

## *This Week's News from Michelle*

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This coming Friday evening, February 1st, is our Polar Bear Shabbat...a quick, cold, 18 minute service outside and inside we will have lots of yummy treats for our Oneg. Hot chocolate, apple cider and sweet and salty treats. Bring card games, board games, and we will have a fun gaming evening. FUN FOR EVERYONE!!!

We had a wonderful day today. Our pre-k class had such a great time painting their clay pots for their parsley and marigolds that have sprouted! Yes, it was exciting to see the little plants have germinated since our Tu B'shevat seder! They enjoyed snack after a quick recess. They made trees out of pretzels, grapes, and raspberries. They topped off their morning by hearing Shel Silverstein's The Giving Tree.

Our Kindie through 2nd graders learned a lot about Purim and added leaves to their tree of Tikkun Olam. They worked on a Purim coloring sheet and talked a lot about the characters in the Purim story. They played Jewish Bingo!

I Have Some Questions About God is the book our 3rd and 4th graders were reading today. It has some fabulous stories by many different Rabbis that look at a question about God and see things very differently. Then the students decide if they feel the same way as one of the Rabbis or if they have yet a different idea about how they look at the question. This really gets our students thinking! They talked about their own blessings of the week and enjoyed reading Here I Am.

The 5th and 6th Graders read and discussed the Torah portion for this week which was Yitro. In this parsha we hear the Ten Commandments for the first time. Their discussion was what each of them believe God's treasure is. After Torah study, they started working on the Purim play which has a Dr Seuss theme.

So....The B'nai Mitzvah class has a special secret project they are working on.. and that's all I can tell you! They met with their parents and the Rabbi to talk about their celebrations, how to best prepare for their special day, how to select a mitzvah project, and what their gift will be to the Temple. The meeting was great and well attended! What a great group! Hebrew classes are going well and our students are making amazing progress. It is fun to drop in and chant along with them. More later, Michelle

PS: Report cards came home today. Passover candy sale brochures will come home next Sunday.

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