



GAN ALIYA

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Note: Each newsletter features select parts of the curriculum.

A PEEK INTO GAN ALIYA

Parshas Lech Lecha



Avram tries to hide Sarai in a box when passing through the Egyptian border.

- Left: **Tzvi** learns the names of different types of apples through an apple sorting work.
- Right: **David** sorts pictures of items that are found on either land, air or water.
- Bottom: **JJ** and **Asher O.** engage in a follow-up work to a lesson Morah Nancy gave on the solar system. The boys sequence the planets.
- Below: Morah Nancy began teaching the older children all about weather. Rain is the first unit of study since we are now specifically davening to Hashem for this bracha. The children learned that a raindrop is made when tiny drops of water in a cloud touch and join together. The raindrop becomes larger and heavier, causing it to fall to the ground. Next, the children learned about hurricanes. A hurricane is a huge circle shaped storm over the ocean. Water evaporates from the ocean, causing water vapor to rise into the sky and form clouds. Lastly, the children learned about tornadoes. A tornado is a powerful twisting of air. When a tornado touches the ground, it picks up everything in its path.



Asher, David and **Layla** pose with their weather projects.

Sensorial

Sensorial materials educate and refine the senses. These activities organize and categorize sense perception. For example, the pink tower, brown stair and red rods expand the child's knowledge of dimensions. The vocabulary words "smallest, biggest, thinnest, thickest, shortest and longest" enhance the child's sensory education. The cylinders offer a more complicated variety of dimensions and shapes. The color boxes teach colors and various shades. A variety of materials are available to sort by sound, smell and touch. Red and blue sound cylinders teach a child to sort by sound, smelling bottles by smell and fabric pieces by touch. The handling of the sensorial materials attunes children to the fine differences in their environment and prepares the hand and mind for the academic subjects.



- Left: Using her visual discrimination skills, **Nava** returns the knobless cylinders to their correct slots.
- Right: **Arielle** categorizes objects according to the primary sense that is used.

"Chanoch lanaar al pi darko (Educate a child according to his way)" (Proverbs 22).

