

Holy Re-Enactment

Hillel fourth-graders role play a pilgrimage to the ancient "Temple" in Jerusalem.



Rozalia Aronov, Ethan Rothenberg and Ryan Schmeltz role play as Kohanim accepting the items from the pilgrims.

The Torah gives instructions on how to harvest compassionately and, during Chol HaMoed Sukkot, Hillel Day School fourth-graders visited Bowers Farm in Bloomfield Hills to re-enact a pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem.

As they picked fall vegetables, the students, who were role playing, left fallen fruit and the corners of fields unharvested so that the widow, the orphan and the stranger could reap food for themselves.

The fourth-grade Judaic Studies team devised the field trip so that the holiday information would not remain purely academic. Each fourth-grader was preassigned and dressed in one of the important roles of field owner, foreman, field worker, widow, orphan,

stranger or *Kohen* (priest).

A farm stand was decorated as the Temple in Jerusalem. Here, students made their offering, and the priests accepted and blessed the people, saying, "Look down from Your holy habitation in heaven and bless Your people Israel, and the land that You have given us, the land flowing with milk and honey that you swore to our fathers" (*Deut. 26:15*).

"It is our hope that besides a fun time outdoors at Bowers Farm, our students will remember not only academically what is a pilgrimage holiday, but also understand the importance of being part of a people that takes care of its most vulnerable," said teacher Phyllis Meyers. *



Naomi Bernard and Ayelet Kaplan bring in some of the harvest.



Rabbi Dan Horwitz, Natalie Perach, Gabe Scharg, Alexandra Shaw, Rachel Stewart and Erika Sallen

Artsy Sukkah

The Well welcomed guests to a Heidelberg Project-styled sukkah.

A Heidelberg Project-inspired sukkah? The Well, Metro Detroit's new pluralistic Jewish community-building, education and spirituality outreach initiative, constructed its inaugural sukkah out of reclaimed doors from the city of Detroit and decorated it in tribute to the Heidelberg Project.

Designed by architect Michael Horwitz of New York and built by Brett Finsilver and his team at Finsilver Construction and Development Corp., the sukkah was in the Huntington Woods backyard of founding director Rabbi Dan Horwitz. Each day of the eight-day holiday featured a different set of guests, including interfaith families.

The Well, a project of the Lori Talsky Zekelman Fund at Temple Israel, is geared to the needs of young adults and those who haven't connected with traditional institutions. Its philosophy is that Jewish ethics, values, spirituality and community can be directly applicable to people's lives and should drive them to positively impact the world.

Learn more about The Well at www.meetyouatthewell.org. *



Huntington Woods families come for barbecue: Ilana Block and Judah, Lauren Acker and Jenna, Robin Berman, Jamie and Sean Strasberger.



Ten young families with children ages 0-3 — The Bubble Club — enjoyed a visit led by Lindsay Mall.

The Well hosted a Big Idea Breakfast where attendees discussed the concept of etiquette.

