



**Week of January 23rd – January 27th, 2012
The Monkeys/Ha' Koofeem**

**Let's dig a hole,
Let's dig a hole
And plant a seed,
Let's water it
Oh let's water it
Cuz it is Tu B'Shevat.**

Math:

We counted how many spinach seeds we each got to plant (4).
We continue counting boys and girls and adding them up for the total of children.
We learned that now there are 11 friends. We now have 6 boys and 5 girls.
We did this by using different colored people connectors to separate the boys from the girls.
We continue counting how many centers are in the classroom and how many children are allowed in each center (4 in housekeeping, 4 in library, 3 in blocks, 2 in art and sand table, 4 in manipulative and 4 in writing).
We count to 10 in Hebrew before snack and lunch. **Tuesday/Thursday** kids are learning to count to 5 in Hebrew.

Language/Literacy:

We finished talking about Bar/Bat Mitzvah and enjoyed our own Tot Mitzvah in the classroom.
We began talking about Tu B'Shevat, the birthday of the trees. We learned that for trees to grow they need soil, water and sunlight.
We began talking about ways to celebrate the birthday of the trees, some children said "maybe a cake" others want to throw a party! ☺
Picture/Name association in centers and in cubbies. Children learn to associate objects with the pictures on shelves, it helps them clean up as they learn that each toy has a place.
Every Friday we read "Dinosaur on Shabbat"
We continue taking attendance and practicing our "Ani Po" (I am here) and "Lo Po" (Not here) response.
We continue discussing classroom and playground rules.

Science/cooking:

Explored weather (we looked outside the door with our binoculars and discussed if it was sunny, rainy, cloudy etc).

We continue talking about recycling, the children love playing the recycling game during center time.

We planted spinach seeds in a cup in the classroom, next week we'll plant our spinach plant in the outside garden.

Gross Motor:

Music and movement with Morah Beth.

Music and movement in the classroom to different songs.

Walked up and down the stairs to go to the library and on the playground to go on the slide.

Rode tricycles and cars in the playground.

Running, jumping, climbing on the rock wall, kicking and throwing balls.

Fine Motor:

We used crayons, color pencils and markers to draw during center time.

We painted at the easel.

Used different manipulative (pegs, people connectors, tower builders).

Coloring, gluing, cutting.

Social/Self-Help:

We continue working on having/giving personal space.

We continue working on using our nice words (please and thank you).

We began working on our sharing skills; we share our toys and play together.

Washed hands after potty, for snack and lunch and after entering the classroom.

We continue doing our helping hands jobs.

Take food out of lunch boxes.

Eat independently with a spoon/fork.

Throw garbage in the trashcan.

Pushed chairs in, after sitting at the table.

Use please and thank you, be kind to our friends.

Tuesday and **Thursday** class is working on new routines, sitting on carpet for circle time, washing hands and following rules. Most importantly we are learning that mommies always come back! ☺

Specials this week were: Music with Morah Beth.

Our Malachim this week were: Evan and Sammy.

Shabbat Shalom
Morah Dalia and Morah Diane