

Things to Do on a Snow Day

Plotting through the Snow

- Research how many times it has snowed in Jerusalem, the Golan Heights, Tel Aviv and the Negev over the last 50 years. Plot your results on a graph.
- In what year did Israel's largest recorded snow storm happen? Compare this snowfall with record storms from your own home town.



PikiWiki Israel - Beit Tzafafa and Gilo under the snow

Bubble-Palooza

Grab your summer bottle of bubbles. Bundle up and go play out in the snow. Count in Hebrew how many bubbles you can blow from one breath. If it's very cold, watch the bubbles as they freeze and turn into crystal balls.

Ess, ess Mein Kind - Have Something to Eat

Make snow ice cream. Collect eight cups of freshly fallen, clean snow, mix with a can of condensed milk and a teaspoon of vanilla extract. Top with sprinkles or chocolate sauce and eat immediately. It's surprisingly refreshing and delicious.

Hiddur Mitzvah (make it beautiful) - Get Sculpting

- Create a snow sculpture depicting Shabbat candlesticks, a kiddush cup and a loaf of challah.
- Build a model of the Western Wall out of snow.

Tza'ar Ba'alei Chayim (taking care of animals) Help your Fine Feathered Friends

Make a bird feeder. For crafty ideas, click here: http://thehomeschoolscientist.com/easy-to-make-bird-feeders. Allergic to peanut butter? Substitute soy butter for peanut butter when making this craft.

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Hiddur P'nei Zakein (honoring the elderly) Slide into a Mitzvah

 Help out an elderly neighbor by shoveling snow off their sidewalk or offering to walk their dog.

Sporting Snow

- □ What is your favorite winter sport? Google to find out the name of that sport in Hebrew and who the top Israeli athlete in that sport might be.
- □ There aren't many Israeli Winter Olympians, but a few have medaled in the summer games. Spend a cold afternoon looking into Israelis who'll be competing this summer.

Snow Books

Ezra Jack Keats is the Jewish author and illustrator of The Snowy Day, which depicts a child enjoying an idyllic day in the snow. The book is also the first modern full-color picture book to feature an African-American protagonist. Read the book, enjoy the illustrations, and create your own story of the perfect snow day. You can write a book, create a comic, shoot a video, or choose another medium that works best for you. After all, it is your snowy day.

Tired of *Shalom Bayit* (peace in the home)?

□ Have a great snowball fight. The winner makes hot chocolate for the rest of the family!

