



Yahadut Zmaneinu, Moreshet Ha'am

YOZMA

AN ISRAELI JEWISH INITIATIVE IN MODI'IN



Chanuka at the YOZMA Preschool

All of the classes are busy with activities and planning for the Chanuka parties, which is one of year's highlights. The children prepare the accessories for the parties by themselves as well as gifts to bring home. Some classes made paper mache oil lamps, various types of dreidels, rain rods, and many different styles of menorahs.

In one of the classes, a child's grandmother, who is a potter, was invited to create menorahs out of clay. In another class, they made menorahs out of discarded pipes. In the classroom kitchens the children made jelly donuts and potato latkes that filled the air with delicious holiday smells.

The teachers taught the concepts of darkness and light, played games with lights and shadows, and discussed the different light from the sun, the moon and fire. They experimented with different kinds of flashlights, light bulbs and some classes even built darkrooms with different colored lights for playing.

The children learned the story of Chanuka and about the Temple. Some classes built model temples with gold walls and the children dressed in costumes as the Kohen Gadol and the Kohanim and Levi'im who cared for the Temple.

The story of the miracle of the small container of oil was told by Rabbi Kinneret and explained that sometimes the miracle is the decision to light the lamp, even though you know that the amount of oil will only last for one day.

In our nature corner, we investigated making olive oil and the many other uses for olives .

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