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ח' טבת תשפ"ד

WE WENT TO THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM!

On December 14, Tamim NYC Kindergarten and 1st grade Learners had a special Chanukah treat by visiting the American Museum of Natural History. We started our day with an early Tefillah and extra cereal breakfast to make sure we didn't get hungry during the morning. Wearing our new orange beanie hats to keep ourselves warm and visible, we took a city bus to the museum. Everyone was excellently behaved and respectful on the bus, making sure not to disturb the other travelers.

In the museum, we visited the Butterfly Vivarium where butterflies were flying all around us, the Insectarium, and finally the special Secret World of Elephants exhibition.

These are just some of the things we learned!

"I didn't know butterflies can be so big"

"I didn't know there is a type of moth that only lives for five days."

"I didn't know insects play dead when they feel danger."

"I didn't know there are types of elephants smaller than people!"

Thank you so much to Gaby Wolf and Roman Goldburgt for accompanying us on our trip!

**WE HAVE LEARNED A NEW SONG:
HAMALACH HAGOEL**

The children are enjoying singing our new song, Hamalach Hagoel, the blessing Yaakov gives to Menashe and Efraim in Parashat Vayechi, which we read in shul during Winter Break. Some parents sing it to their children as a lullaby at bedtime and some Tamim learners already know it. We have added both a lyrics and an instrumental version to your Tamim NYC Spotify list so that the children can continue singing it during their vacation.

[Tamim NYC Songs 23/24 parents - playlist by Sara | Spotify](#)

הַמְלַאךְ הַגָּאֵל אֶתִי, הַמְלַאךְ הַגָּאֵל אֶתִי מִכָּל-רַע,
יְבָרַךְ אֶת-הַנְּעָרִים, יִקְרָא בְהֵם שְׁמִי,
וְשֵׁם אֲבֹתַי אֲבָרְהֵם וְיִצְחָק,
וְיִדְגוּ לָרֶב בְּקִרְבַּ הָאָרֶץ.

Hamalach hagoel oti,
Hamalach hagoel oti mikol ra,
Yevarech et han'arim,
Vikareh bahem sh'mi.
V'shem avotai, V'shem avotai,
Avraham v'Yizchak,
V'yidgu larov, V'yidgu larov,
B'kerev ha'aretz.

Sharing Some of Our Learning With You.

WINTER VACATION HOME LEARNING CHALLENGES!

ELA: Choose a book and do a special-friend hunt! How many special-friends words can you find?

Kindergarten special-friends: sh, th, ch, qu, ng, nk.

1st-Grade special friends: ee, ea, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, aw, air, ir, oy, are, oo, igh, i-e, u-e, o-e, a-e.

YAHADUT: Share your Torah share with your family. Celebrate completing the book of Bereishit!

KRIAH (Hebrew reading): Decorate the border of your Kirah Hebrew reading homework chart.

How many times can you read and fill in the chart? Bring it back to school to show us!

MATH 1st: Practice throwing two dice and saying the total number of dots without counting them.

MATH K: Practice throwing one dice and saying the total number of dots without counting them.

EXTREME READ: Read a favorite book in an original place and send us a photo!

Tell us the title and author and why you like the book.

With grateful thanks to the relatives of our Tamim NYC community currently serving:

שי בן רוטי גיל בן מיטל בעז כלב בן יפה מרים יונה בנימין בן שרה
יאיר שטרייפער לירן טנקמן שי דיקן יונתן דיקן צ'לסי דיקן
משה אליעזר בן מלכה יחיאל נתנאל בן חנה הינדה אור בת רונית איתי בן יוליה

YOM OHR

Tamim Academy NYC marked Rosh Chodesh Tevet, as 'Yom Ohr' for the Neshama of Ohr, the daughter of a teacher within the national Tamim movement, who was at the SuperNova festival on October 7th. Each Tamim Academy will mark one Rosh Chodesh as Yom Ohr throughout the year. We discussed the significance of light and how we can each be like a Shamash, spreading light to those around us by doing acts of kindness, thus adding brightness to our class and the world. Throughout the day, the children focused on doing acts of kindness, sharing their kind acts and adding them to a candle image on our wall. Tamim NYC Learners additionally studied Van Gogh's Starry Night, each creating their own art piece inspired by the painting, using sand to create their own color light effects. They also decorated tzedakah coin purses to fill with coins for daily Tzedakah in memory of Ohr. The children are encouraged to put in one coin a day over vacation and bring it back to school. These Mitzvot surely add much brightness to our world.

TAMIM ACADEMY NYC IN THE NEWS LAST WEEK!

<https://jewishlink.news/tamim-academy/>

<https://jewishlink.news/tamim-academy-students-are-budding-designers/>

MAZALTOV! to Rocky, Adam, Abby and Sova on the birth of a baby girl this week!

Wishing all our Tamim Academy NYC families a Shabbat Shalom and restful Winter Break!