

Early Learning Center



Shalom,

The ELC returned from vacation on January 3rd, 2022. The students began to learn about Tu BiShvat, known as the birthday of the trees.

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We used a Tu BiShvat-themed workbook to learn why trees are so important. We compared this

information to a poster that congregant Marjorie Gruzen donated to the ELC, showing what trees give us, like wood for building our homes, writing paper, books, and even toilet paper. We talked about air and how trees give us oxygen and we give trees carbon dioxide. Trees give us fruits and nuts and provide homes for animals.

Since it's not tree-planting season here in New Hampshire, we started an amaryllis plant to observe its growth. We soaked wheat berries to grown micro-greens. The students also had a

Photos: this month the ELC students learned a lot about trees and their fruits and nuts.



chance to use a grinding mill to grind barley and wheat to use for baking.

We celebrated Tu BiShvat with a seder and tried different kinds of fruits and nuts that grow on trees: some with a pit (dates), some foods where we only eat the inside (oranges, bananas), and some foods where we eat the whole thing (grapes).

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