



Tu BeShvat

ALMA's 5th annual *Tu BeShvat* celebration took place on Friday February 3rd.

The event is a street festival, celebrating place and creativity. The joyful event intertwined art with learning experiences and community-based gardening:

* This year, the main focus was children. We held a drummer circle activity, and story-telling activity regarding Tu BeShvat traditions.

* Cultural activities were held in the street, such as a "Learning-Café" in which participants could discuss texts and pomes relevant to Tu BeShvat with Alma's faculty staff and students.

* The public was also invited to the daily *Gemara* page with Kobi Oz and to the study of the weekly *Parasha*.

* On this festive event we have also celebrated the opening of the Alma collection of contemporary Israeli art exhibition.

Together, all these activities created a sense of community and captured the holiday spirit. The **150 people** who attended the event offered a diverse glimpse into Israeli society; participants included families with young children, youth and young adults, secular and traditional women and men from the neighborhood and outside of Tel Aviv. In order to leverage the event towards the advancement of environmental sustainability and local ownership over the community's wellbeing, ALMA encouraged attendees to plant vegetables, plants and trees and work in the neighborhood's community garden.

Sincerely,

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