
Ottawa Modern Jewish School Newsletter

Passover 2006



Passover 2006 Model Seder

On **April 9th**, we will be holding our "model Seder". Remember this is a learning opportunity ~a learning Seder but one that **parents are invited and encouraged to attend** and even take part! Therefore, we invite all the families to attend our little model Seder **in the Cafeteria beginning at 10:30!** This is a terrific opportunity to ask and answer the questions of the Seder!



Early Registration for 2006-07

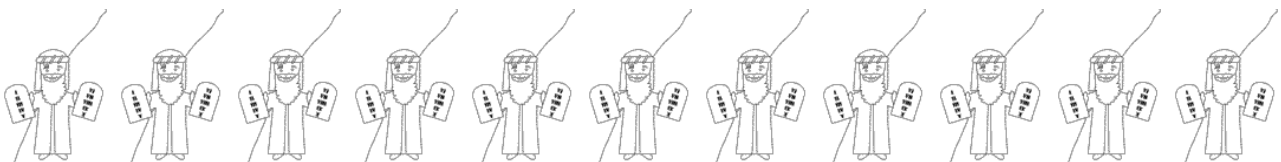
While Passover is still ahead of us, the Board is already turning its attention to planning for the coming year. This is a reminder that an early registration discount of \$50 will be offered to those who register their children before the end of year ceremony on June 18. Remember that families with more than one child attending obtain a \$50 discount for each additional child. Please tell your friends with children approaching OMJS age about early registration as well. Registration forms can be obtained in the school office or on our website (www.omjs.ca).

Remember these Dates!

April 9th – Model Passover Seder

April 30th – OMJS celebrates Yom HaAtzmaut

June 18th – End of Year Ceremony; Last day for early registration discount



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What's Happening at OMJS

By Principal Miri

Shalom to all OMJS Families!

It has been a few weeks since **Purim** has passed. We celebrated the holiday in a wonderful style: in the school and at Hillel Lodge! The seniors of our community thoroughly enjoyed being entertained by the songs and talents of our students! After the "concert", we came back to the gym for a "Little Carnival" which was capped by delicious offerings of beverages and "Hamentashens-Osnai Hamen." Just as quickly as we say goodbye to one holiday, we are busily preparing for the next! Yes! **Passover** is right around the corner!

There is a lot more to come! We still have **Pathways to Ottawa day**; the new design of the t-shirt and all the rest of the holidays and events of the calendar year. This weekend there will be a parent-led discussion on "how to introduce the subject of the Holocaust" in the teacher's lounge.

Check out the latest **Ottawa Jewish Bulletin** and you will view a picture of some of our lovely children! With it, a wonderful article that speaks to our new efforts of raising funds for the Jewish National Fund ~our tree of life! Remember that you can buy leaves for our tree until June. Each leaf costs 50 just cents. There is *always* something going on at OMJS!

Principal Miri ☺

Charoset Recipes from around the World!

Traditional Ashkenazi

(source: aish.com)

2 cups chopped apples
2 cups chopped walnuts
2 teaspoons cinnamon
2 tablespoons sweet red wine

Combine and refrigerate.

California Charoset

(source: aish.com)

1/2 cup dates, chopped
1 orange
1 avocado
3 bananas
1/2 cup grated coconut
juice of 1/2 lemon
1/4 cup pine nuts
1/2 cup raisins
2 Tbs matzoh meal

Peel the fruits, place in blender. Add the almonds, raisins and matzah meal. Cover and refrigerate.

Persian Charoset

(Source: The Jewish Holiday Kitchen)

25 dates, pitted and diced
1/2 c unsalted pistachios
1/2 c almonds
1/2 c golden raisins
1 1/2 peeled apples, cored and diced
1 pomegranates
1 orange, peeled and diced
1 banana, sliced
1/2 c sweet red wine, to 1 cup
1/4 c cider vinegar
1/2 tbsp cayenne
1 tbsp ground cloves
1 tbsp ground cardamom
1 tsp cinnamon
1 tbsp black pepper

Combine all the fruits and nuts. Add the wine and vinegar until a pasty consistency is achieved. Add the spices and blend well. Adjust seasonings. (Makes 5 cups.)

Yemenite Charoset

(source: aish.com)

1/2 cup dried apricots, chopped
1/2 cup dates, chopped
3 tb sesame seeds; toasted
3 tb dry wine
juice of 1/2 lime
2 tb honey
1 tsp. ground ginger
1/4 tsp. black pepper
1/4 tsp. Cumin
1/4 tsp. Cloves
pinch of coriander
1 small red chili pepper, seeded and minced

Combine and refrigerate.



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