



# MMA Family Features

## A Note From our Founder

Welcome to our first official school newsletter for the 2021 - 2022 academic year!

As you are no doubt aware by now, we are on a mission to radically revolutionize education, starting with the kiddos we love the most right here in our MMA Family. We know the system is broken, the evidence is abounding. It is our job as parents, community leaders, and concerned citizens to take responsibility and stop the cycle of programming our children to the “middle” - an abyss of mediocrity, apathy, dysfunction, groupthink, and herd mentality. As a school, we do not participate in blindly following a system that most certainly does not have our children’s health and success as a top priority.

Instead, we are leading the way in raising our children with the mindset and tools to thrive in the ever-evolving modern world. At MMA, our kids are learning that they each have a secret super power. A unique light that only they can bring to the world. It’s our job to help them discover, access, and harness this light to step into their true power and special mission.

This week our heroes are learning:

- Every hero faces challenges. Otherwise, they wouldn’t be heroes! To win, a hero has to have the confidence to believe in themselves and their deeper purpose—no matter how hard.
- Heroes know they might fail. They take calculated risks, assessing their situation, but they don’t let it stop them from achieving their goal.
- Sometimes a hero does fall. They make mistakes. But they always, ALWAYS get back UP again, embracing failure as one more step in the right direction.
- It’s ok to make mistakes and get the wrong answer sometimes. What’s most important is that we are always willing to learn, grow, and try new things...this is how we discover our gifts and strengthen our skills.

Heroes don’t need to look alike, act alike, or sound alike. And all heroes definitely do not wear capes! So, take some time this weekend to celebrate your little heroes. Help them celebrate their special light, aka unique gifts, aka super powers! 🥰

**Chaya Mushka Ben-Shabat**  
Co-Founder & CEO

## Our Preschool is Expanding!

With immense gratitude to Hashem, we are ecstatic to share that plans to expand our Early Learning Center are currently underway. We will be adding two new age groups to our MMA Family: an infant classroom (6 weeks ~ 11 months), and a toddler classroom (12 ~ 36 months). Please help us spread the word! Enrollment will begin soon, and we are currently accepting expressions of interest. Our goal is to open the new classes with the new calendar year (January 2022), IYH.

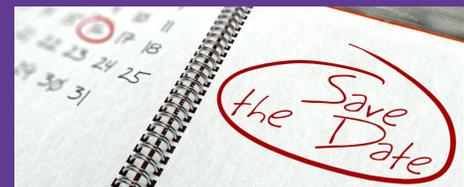
## Mazal Tov!

**Mazal Tov to the Gurelik Family on the birth their baby girl.**

**Mazal Tov to Reb Shmiel and Morah Tam on the birth their baby boy.**

**Mazal Tov to Miss Juli, Asher Lipschultz and Shmuel Moskowitz on their birthdays.**

Let us know of any announcements you’d like included in our school newsletter! Email us at [info@mmafamilly.org](mailto:info@mmafamilly.org)



## Important Dates

### Field Trip Details:

October 14, 2021  
Wildlife World Zoo, Aquarium & Safari Park

### Parent Meeting Dates:

October 25 - 28, 2021

## Announcements

**Kippahs for Sale in the Office**  
Limited availability \$9 each

**MMA Hoodies for Sale**  
Coming Soon!

## Wow! What an MMA-zing week!

Our ELC hit the ground running on Monday learning about Bereishis, the first Parsha of the Torah, and what it means... "In the beginning Hashem created the heavens and the earth." It is literally the first word in the Torah!

And so we began learning about the wonderful world He created for us: Day 1 - Light and Dark; Day 2 - The separation of the water; Day 3 - Plants, streams, rivers, rocks, fruits and grains...; Day 4 - The moon, sun and stars to light up the sky and the planets in our universe; Day 5 - Birds in the sky and fish in the sea; Day 6 - Animals and Adam and Chava; and of course Day 7 - When the world was done He rested and created a day for Shabbos!

This is also a perfect opportunity to practice our counting, spelling, and even foundational science skills. Each day we did a special project that reflected each day of creation following Hashem's divine artistry and the power of words.

Morah Tiferes and Ms. Juli took this wonderful teaching moment to make sure that even our youngest students can learn the value and importance of using our words in accordance with Hashem's plan.

The greatest lesson learned was that they were each created uniquely by Hashem and bestowed with wonderful and powerful gifts. We are Hashem's Superheroes and will go above and beyond to change the world just like our Superhero in this week's Parsha, Noach.

Such a good listener Noach was! Listening and doing what Hashem commanded of him and not



questioning a thing because he knew that whatever he was asked to do was for his own good. So many bad listeners forced Hashem to destroy the entire world He created with His beautiful words, saving only Noach, his family and two of each animal because Hashem knew that he would do exactly as he was told. Our students learned all about making good choices and the consequences if they don't. We learned how the Taivah was made, and we even "created" one in our room.

We also learned all about the animals, the weather, the beautiful promise that Hashem gives us each time there is a rainbow. With songs, hands-on projects, and books we internalized that each of us is truly one of Hashem's Superheroes. All we have to do is embrace our mission and use our talents to spread love and kindness to keep Hashem's beautiful world the world He wants it to be!



## A very special Welcome!

...to Morah Tiferes, who has jumped right in alongside Miss Juli as one of our kodesh teachers now that Morah Tam is home with her new baby!



## Exploring Buoyancy through Parshas Noach

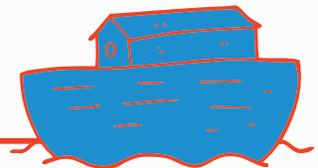
Why do some things sink and others float??? Our MMA students can tell you WHY!



This week in Parsha Science they learned the hands-on basics of buoyancy. They experimented with different materials and forms and made arks that were truly their own. Then they got to put them to the test and see if they'd float just like Noah's did.



We love it when our kiddos can look at the world around them through the lens of Torah and science—together—and see the miracles of life.



Dear Parents,

It has been a true joy to have your kiddos back in class. Reb Avi and the boys had an incredible week returning to the normal daily routine while Reb Shmiel took time at home with his wife and new baby. It's such an inspiring sight to see the class praying together every morning to thank Hashem, our Creator, for granting us another day together with new opportunities to learn and grow.

This week, as we just passed Sukkot, we did our Etrog project and learned how we all wanna be like the Etrog- to have a good aroma and a good flavor, being loving with others and with Hashem.

We started our Noah's Ark project, building our floating popsicle sticks, trusting to be saved by Hashem from any harm in this world.

The class also worked hard on math skills, along with spelling, reading and social skills...and we're even seeing them play better as a team at recess! Just a quick reminder that you will start to receive individual updates on your child's progress this month as we meet to finalize their customized curriculum plans.

We're definitely off to a great start this year!