

Crafts Workshop Delights Families at Temple Judea

On December 10th, the fifth grade families at the Religious School of Temple Judea of Manhasset spent the morning together creating holiday memories by attending the Temple's annual Chanukah crafts workshop. They designed dreidels (holiday spinning tops), menorahs (special candle holders) and bookmarks to enhance their celebrations of Chanukah at home. More importantly for the members, however, was the fact that they joined together as an extended family to share holiday stories, talk about celebrations and lighting of the candles, and to generally laugh and have a good time. In addition to the students and their parents, the school welcomed grandparents as well, and they totally enjoyed their participation with their grandchildren. In order to commemorate the miracle of the oil lasting for eight days instead of one, the snack of the day was donuts which are deliciously fried in oil. The event was run under the auspices of the school's Educational director, Ellen Gastwirth, and was organized by Sandra Weinberg, special events coordinator. This was just one of many programs now being conducted at Temple Judea. "We are proud of what we are accomplishing at the various levels in the school and of our extra curricular programs, and we look forward to our upcoming events for all of our students," Mrs. Gastwirth said. Together with her staff of creative teachers, she believes that the warm feelings that are generated by these programs make for positive Religious School experiences.

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