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## "Our baskets on our shoulders..." [A Hebrew folk song of Harvest time]

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## Good food, occupied children enjoying themselves, celebrating parents and lots of joyous holiday activities. The Shavuot celebration of Ein Bustan has already become a tradition, one that we're grateful for!

A few days before Shavuot (Pentecost), we came together, children, parents, staff and guests of Ein Bustan - for our traditional annual Shavuot celebration.

The decorated yard awaited us with several activity stations, including rolling of grape leaves (filled with rice), grinding wheat into flour, preparing head wreathes, baking pitas, preparing fruit salad and rolling Labane cheese rolls, with hyssop and sesame. Yummy!



The children also gathered around Shaadi, who brought didgeridoos made from different materials. He taught the children how to blow into the plastic (PVC) pipes to make sounds and play tunes. The sounds they produced accompanied the music played by dads Guy (violin) and Amir (guitar) and the clarinet played by grandma Miri. It was beautiful!

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We all arrived dressed in white, which added to the festive atmosphere. After a long while of convergence, hugs and kisses all around, the children performed. First they walked in a holiday parade, in which they sang songs in Hebrew and in Arabic, accompanied by our aforementioned instrument players. Then they put on a circus act, led by Smadar from the Israeli Circus of Kfar Yehoshua, who came to the kindergarten once a week, throughout the school year, to teach the children their first steps of circus exercises. The show was the highlight of the children's performance, and we all enjoyed the seriousness and joy of the children throughout the show. We then had dinner together, which consisted of the food made in the activity stations earlier, alongside with excellent food previously prepared by parents at home. It was all delicious! The celebration was more than pleasant, as usual, and we were all left with a taste for more.



Happy Shavuot / Pentecost!

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