

Early Learning Center

Shalom,

May is here and the last full month of preschool. We enjoyed music from the Sonatina Center, visiting Grand Pals at the Wentworth Senior Living Home, and taking home the weekly Shabbat box. Shabbat celebrations with Rabba Kaya are winding down toward the last day of preschool and our graduation celebration on Thursday, June 8th.



The ELC has started to learn Israeli dancing with Ellen McQueeney and the children are picking up the steps!

The ELC participated in Portsmouth Children's Day. We pretended to toast marshmallows over our rug "campfire" for Lag BaOmer and enjoyed a picnic outside for lunch.



After taking care of composting worms all winter in the classroom, the children let the worms wriggle free into their new homes, our playground garden beds. We held our first Mother's Day tea event, celebrating the moms and other important women in the ELC children's lives.

In celebration of Shavuot, we made a wonderful bulletin board on the theme of "Mitzvahs and the Ten Commandments." The preschoolers created artworks referencing the books we were reading: *The Littlest Mountain* by Barb Rosenstock and *Ten*

Good Rules, A Counting Book by Susan Remick Topek. Inspired by these books, the children created the landscape, mountains, and people waiting for Moses to bring down the tablets with the rules that allow everyone to enjoy the world.



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Director, ELC

On Friday, June 2, the ELC will host a Father's Day Picnic slightly in advance of the holiday, which always takes place after our school term is finished for the year. Graduation will be held on Thursday, June 8 from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. in the temple parking lot if the weather is good or the social hall if the weather doesn't cooperate.

It is lovely that the ELC has a waitlist for next year, but if you know someone or meet someone looking for preschool, please have them reach out to discuss our program and enrollment options. The temple website, www.templeisraelnh.org, is also a good resource.



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