-Miller is a very dedicated educator, teaching students six days a week, while spending much of her day off grading papers and designing lesson plans.

Mrs. Skirball-Miller learned about Temple Emanu-El when an old family friend suggested that she contact the Director of the Religious School, Saul Kaiserman. Mrs. Skirball-Miller enjoys engaging her students by trying to find fun ways to teach the material. One way she found works well is to incorporate games into her lessons each week, to keep the students interested and applying material that they have learned in class. Mrs. Skirball-Miller shared, "It is important for me to get to know my students and their families." In her current class at Temple Emanu-El, Mrs. Skirball-Miller is teaching her students many of the important blessings for their Bar/

Bat Mitzvahs, such as the Torah blessings and the V'ahavta.

Mrs. Skirball-Miller was born in the United States, but she left when she was three years old to move with her family to Israel. She grew up in Jerusalem and lived there until 18 years ago, when she returned to the United States. She served in the Army in the Division of Israeli Intelligence for two years, serving the mandatory military time that is required of all Israeli young adults. She was stationed in the Gaza Strip for part of her service.

While growing up in Israel, Mrs. Skirball-Miller recalls that many Israeli young people enjoyed American cuisine and American pop music. But, she recalls that many Israeli students were more independent at a young age, such as taking public transportation without an adult. She also noticed that the teaching style in public schools was somewhat less formal, with students often calling their teachers by their first names!

Lilli interview with teacher Emma

What is your name?

"My name is Emma."

What grade(s) do you teach? Which day(s)?

"I teach 4th and 5th grade Hebrew on Sunday."

How long have you been teaching at Emanu-El?

"Almost 1 year"

What topics do you cover in your class?

"In 5th grade we do the V'ahavta, Avot v Imahot and Aleinu, in 4th grade we do the blessings for food, the V'ahavta, the Barchu and the Shema."

What are fun ways your students learn?

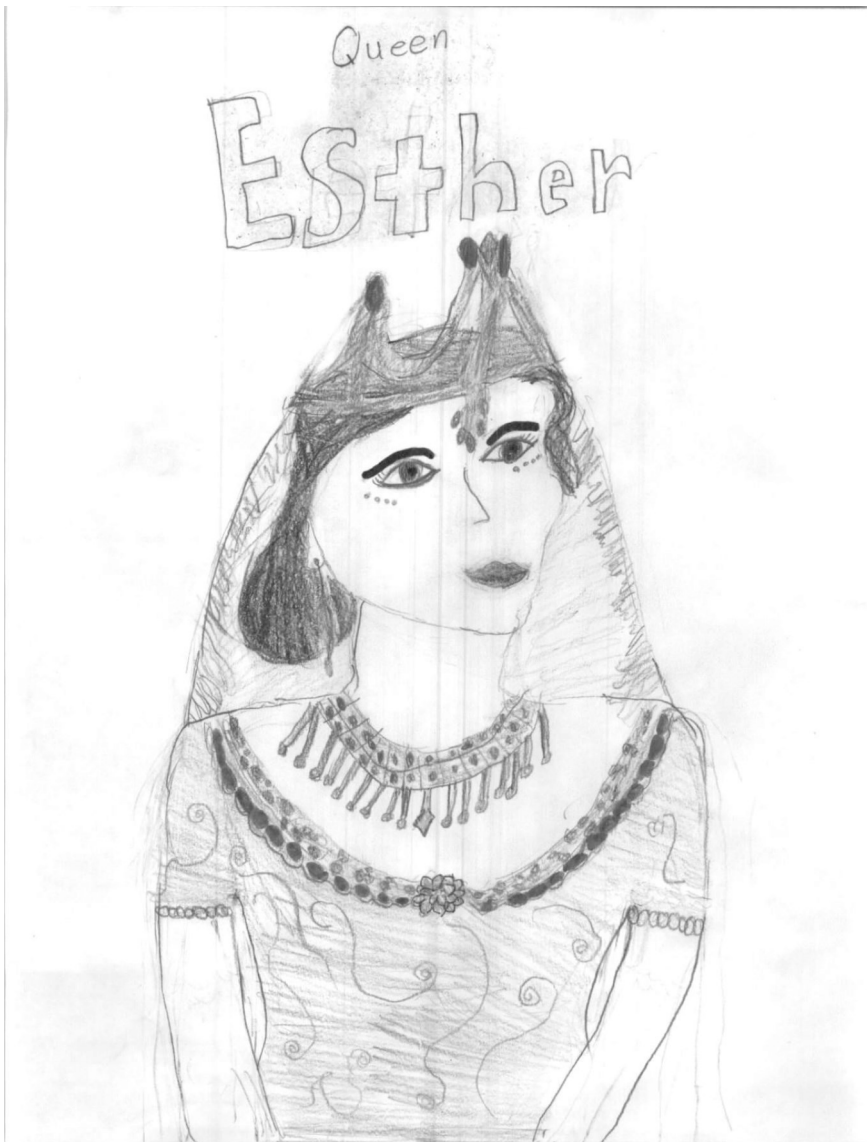
"Lots of games, group work and later there will be more computers."

What do like about teaching 4th and 5th grade?

"Being able to talk to you about Judaism and seeing you understand the prayers."

In Mrs. Skirball-Miller's free time she loves to listen to music, which is something that grew out of her extensive musical training. She even sings opera! She also likes to go to movies and theater. She shared that she loves cooking and especially experimenting with new recipes.

Religious School Artwork



“THIS MAKES ME FEEL CONNECTED TO JUDAISM BECAUSE I’M HALF PERSIAN AND THERE IS A SPECIFIC HOLIDAY FOR PERSIAN JEWS!” - JACKIE

More art at Emanu-El!



Detail from Jonah, 2001, David Wander

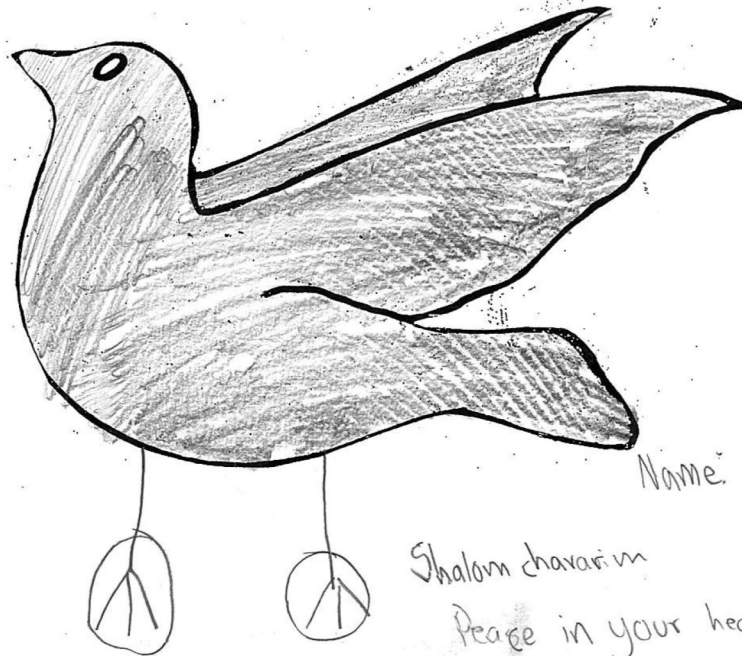
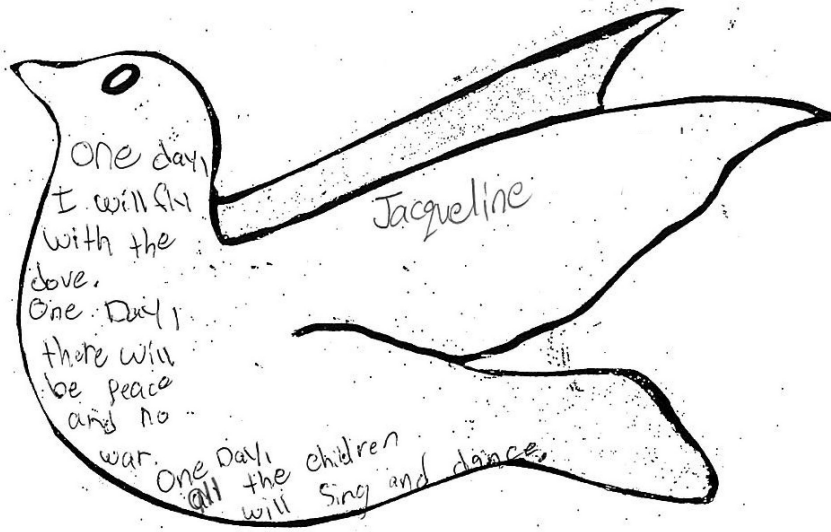
In the temple’s museum is a new exhibit of pictures and words in different forms to make old Jewish stories new again.

-Jack

“Only sometimes you have to look harder.”

Rememb. ering were
not alone. Because with
the torah by our side, we
will conquer our fears,
with all our pride. Looking
inside our hearts, we
will always have the
torah inside our
hearts, mind
and
Soul.

BROOKE



Name: Shalom.

Shalom chavirim
Peace in your heart
Peace in your soul
Peace in your world
Shalom chavirim

Emmy

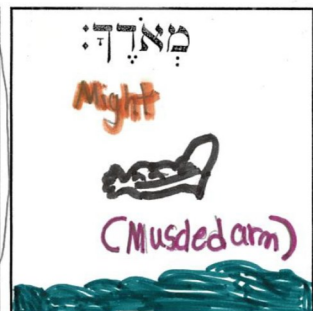
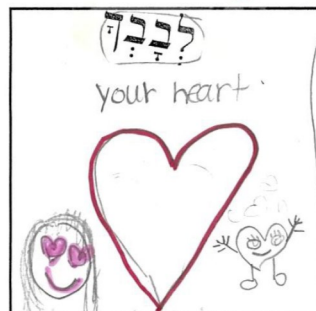
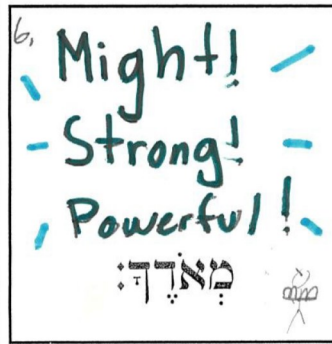
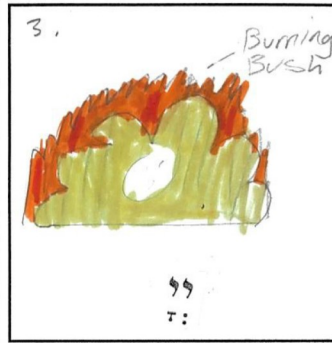
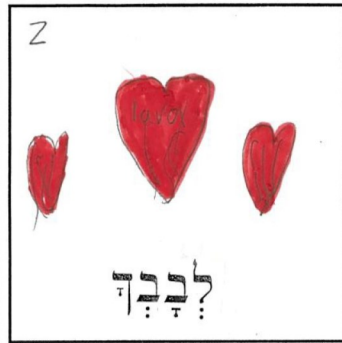
God Gives Us The Torah in The Present

By Lilly

God gives us the Torah in the present every time we read it,
 We are part of our ancestors,
 They were there the first time we were trusted with its knowledge,
 We learn the way to live from it,
 And learn to love things for what they are,
 We learn to cherish the good in our lives,
 And learn to fix the bad.



שמע





Your Heart / לבבך



And her heart help her love

Your Heart / לבבך

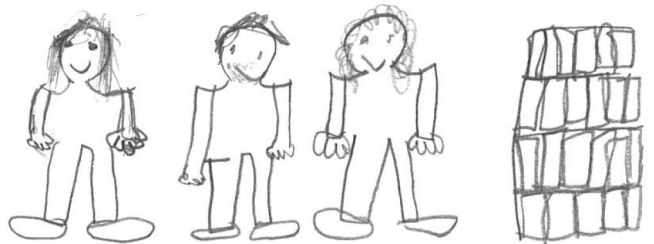


And her heart helps her live.

Her heart helps her in many ways

בית
House/Home

Emmy



Jacqueline



It didn't stay on but I'm still Jewish

בית
Door! Jews!
mezuzot
Hebrew!

From Slavery to Freedom

Name: Emmy

Enslavement image:

Freedom image:



Name: David

Enslavement image:

Freedom image:



Mi Chamocha

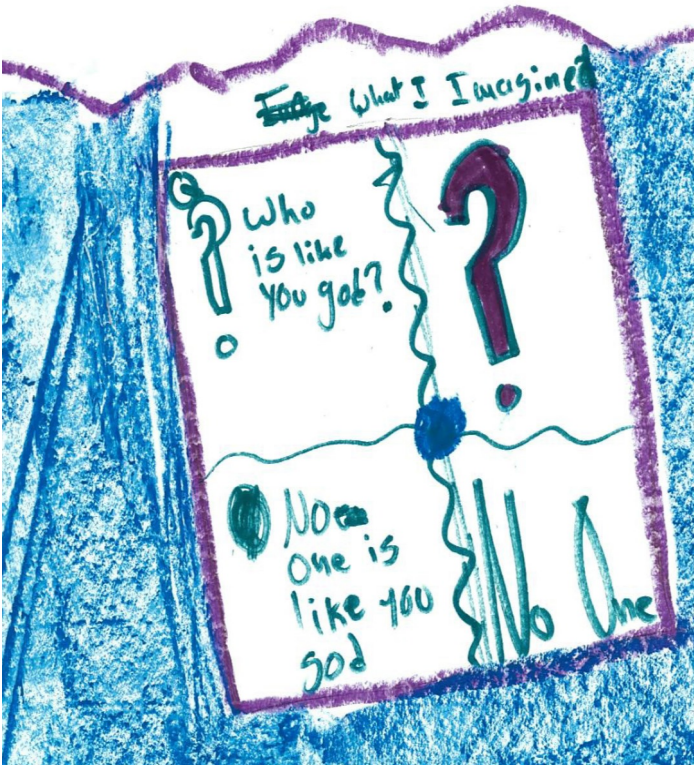
Name: Phebe

When I sing and pray "Mi Chamocha?"
I think and feel, see and imagine this image:



Name: EMMY

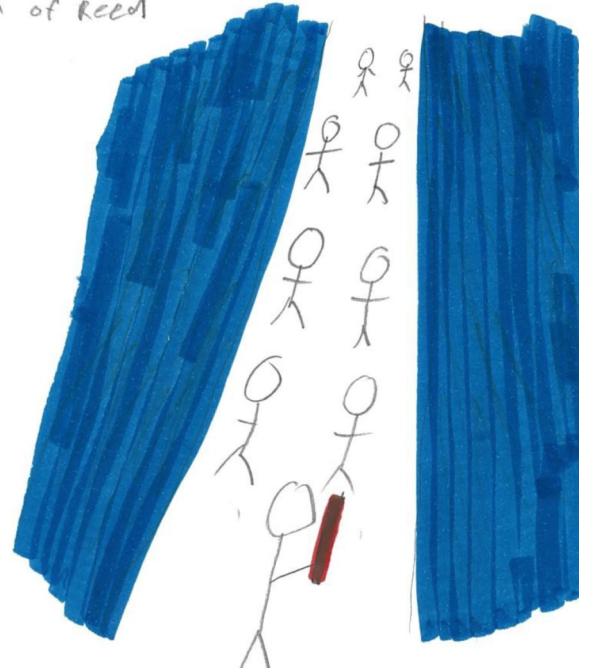
When I sing and pray "Mi Chamocha?"
I think and feel, see and imagine this image:



Name: Nicholas

When I sing and pray "Mi Chamocha?"
I think and feel, see and imagine this image:

People crossing the
Sea of Reed



Name: Lucy♥

When I sing and pray "Mi Chamocha?"
I think and feel, see and imagine this image:



Name: Daniel

When I sing and pray "Mi Chamocha?"
I think and feel, see and imagine this image:

Mi Chamocha



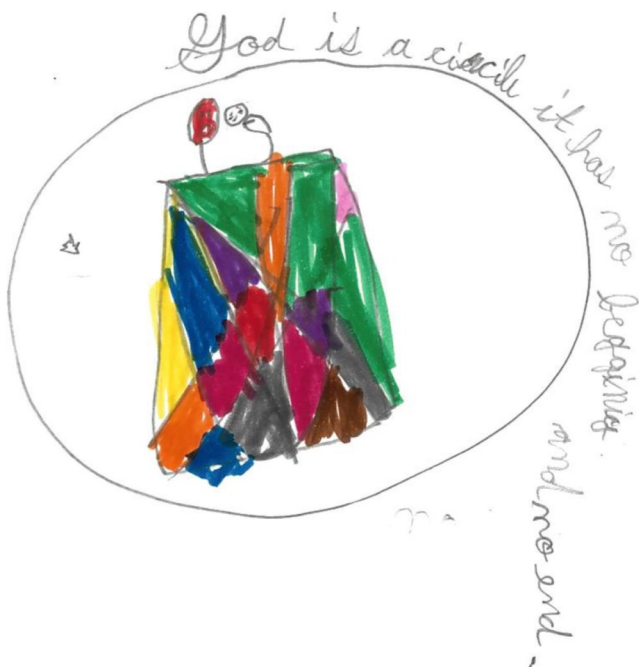
Name: James

When I sing and pray "Mi Chamocha?"
I think and feel, see and imagine this image:



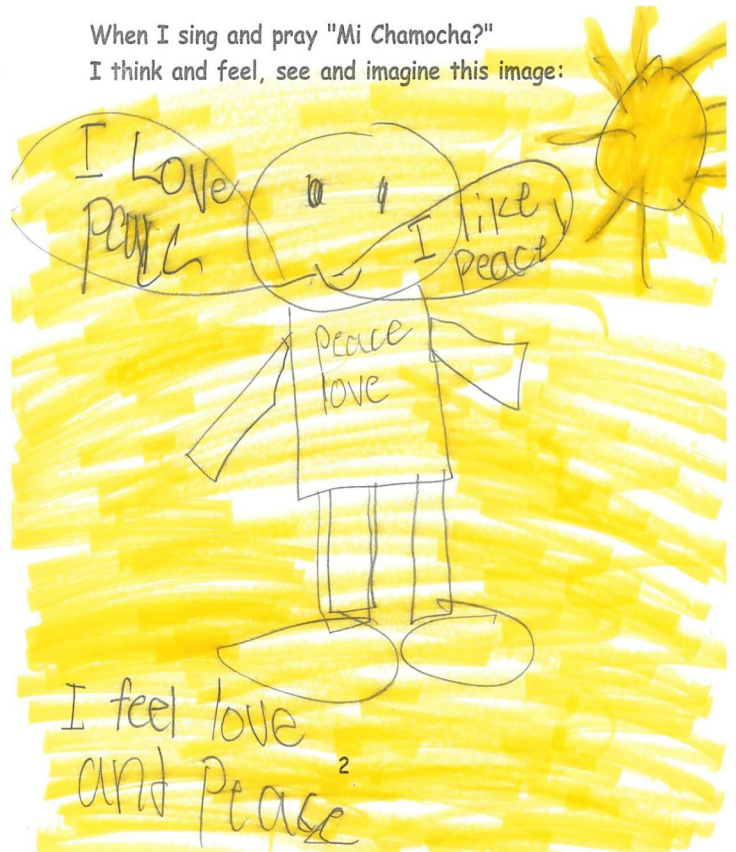
Name: Moses

When I sing and pray "Mi Chamocha?"
I think and feel, see and imagine this image:



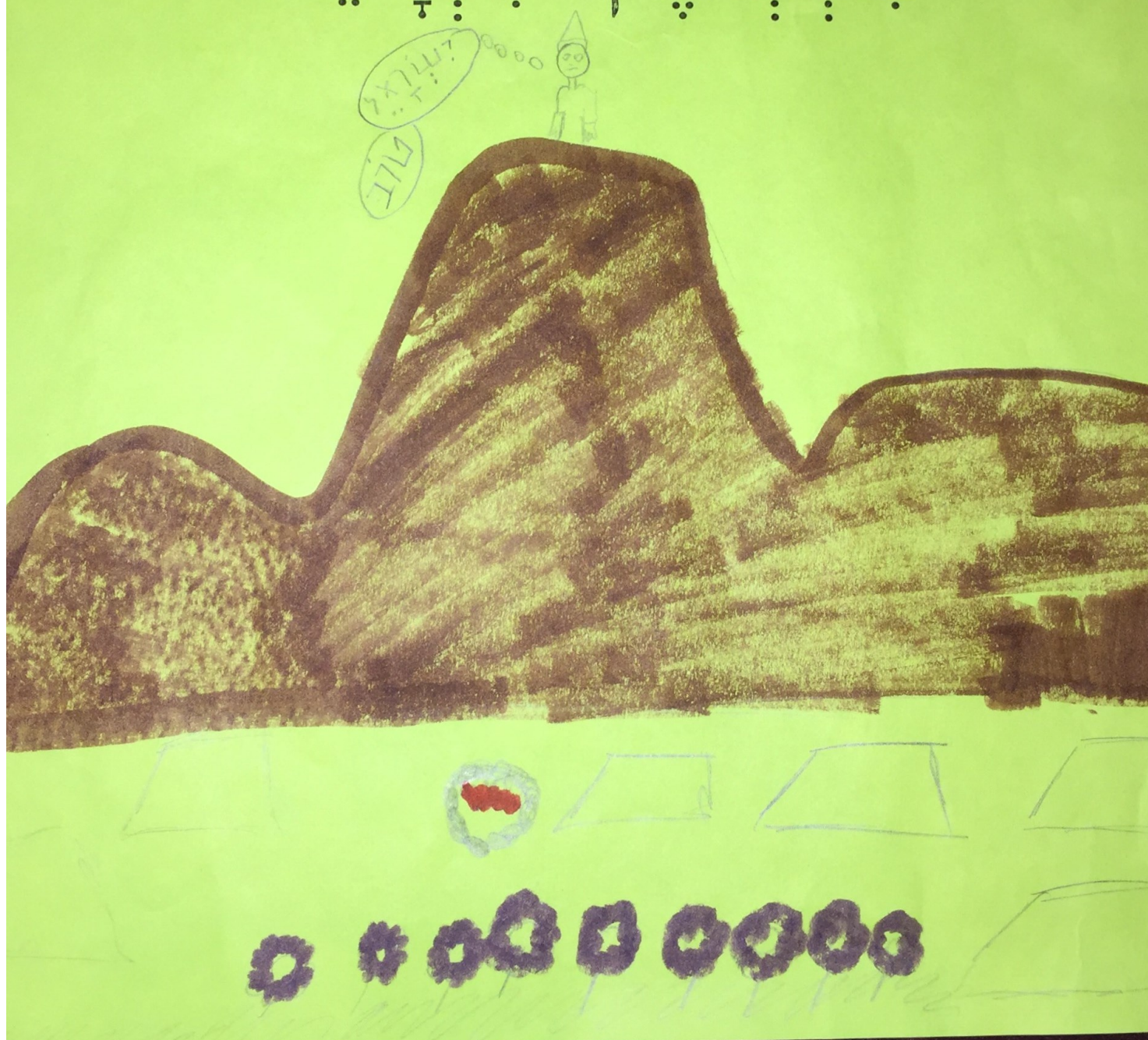
Name: Zac

When I sing and pray "Mi Chamocha?"
I think and feel, see and imagine this image:



Tefilah Pages: Designed!


מה טוב
אהליך יעקב
משכנתך ישראל



בְּרַכּוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְּבָרֵךְ

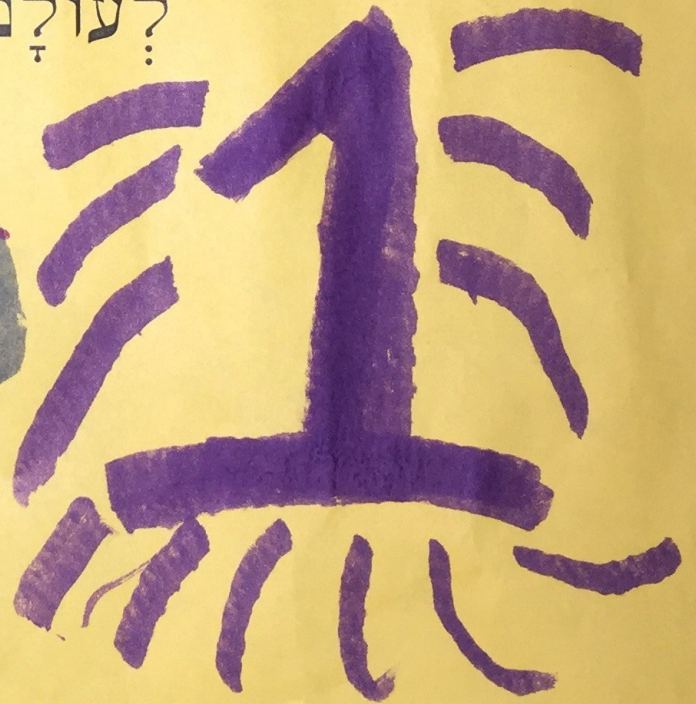
בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרֵךְ
לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד

בְּרַכּוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְּבָרֵךְ
לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד

 + בְּרַכּוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְּבָרֵךְ = Bless בְּרַכּוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְּבָרֵךְ in all worlds

שִׁמְעֵ יִשְׂרָאֵל
יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ
יְהוָה אֶחָד

בְּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ
לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד



וְאַהֲבַת אֵת יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךָ
בְּכָל לִבְבְּךָ וּבְכָל נַפְשְׁךָ וּבְכָל מְאֹדְךָ:

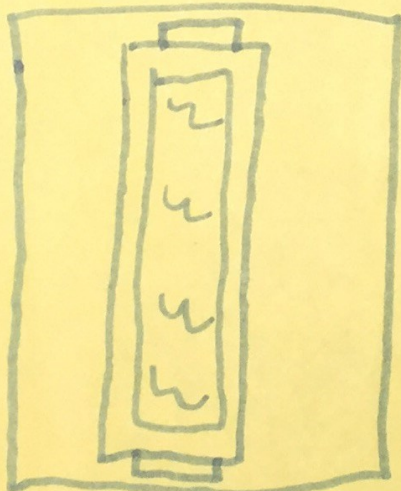
Love God

וְהָיוּ הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה

אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מְצַוְךָ הַיּוֹם עַל לִבְבְּךָ:



וּשְׁנֵנִתֶם לְבַנְיָהּ וּדְבַרְתֶּם בָּם
בְּשַׁבְּתְךָ בְּבֵיתְךָ וּבְלִכְתֹּתְךָ בַּדֶּרֶךְ
וּבְשֹׁכְבְךָ וּבְקוּמְךָ:



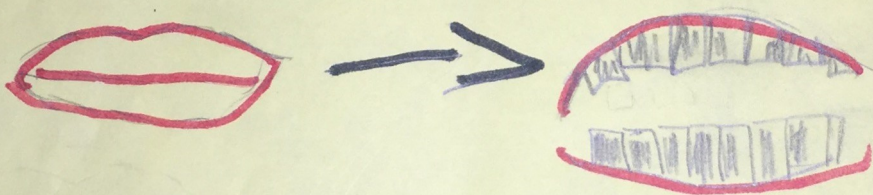
וּקְשַׁרְתֶם לְאוֹת עַל יָדְךָ
וְהָיוּ לְטֹטְפֹת בֵּין עֵינֶיךָ:

וּכְתַבְתֶּם עַל מְזוֹזוֹת בֵּיתְךָ וּבְשַׁעְרֶיךָ:

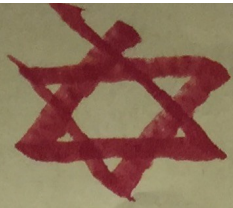
Open our mouths so we
can pray to you in the
silent prayer.

אֲדַנִּי שִׁפְתַי תִּפְתָּח
וּפִי יַגִּיד תְּהִלָּתְךָ

open our mouths God.



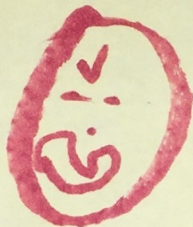
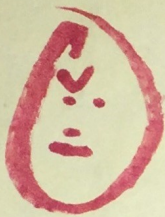
God Please open our mouths



אֲדַנֵּי שִׁפְתַי תִּפְתָּח

וּפִי יִגִּיד תְּהִלָּתְךָ

Speak your Praise

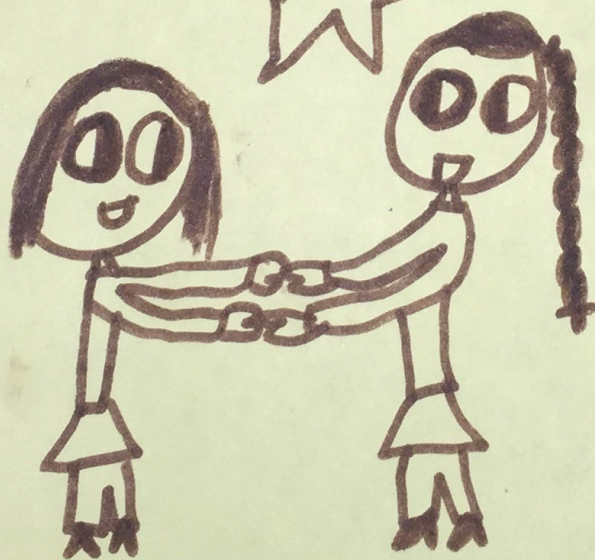


OPEN MY

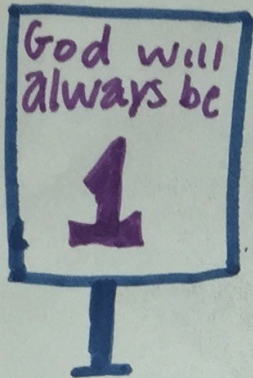
LIPS!

Peace!

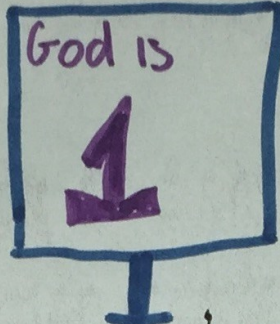
עֲשֵׂה שָׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו
הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ
וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן



Welcome to the
Future



Hi it's the
Present



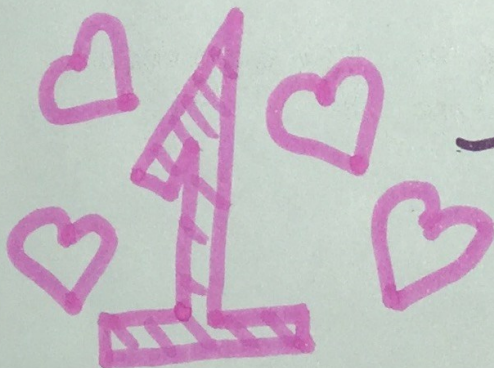
וְנֹאמַר

וְהָיָה יְיָ לְמֶלֶךְ עַל כָּל הָאָרֶץ

בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא יְהִיָּה יְיָ אֶחָד

וּשְׁמוֹ אֶחָד

God will always be



הִנֵּה מֵה־טוֹב

וּמֵה־נְעִים

שֹׁבֵת אֲחִים

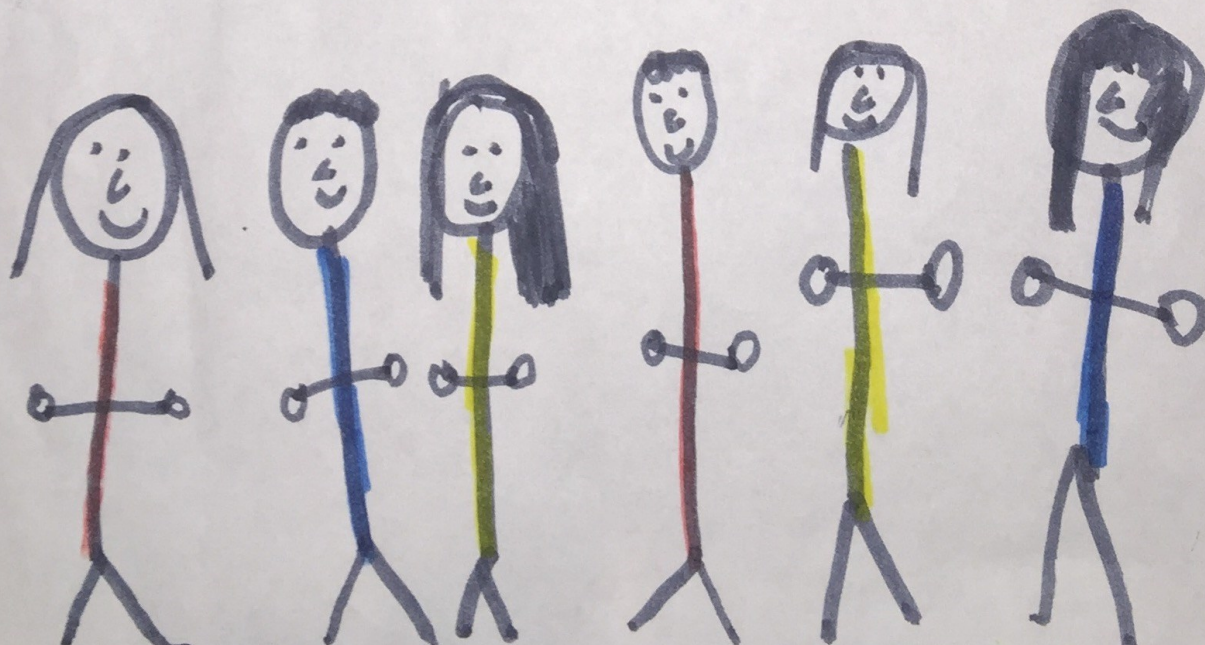
גַּם־יַחַד

good

siblings

together

Community



עֲשֵׂה לְךָ רֵב, וְקַנֵּה לְךָ חֵבֵר
וְהָיוּ דָן אֶת כָּל הָאָדָם לְכַף זְכוּת

“Find a teacher, make a friend, and treat everyone with respect.”
-- Pirke Avot (Sayings of our Ancestors) 1:6

Congregation Emanu-El of the City of New York

Joshua M. Davidson, Senior Rabbi
Amy B. Ehrlich, Rabbi
Benjamin J. Zeidman, Associate Rabbi
Rabbi Alexis Pinsky, Intern
Rabbi Carlie Daniels, Intern
Richard Newman, Cantorial Intern
Dr. Ronald B. Sobel, Senior Rabbi Emeritus
Dr. David M. Posner, Senior Rabbi Emeritus
Lori A. Corrsin, Cantor Emerita

Department of Lifelong Learning 2014-15(5775)

Saul Kaiserman, Director
Rachel Brumberg, Associate Director
Missy Bell, Program Director of Youth Learning and Engagement
Rabbi Rena Rifkin, Coordinator of Faculty and Family Engagement
Catherine Caceres, Department Administrator

Goldsmith Religious School Building
10 East 66th Street, New York, NY 10065

Marvin & Elisabeth Cassell Community House
One East 65th Street, New York, NY 10065

(212) 744-1400

www.emanuelnyc.org/school

www.facebook.com/emanuelnyc

www.youtube.com/emanuelnyc

