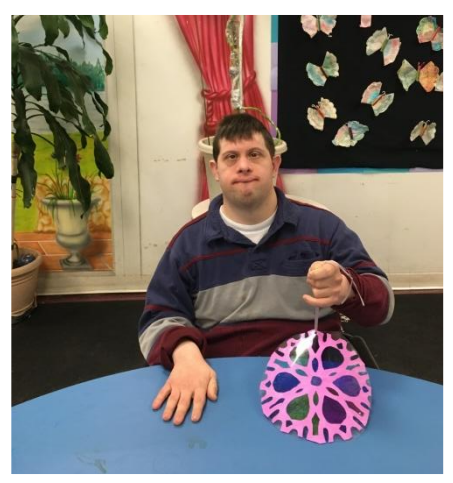




Swirling Snowflakes...

Like snowflakes, the participants are swirling with grace and bright light! Tuesday arrived in all its glory, along with the art workshop. We created iridescent snowflakes. Each participant received purple paper in magnificent snowflake shapes. We glued on a sheet of transparency film, cutting it around the shape. We colored the empty spaces on the film using permanent markers. **Peryl** had a serene look on her face as she enjoyed this artsy activity. **Yanky** marveled at the magical effect the transparency film created. We hung these snowflakes at the entrance to the main room at Day Hab. We all know that each participant shines with their unique qualities and talents!!



Trip to Kings Plaza Mall...

Here at Otsar, Wednesdays are one of the most favored days as it is our trip day! The participants look forward to visiting shopping malls, game centers and other enjoyable activities.



This week, our group went to Kings Plaza. On Wednesday, with our purses at the ready, we loaded the buses and were on our way. At the mall, we joined the throng of shoppers and visited Five Below and Target. **Lila** purchased a game of Trouble. **Roger** bought cologne. **Yelena**, ever the fashionista, purchased stylish bracelets. The participants returned with radiant faces. The laughter and good vibes we felt accompanied us all afternoon long!

Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat...

The Hebrew month of *Sh'vat* symbolizes a time of growth for the trees as they awaken for the spring season. It is also known as the Jewish New Year of the Trees. In honor of the first day of the month of *Sh'vat*, the participants created a tree made of food. We dipped pretzel rods in hot chocolate and placed it on a plate as the trunk and branches. We cut green grapes in four and put it near the branches as the leaves. The participants were delighted to indulge in this delicious treat! We were in for a surprise as we were served potato kugel in honor of *Rosh Chodesh*. Stay tuned for exciting *Tu B'shvat* programming coming up that will have you asking for more!



Highlawn Library...

On Thursday morning, a lucky group of participants, including **Yossi** and **Eshka**, trooped to the Highlawn library. We were given several choices of videos. Cinderella won out. The participants sat spellbound as their favorite characters came alive. A powerful theme that we took away was that kindness and inner goodness triumphs over cruelty. All too soon, it was time to leave. A great word to “characterize” the participants is wonderful!

