

newsletter

פרשת בשלח
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Tu B'shvat..

This week, there was a feeling of magic and sparkles that took hold of us!

In honor of the Yom Tov of Tu B'shvat, we had exciting daily activities

planned. Each day of the week, we zoomed in on one of the *Shivas*

Haminim, the seven fruits of Israel and their color. Thursday was

grapes which is purple. Our activity of the day was hanging grapes on

a vine blindfolded. **Eshka** impressed us with her dexterity skills and

pasted the cluster of grapes quite close to the vine. The participants

were in for a surprise as we gave out grapes for snack. In honor of the

theme color of the day, the participants wore stylish purple clothing. Friday

brought along wheat, which is beige. We created an impressive craft of wheat

stalks using popsicle sticks and rice. The participants were treated to *Challah* for

snack. The "spell" finally lifted and brought us back to reality. What a "charming"

week!



Trees Craft..



Up to par with Otsar standards, the participants made 3D trees in honor of Tu B'shvat. We each received paper towel rolls of different heights. We painted the "trunks" using brown paint. The participants then painted a circle as the "branches" using different shades of green paint. We added in dots of paint as the fruit. **Yossi** had a serene look on his face as he stroked the paint brush. **Miriam** could almost feel the tall looming tree. We painted two pieces of wood which served as the stand. Fayge glued the trees on to the stands and out came a garden of sorts. We all know that the participants are truly "the apples of our eyes"!!

Baking Challah..

On Wednesday, staff led a fascinating discussion on this week's *parsha*. We learnt about the *man*, the special food which was given in the *midbar*. In honor of Shabbos, the people received a double portion of *man*. To remember this miracle, we serve two *challo*s on *Shabbos*. In tribute to this week's *parsha*, the participants baked heavenly challah rolls. A mini bakery was set up in the morning. We donned our white hats and got straight to work. The sound of pounding was heard as we rolled out the dough. **Bobby**



shaped and coated the roll with eggs. Our seasoned chefs labeled the pans and placed the rolls in the oven. Our stomachs grumbled in anticipation as the delicious aroma wafted through Day Hab. **Yanky** envisioned eating this challah at his *Shabbos* meal. We can hardly wait to delight in these scrumptious treats!!

Spotlight on David..

On Wednesday, we were honored to feature **David**. We learnt all about his likes and interests. Davids' favorite day of the week is Tuesday as he loves the arts n' crafts group. A memorable trip he shared is when SKA High School came to Otsar for a visit. Warm feelings of nostalgia enveloped us as we remembered the visit. David's most-liked season is spring as he loves watching the flowers bloom. His chosen holiday is Chanukah. During his spare time, David enjoys coloring and creating crafts with those papers. We then went around the room and offered the participants an opportunity to ask questions. David always has a smile and is a valued member here at Otsar. Can you guess who's on for spotlight next week?! His name starts with a Z!