

Early Learning Center

Temple
Israel



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We spent the first part of January learning about Tu BiShvat, lovingly known as the “Birthday of the Trees.” The mitzvah of *Shomrei Adamah*, partnering with God to be guardians of the planet (and all physical surroundings), is easy for preschoolers to understand, especially when we have composting worms to take care

and plants to water in the classroom. Since we can’t plant an actual tree at this time of year, we planted an amaryllis bulb and parsley and zinnia seeds.

We learned what plants and trees need to grow: soil, water, and sunlight. We examined a tree cutting to count the rings and determine the tree’s age. We used our creative side to add leaves and flowers to a tree, like the almond trees seen in Israel.



Getting ready for the Tu BiShvat Seder

We also put together a seder plate and said the Tu BiShvat blessings. We tried examples of different foods, some of which grow in Israel. Our seder plate included oranges, bananas, dates, olives, almonds, grapes, and raisins, categorized as two items that we eat the inside of, but not the outside, two items that we don’t eat the pit on the inside, and two items that we can eat both the inside and outside.



Open House The Early Learning Center’s open house is scheduled for Thursday, March 19, from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. If you have friends, children, grandchildren, family members, or neighbors with children ages 2.9 - 5 years old, please invite them to come and see our modern, Montessori-inspired classroom. We welcome all children with joy!

Summer Camp will be held during the week of August 17 – 21 (Monday – Friday), from 8:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Registration is open and the cost is \$200.00 for the five-day program. For more information or a registration form, please contact me at preschool.director@templeisraelnh.org or via phone, 603-436-5301 Ext.23

L’shalom, Tammy Labonté

Registration now open for the fall 2020 - 2021 preschool program

The ELC is a unique preschool in the seacoast area, the only place Jewish values, traditions, and celebrations are integrated into everyday activities and learning. Jewish holidays are woven into the curriculum along with language arts, science, math, art, music, and movement. We provide numerous enrichment activities within the classroom and community. If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining us for summer camp (August 17 – 21, 2020) or for preschool in the fall, please have them contact me at 603-436-5301, ext. 23, or via email, preschool.director@templeisraelnh.org.