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# From Traditional Hebrew School to Learning through the Arts

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# ECLC PAST - HEBREW SCHOOL



# ECLC Academies - Present

Family Programs



Technology Academy



Fine Arts Academy



Performing Arts Academy

# Performing Arts Academy - First Year

## **PAA PILOT YEAR: 3rd thru 5th grade**

Called to help launch a Performing Arts Academy at VBS.

*First Show* - JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

Hebrew by grade level followed by

Performing Arts Dybuk Theater taught playwriting workshops

*Second Show* - "In the Brother's Defense,"

The Joseph story told from his brothers' perspective and written by students.

## **Strengths:**

The project based learning model, attendance up, playwriting thru Torah Study

## **Areas for improvement:**

3rd graders were too young, teaching Hebrew separately, focusing on one story in the Torah for a full year.

# Joseph



# Performing Arts Academy - 2nd & 3rd Year

## Modifying the PAA

Gradual changes were made:

- eliminated the 3rd grade

- continued working with Dybuk Theater

- picking theme for each year (leadership was last year)

- Mask workshop that led to a student written play based on Noah and the flood

- Adapting published, true hanukkah stories into short plays

# Hannukkah & Noah's Ark



# Performing Arts Today

## HERSTORY

an exemplary PAA production

### WHERE WE ARE NOW:

Adding 6th grade for the first time

Noa: teaching Music and dance, folding Hebrew into all songs learned

Fall production will be Hanukkah concert

Want to bring back working on a written script for the Spring Production





# Thank you

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