

Around the Community



Prepping for Pesach at Torah Academy

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The Pesach vibes and excitement in Torah Academy of Buffalo Grove are palpable! In classic interactive TA style, the Early Learning Center baked their very own *matzah*, by mixing, kneading, rolling and poking the holes with forks. They are also working hard to make their mock Seder, replete with *charoset*, potatoes for *karpas*, and vegetable soup for *shulchan aruch*. Across the hallway, the first and second graders are busy cleaning for Pesach, wiping down tables and toy dishes to get rid of any chametz. Meanwhile, in our trademark hands-on TA fashion, the third through fifth graders searched the school for *chametz* with their own bedikat chametz kit: mini flashlights *chametz*, a big feather, and a spoon in a paper bag. They had a mini bonfire outside to perform *biur chometz* (burning of the chametz) with their teacher. The middle school's learning came alive when they dressed up as Jewish slaves, carrying bricks and pretending exhaustion. Those bricks looked heavy! In the classrooms, tunes of *Mah Nishtana*, *Avadim Hayinu*, and *Echad Mi Yodaya* fill the background with a Pesach-themed soundtrack, and in ukulele class, students are learning to play Pesach songs! Students of all ages spontaneously act out the story of *Yetzias Mitzrayim* together during recess, visibly



demonstrating the unity and camaraderie that flows through our hallways. At Torah Academy, we are having a blast preparing

for Pesach and are so excited for Pesach to finally arrive!

Warmest wishes to the entire Chi-

cagoland community for a *chag kasher v'sameach* from the Torah Academy family!

Another Hinda Hero!

Every Passover the Hinda Institute delivers Passover Food and seders to Jews who are alone and desperate in correctional institutes all over Illinois. R. Scheiman (Director of the Hinda Institute): For over 20 years I delivered Passover food to an incarcerated individual in Illinois prison. The year I am renting the vehicle that I will use to deliver this year's food - from the very same individual who has had a successful ReEntry and runs his own rental business. Another Hinda Hero! <http://Hindahelps.com/sendaseder>

