

# Early Learning Center



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Shalom,

In November, the students of the ELC learned about Hanukkah. We learned to play dreidel and we answered questions like: Why does Hanukkah last for eight nights? What was the miracle? Who were the Maccabees? What is a menorah? Why do we eat foods fried in oil?!

We ended Hanukkah with a family celebration, feasting on latkes and *sufganiyot*. Laura Sher made the dough and then fried the yummy donuts with us. The children shook powdered sugar on the tops to finish the *sufganiyot* for our family celebration. Deborah Levine came in to lead us in yoga and helped the children to make a living *hanukkiah*, or Hanukkah menorah. The children presented their living menorah during the family celebration, using the tallest student as the *shamash* to light the other “candles.”

**Photos, clockwise from top right: Making sufganiyot with Laura Sher; playing dreidel; enjoying the family Hanukkah celebration, our living “candles!”**



Rabba Kaya led us in the dance to the song *Lecha Dodi* and then led the three blessings for Shabbat.

The preschool looks forward to welcoming Elia back to the ELC in January!



Happy New Year!

Tammy and the ELC team (Laura, Steve & Amy)

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