THE GESHER GAZETTE

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Gesher Celebrating Diversity

The Keren class has been delving into the topic of diversity and exploring how different types of people impact the world around us. To showcase their understanding, each student has crafted their own poem that reflects what diversity means to them during their English lessons. These individual pieces of art have been combined to create a stunning diversity mural in the school playground. As a team, the class has enjoyed learning the intricate art of spray painting and designing a large piece of art that stands out. They have used their 'critique and feedback' lessons to brainstorm ways in which they can encourage their peers to spread the message of diversity through this eye-catching piece. In addition to the mural, the Keren class has also created a friendship bench with the hope of encouraging their fellow students to look out for each other and promote healthy relationships across the school. To celebrate their efforts and showcase their work, the Keren class will be hosting



a ribbon-cutting event next week, where they will proudly display their mural and read their poems aloud to the students and parents. The positive messages spread throughout the student body have been heartwarming to witness, it's inspiring to see the students express their passions about society a creative and impactful way.

Kodesh Corner

This week's Pesach enrichment morning was a huge success and the students enjoyed learning the practical skills needed to prepare for Pesach. Activities included: A school wide Chametz hunt; Cleaning cars with proceeds going to Tzedakah; Making Afikomen bags and Eliyahu Hanavi (Elijah the Prophet) wine cups to take home; Making seder plates to donate to Holocaust survivors; Making Matzah; and a mini mock seder. If you would like to enhance your own sedarim and further engage your children, and yourselves, <u>here</u> are some activities that you can use. Enjoy! If you require, Rabbi Kurzer can sell your Chametz on your behalf. Please download and complete this form and email it back to him (rabbikurzer@pinnershul.org) by



Sunday 2nd April. On seder night, we are meant to consider that we came out of Egypt ourselves. Why? An idea is because we are also enslaved in our own lives - work, bills, tv, phones, media, etc. Therefore, this Pesach, may Hashem help us with our own slavery by reminding us what is truly important in our lives; guiding us in breaking free from bad habits and routines; and strengthening us to make those changes that will enhance our lives and make them more fulfilling. Wishing everyone a Chag Kasher v'Sameach (A Kosher and Joyous Pesach).

Therapy Corner

As the school holidays approach, It's a good time to remind ourselves that preparation is the key to success when planning days out and holidays; our students really do benefit from the adults preparing them for the day out, visitors, holidays, etc. The main idea is to remove uncertainty, and therefore reduce anxiety and hopefully result in a more relaxing and successful trip or experience! You can do this using visuals such as pictures, photographs, drawings, and objects, or for our older children written timetables, lists, and post-it notes. Some points to address are: Where you are going, how you will get there, what will you see/do there, who will be there, and how you will get home. This link https://bit. ly/3lT9EIU has some great examples and resources to try at home, and as ever, if you have any questions then please do contact us here in school.