

# How Do You Celebrate Tu BiShevat in the Winter?

It might be the Rosh Hashanah for the trees, but it is a challenge to mark it when our climate does not match the weather in Israel. Morah Donna takes her first grade to the wooded trails in Boyce Park each year on Tu Bi-Shevat. Yes, the trees are bare and it is cold and wet. But, Kitah Aleph still found a way to appreciate the trees. The letters of the Hebrew alphabet, the Alef Bet, are fresh in the children's minds. They are learning what they look like, their sounds, and how they blend into the words once vowels are added to them. Using them in a variety of modalities is the best way to cement the pictures and knowledge in their brains. When walking on these trails, Morah Donna asks the children to find branch and tree formations that resemble the letters they know. She also tells them, that they can use their bodies to complete the letter in the tree. Using all of our senses is the way to learn, the way to store what we've learned. Todah, Morah Donna! ☆



*Raish.*



*Yud*



*Zayin*



*Samech*



*Daled (on the ground)*



*Bet*

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**Save the Date**  
**Shalom Park Freedom**  
**School Fund Raiser**  
**Tuesday, May 3 at 7 PM, Sam**  
**Lerner Center for Cultural Arts**  
**in Shalom Park**



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## Prospective Student Weekend

March 18-20, 2016

Registration Deadline: March 11, 2016

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Parents: There will be a program just for you that includes a tour, information sessions, class visits and more.

For program and registration information, please visit: [www.americanhebrewacademy.org/psw](http://www.americanhebrewacademy.org/psw)

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to a person’s  
character is  
(a) how he treats  
people who can’t  
do him any good,  
and (b) how he  
treats people who  
can’t fight back.”

—Abigail Van Buren  
("Dear Abby")