

Dear Parents

The highlight of this week has to be the fruit party we held for Tu B'shevat on Monday! You will be pleased to know the children were very adventurous and tried lots of new and unusual fruit. They also had a fantastic Tu B'shevat music session with Einav. The week didn't finish on Monday, however! This week we learnt in the Parasha (Yitro) that Hashem gave us the Ten Commandments. We learnt the song and we cemented our knowledge of the number 10. We also made our own class commandments.

The children have loved reading and listening to 'Handa's Surprise' this week. They were fantastic at retelling the story with puppets and toys animals. They also tasted the different fruits in the story after Kabbalat Shabbat as a special treat. We talked about what countries the fruits grow in and where they grow (on a tree or bush) and looked at photographs of the fruits growing. This was a lovely link to Tu B'shevat.

In Maths this week, the children compared different fruit by weighing them. They used great mathematical vocabulary to describe the fruit. "This one is heavy because it is so big" "Haha, it went up because the apple is small" "This apple and this apple are the same". The children also ordered the fruit by size, and sorted them into matching colours.

The children in Nursery love going to the library. They always follow the rules of getting a book, sitting down and reading quietly. It's lovely to watch the children read to each other, or hold the books up like teachers and read to their friends.

**Our IPC topic after half term will be 'Let's Pretend'. Could you please send in any old, plain, light coloured pillow cases, for the children to create their own dressing up outfits. We will also have a large focus on Purim and Pesach.**

This week Nursery carried on learning words for Tu B'shevat בִּשְׁבַט ו'ט. The class learnt the words עֵץ (Etz – tree) and עֵלֶה (Ale – leaf). The class also started learning the song בשבט חג לֵגֶן - ט"ו. You can find the song on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IErHuCvUZUE>

Have a lovely half term  
Nursery Team

