

January 1, 2017

Dear Friend,

What a grand time we had creating jewelry, celebrating Hanukah, crafting cards and origami this month despite the cold, gray skies and rain.

Rini and Connie created a scrumptious Hanukah lunch with latkes, applesauce, salad, mini-quiche, kugel and Hanukah cookies. We enjoyed a short video about the history of Hanukah and retelling the stories of the Maccabees. Participants' shared gratitude for miracles, big and small, in their lives. Many find joy in this holiday by lighting candles, spending time with family and friends, playing dreidel, celebrating religious freedom and of course, eating latkes!



M.J., Connie and Rini also baked a tantalizing array of Holiday cookies that we shared during Hebrew Lunch and Learn and in the Heldman Family Food Pantry.

Conversational Hebrew class provided us with much comic relief on one of the coldest days this month as we discussed family, greetings and animal names. We learned a little slang too. You can add "Sababa" to your vocabulary when you need a word to show enthusiasm about a situation or something is "cool".

Speaking of cool things. Our new volunteer Daniel introduced us to the skill of origami, the art of paper folding. Participants learned how to fold festive dreidels, tulips and menorahs. These flowers brought a splash of color to a dreary December day!



Wishing everyone a Healthy, Happy, Peaceful New Year.

Sincerely,

Fran

Sandra

Christy

Connie

Sarah

Debbie

