

PJ Library invites you to go

DIGGING IN ISRAEL

for archaeological treasures!

**Join PJ Library and the
Babies & Bagels Club at Temple
Emanu-El for this fun, free event
and DIG ISRAEL!**

Sunday, November 18, 2012

3:30 - 5:00pm

Temple Emanu-El

225 North County Club Road

Preschool area - enter through the south or west side

FREE

- “Fly” to Israel, visit 10 Israeli cities and get your passport stamped
- Enjoy story time with our world renowned archeologist Shabbat Scott
- Don a archeologist hat, get a shovel, and DIG ISRAEL!

RSVP by November 16 to Mary Ellen,
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Goals of effort:

Introduce the children and parents to Israel and plant a seed in their minds for a trip to Israel in the future.

Description of effort (from planning through follow-up)

After choosing the story we looked for a craft and a story teller. Scott Zorn, Director of Children, Youth & Camping Services at the JCC and a PJ Dad and also known as Shabbat Scott was asked. We asked Scott to get into character and dress like an archeologist. The "craft" seemed like a no brainer – fly to Israel, visit and learn about the cities (including our sister cities) and then have a DIG! We ordered arrowheads (nature-watch.com), plastic colored coins with Jewish stars on them, straw dig like hats (both orientaltrading.com). The hats had Zoo type stickers on the front which we replaced with "I Dig Israel" stickers. For sand strainers we ordered paint splatter screens (discountschoolsupply.com) which came with little brushes perfect for sifting sand and cleaning ones find. We had purchased plastic sand shovels several years ago (Target sale \$.25/ea) and we pulled these out to complete the tool set for the PJ archeologists. Since the kids were digging in Israel we ordered passports (Oriental Trading).

We choose ten cities in Israel for the kids to visit which included our sisters cities of Hof Ashkelon and Kiryat Malachi. We decided to use colorful poster board and mount the info about the cities including an archeological fact on it along with pictures from those cities including one archeological picture. We choose one picture from each city and made a sheet of stickers (1x1 onlinelabels.com) that was to be mounted on the bottom of the poster board. We made stickers (2x2 onlinelables) for their passports: a girl face, a boy face, an entry granted sticker for landing in Israel and an entry granted sticker for returning to the US. We called El Al and asked for pilot wings and other items for the kids. El Al sent pilot wings, I Love El Al buttons, and flashlight key chains.

To complete the trip we made "luggage bags" for the kids to pick up in the El Al Baggage Area. Their "luggage" would have a flash light key chain, plastic coins, and real aggorot. Their bags would also serve as take home bags for the arrowheads and coins they found and their shovels and screen and brush

Before the event the two coordinators would hid the arrowheads and the coins in the sand. They would count them before they planted them and would take a count of the ones the kids dug up so they rake and get the leftovers out of the sand.

The refreshments were taken care of by the Babies & Bagel Club's advisor. There were "mud" cupcakes with gummy worms in them. Not only did the gets have an archeological dig they got to dig in the food! They also provided pita, hummus, and veges.

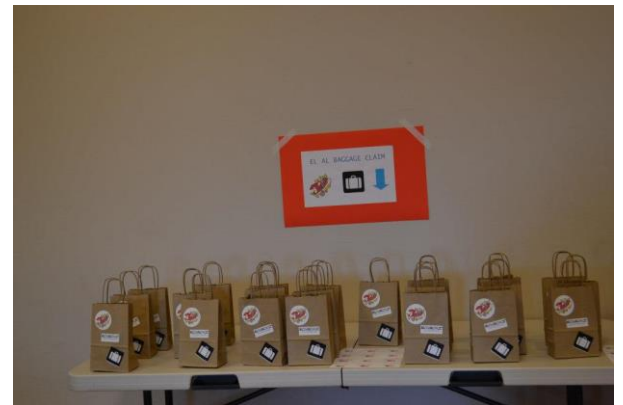
After the reservation list was as complete as it could be name tags with *Jodi's Dig* book cover would be made for all participants.

Outcome of effort

We had about 65 children, parents, and grandparents - a great turn out.

When the kids and parents arrived they checked in at the front desk and picked up their passport. As they were walking onto the plane they were greeted by a Temple Emanu-El teen who welcomed them to Israel, gave the kids a junior pilot El Al wing pin and a stamp for their passport granting them entry into Israel. The parents got an I Love El Button. They were instructed to visit the cities and read the facts and check out the pictures and take a stamp for their passport. Since all do not come at the same time this was a great activity and also had the parents and children interacting. Shabbat Scott the archeologist was in character and worked with the kids before the story. He was an interactive reader and the kids loved him. After the story we were off to the snacks. After the snacks we took the table cloth off the archeological tools and the kids aahhed! They collected their hat, shovel, and sifter/brush and went out the "dig." Both parents and children looked and found arrowheads and coins. When they were tired of digging they came back in and collected their luggage and one more stamp – Entry Granted USA!





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