

February 17th Newsletter



News!

We have learned so much about birds over the past two weeks. We went for a walk looking for birds' nest and we found 5! We saw small ones and big ones. We also read books about birds. We learned that birds migrate south for the winter months and fly back north for the warmer months. The children then related to Florida as being "warm" and in the "south." They also made connections to experiences such as, seeing seagulls eating food on the bench. We made flying birds with feathers, and sponge painted trees and put nests on them. We also enjoyed painting our birdhouses and discussing what kind of food birds eat.

With Tu'Bshvat over, we are now learning about the upcoming holiday of Purim. The children are enjoying learning and singing the new Purim songs. Our puppet friends from the Megillah (Purim story), have joined our class and are helping to teach us the story of Purim. The children have enjoyed decorating the city of Shushan for our bulletin board. We learned that Hashem (G-d) performed a miracle for the Jewish nation. We read the book "Hashem is Truly Everywhere" by Chani Altein to help us understand that Hashem is truly everywhere and will always be there to help & watch over us. Next week will be continuing the story and be making our very own Purim puppets and Puppet Theater!



Important Dates:

February 20- President's Day (No School)
February 24- Rosh Chodesh Adar- Purim Dress Up Day (wear your favorite purim costume)
March 8- Purim No School
March 21- Parent Teacher Conference by appointment



Candle Lighting Time: 5:13 pm
Parshat Mishpatim



Song of the Week

Chag Purim

Chag Purim Chag Purim

Chag Gadol Layehudim

Masechot rashanim

shirim v'rekudim

Hava Narisha rash rash rash (2x)

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Barashanim

Purim day, Purim day

What a happy holiday

Masks and songs, sing along

Dancing all night long

Round goes the gragger, round round round (2x)

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On Purim Day!



Teacher's Corner:

Wow! Purim's almost here and then before we know it will be Passover! The children are having a blast, learning, playing, dancing and exploring throughout the day. The children are very excited on the new dress up clothes (Purim costumes,) and are looking forward to what else is in store for them on such a fun holiday. We'd like to welcome Leila Etienne into the Jewish ELC family! It's been great getting to know Leila and we are looking forward to a great year together!

Shabbat Shalom

Morah Paola, Morah Chana & Morah Laura