



## YEDA schools in Israel Celebrate Tu B'Shvat – New Year of the Trees

The pupils from **YEDA Kiryat Bialik School** set out on a Tu B'Shvat instructional nature walk in the nearby Ofek Nature Reserve, as part of a joint project with the National Parks Authority in Israel.

Authority counselors accompanied the children on a guided tour of the area, culminating in the children assisting in tree planting in the reserve.

Seedlings that had been grown in the YEDA school greenhouse were brought to the reserve and planted by the pupils.

At the end of the day each child received a potted plant containing an edible herb with a label that read "YEDA Agriculture: Where Education and Nature Meet".



The pupils from **YEDA Petach Tikvah** also celebrated Tu B'Shvat, with the students participating in planting new seedlings in open spaces in the school gardens.

First the third grade pupils were most creative, decorating potted plant pots to hang in their classrooms. The students also took home pots to "paint their houses green".

Students in grades four and five created a huge puzzle with traditional Jewish sayings associated with the festival, and in their language study lesson they learned the traditional holiday blessings.

The sixth grade pupils had scientific activities on the topic of the biology of plants of Israel.

At the end of the school day, all the students gathered in the school gymnasium that had been prepared in advance for the Tu B'Shvat Seder.

They read passages from the blessings for the Land of Israel, with thanks for its fruits and plants, and the meaning of the commandment to make the country flourish.

On the table were fruits of the Land of Israel which the children ate and enjoyed.



**Wish you all a great month ahead,**

Yours,

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