

Early Learning Center

Temple
Israel



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February highlights from the Early Learning Center:

The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire welcomed Noam Wolf, a talented young Israeli professional, to serve as New Hampshire's Shlichah (emissary) for 2018, and we are glad to see her back for a second year!



Noam read the book *The Balloon* while students practiced the Hebrew colors *adom* (red), *kachol* (blue), *yarok* (green), *katom* (orange), *tsahov* (yellow), and *sagohl* (purple). Noam brought balloons and we had lots of fun playing catch and not letting the balloon touch the floor.

In March, the Early Learning Center will prepare for Purim. Purim is a time of sending gifts to others including *matanot l'evyonim*, gifts to the poor, and *mishloach manot*, which is Hebrew for "sending of portions." *Shalach Manos*, as it is also called, refers to gifts of food given to family, friends, and community members.

We will create a classroom post office where students can both "mail" and take turns delivering letters and pictures they have created. As the

weather gets warmer, we will also take a walking field trip to the Portsmouth post office to mail letters we have written to one another, family, and friends.

Registration for the fall 2019 – 2020 school year program is available now. The ELC is a unique preschool in the Seacoast area, the only place where Jewish values and concepts are integrated into everyday activities and learning. Jewish holidays are woven into the curriculum along with language arts, science, math, art, music, and movement with numerous enrichment activities within the classroom and community.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining us for summer camp (July 15 – 19, 2019) or for preschool in the fall, please have them contact Tammy at preschool.director@templeisraelnh.org or 603-436-5301 Ext. 23.

Shalom,

Tammy & Eliau



Left: Using our imagination, dressing up and being silly – always fun here at the ELC!



Right: We are watching a squirrel walk along the electrical wire outside our classroom window.