

Class Summary - Middles January 2011

Sunday, January 9th, Session 4

This week our theme was immigration to this country. We talked about where our ancestors came from, and learned about Ellis Island and what the experience may have been like for our relatives who had to come through there. In keeping with that theme, our activity this week was learning how to cook knishes, a food that people brought to this country from Eastern Europe. The Hebrew lesson with Muriel this week focused on winter words. For our activity, we had a special guest speaker, Hazel Chase (my Baubie), who taught the class how to make knishes using ready-made potatoes and puff pastry. At the end of the lesson we got to eat the delicious knishes!

Sunday, January 23rd, Session 5

This week we talked about the holiday of Tu B'Shevat, and prepared for the Tu B'Shevat seder. We discussed the meaning of the holiday (the New Year for trees), and brainstormed all of the reasons that trees are important. We learned a Jewish song, "Tree of Life", and practiced it for the Tu B'Shevat seder. Our Hebrew lesson with Muriel this week focused on the holiday of Tu B'Shevat, and spring and winter words. Our activity this week involved planting basil seeds in pots, and coloring pictures of people planting trees. For the second half of class, we enjoyed a Tu B'Shevat seder, and performed the Tree of Life song for the entire group!