



Stellar Education for Every Jewish Child

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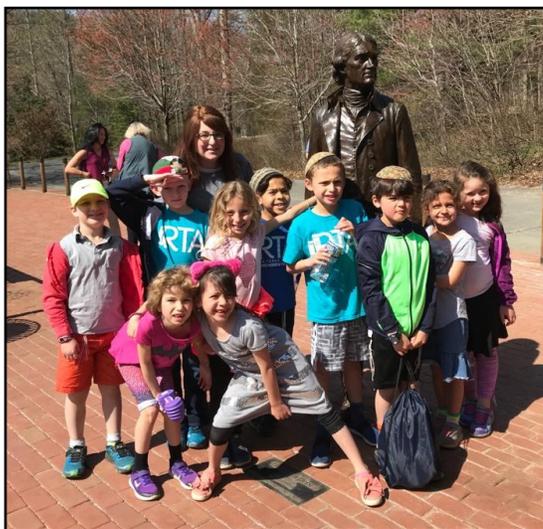
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**RTA Wishes Everyone a Chag Kasher v'Sameach - A Happy & Healthy Pesach!**

## 2nd Grade Monticello Trip

### Second Grade Visits Historic Home of Thomas Jefferson - Monticello

Our amazing second graders were privileged to visit the home of our third President, the beautiful historic plantation of Monticello. We all loved every minute of this fascinating hands-on educational trip. The students participated in a Childhood Tour which focused on the life of the children at Monticello. We enjoyed playing and learning about a variety of games including running with hoops, rhythm, and marbles. Our tour featured the beautiful grounds and flower gardens, the children's room (where they studied), the dining room, Jefferson's bedroom, the library, the parlor, the slave cabins and the ice house. We were very excited to share our own knowledge and ask our many questions. We loved identifying the portraits of many famous Americans throughout the house. We really enjoyed looking at Jefferson's books, Indian artifacts, inventions, artwork, alcove beds, and octagon shaped rooms. We had a beautiful picnic lunch! Then before we knew it, it was time to return to RTA.



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### Candle Lighting

Friday, April 19  
7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 20  
Candle lighting after  
8:34 p.m.

Sunday, April 21  
Yom Tov ends  
8:35 p.m.



Thursday, April 25  
7:36 p.m.

Friday, April 26  
7:37 p.m.

Saturday, April 27  
Shabbat/Yom Tov ends  
8:41 p.m.



**Thursday, April 18 -  
Friday, April 26**  
Pesach Break  
No Classes

**Monday, April 29**  
Classes Resume

**Tuesday, April 30**  
Laughing Place Petting Zoo  
Sponsored by RTA PVA  
8:45 - 11:45 a.m.

**Wednesday, May 1**  
Board Meeting

**Thursday, May 2**  
Computer Coding  
3:40 - 5:00 p.m.

Soccer  
3:40 - 5:00 p.m.

## 2nd Grade Monticello Trip

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THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To our wonderful parents who drove and chaperoned our field trip: Mrs. Habib, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Salomonsky, Mrs. Weinstein, and Rabbi Weiss.



### What's the Plague? - by RTA's Kindergartners

Guess the plague shown in each picture below.

Answers are on page 8.



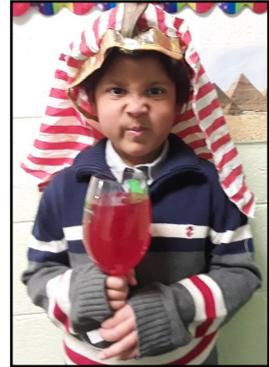
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### First & Second Grade Prepare for Pesach





### The Art Club Paints with DOTS!!

Using Q-tips, the Art Club painted these wonderful pictures! They used tempera paint.



*Avi Fitzgerald*



*Katie Holi*



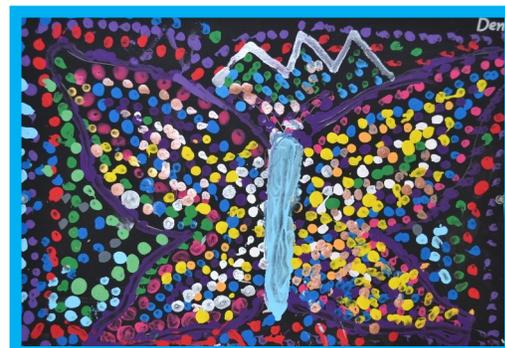
*Isaac Nichols*



*Moshe Goldberg*



*Rachelli Aronowitz*



*Dena Cantor*

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### The Art Club Paints with Dots!!

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Abe Sherman



Lilah Knopf



Yali Plotnick



Shayna Chandler



Yehoshua Aronowitz



Malky Goldberg



Simmy Winston



Danielle Holi



Eliana Rakofsky

## Parsha Points

Each week we feature an article on the weekly Torah portion.

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### Pesach

(First Day – Exodus 12:21-51)

(Second Day - Leviticus 22:26-23:44)

#### *Making the Seder Relevant*

Each Jewish holiday is a lesson in life.

On Sukkot we focus on the joy in life. On Rosh Hashana it's goals for future. Yom Kippur is about learning from our mistakes. And Passover is all about freedom.

It's the type of freedom that has given the Jewish people its power to survive and to thrive. It's not a freedom of the body as much as a freedom of the spirit. And this same freedom is available at Passover to help you achieve whatever you want. A person with true freedom knows no bounds. They are free to change themselves and change the world!

Passover is a "virtual reality experience" in freedom -and the Haggadah is our guidebook. The Seder reenacts the transformation of leaving Egypt, from slavery to freedom. And through this reenactment, we can achieve for ourselves what the Jewish people achieved 3500 year ago.

That freedom brought about the greatest and longest standing empire in the world's history. Not an empire of land, but an empire of thought - Jewish thought. The story of Passover is the story of the beginnings of the Jewish people, a people that set out to form a new world order with a new morality and new concepts of life.

The old world was a pagan one, where war and violence were not only ways of life but often national pastimes. The world the Jews ushered in includes ideas with which we are all familiar - universal education, social responsibility, human rights, and world peace - shalom.

Passover is a mind holiday. Slavery takes many forms; not all shackles are made of iron. We have to become free - not from a physical oppressor, but from a spiritual, mental one. It's ideas that enslave us. Pressures, self-imposed limits - all these are in our mind.

Once slavery becomes a way of life, the slave may even become unaware of his own servitude. That's why the Haggadah encourages us to ask questions to exercise our mind.

So as you encounter questions throughout the Haggadah, take them seriously. Try to answer them, and encourage others to ask more questions. You just don't know which question you are going to ask (or be asked) that will set you free.

The key is that the Seder should be relevant, not dry and boring. Read ahead, familiarize yourself with the text and look for interesting questions to discuss during the Seder.

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## Parsha Points

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Discuss the ideas in a deep and meaningful way. Don't just rush through the text in order to get to the meal. One good way to start your Seder is by asking everyone to recollect their childhood experiences of what their Seder was like. The Seder is so meaningful that the experience you had as a child, even though at the time may have been boring to you, becomes a nostalgic memory, like a conversation with a loved one.

That's because it was, and is. It's a conversation with your inner self. If you are thinking at the Seder, then the Haggadah seminar is sure to show you how to let yourself be truly free.

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### **Answers to "What's the Plague"**

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- 1. animal sickness**
- 2. locusts**
- 3. wild animals**
- 4. blood**
- 5. death of first-born**
- 6. hailstones**
- 7. frogs**
- 8. lice**
- 9. boils**
- 10. darkness**