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WE HAD SUCH A FABULOUS TU BISHVAT!

We had a fantastic day in school on Tu BiShvat with a joyful and immersive learning experience. The Tamim learners had prepared for the day in the previous weeks with a science unit on plants. Each child planted their own plant and was responsible for watering them and monitoring their growth. We have also planted an avocado stone and are slowly watching it grow - we will let you know what happens!

On the day of Tu BiShvat, everyone dressed in green, brown, and pink like the 'shkediya' almond tree that begins to bloom in Israel now.

Each student brought a fruit to class. On arriving in school, they placed it on display near a picture of its respective tree. It created a beautiful exhibit of fruits and trees and really brought the concept of growth to life.

We enjoyed a delicious breakfast of yogurt parfaits with pomegranate, grapes and date honey - three of the special Shivat Haminim, the seven special species fruits of Israel. We also continued to taste the Shivat Haminim at lunch with barley, grapes, figs and dates.

The day continued with an engaging mosaic project with all the children using mosaic tiles shapes to create unique images of trees & fruits.

As part of our Tu BiShvat learning, everyone delved into a meaningful conversation about the symbolism of trees in their lives. Drawing connections between strong tree roots and faith, between the tree trunk and the Torah, and between the fruits as mitzvot and kind deeds, the Tamim learners expressed their understanding of these concepts through creative drawings on paper fruits to attach to our class symbolic tree.

Finally, and with much excitement and anticipation, everyone peeled and cut their fruits which they had contributed, sharing them with each other, enjoying the different shapes, flavors & colors. They also enjoyed the opportunity of trying some new fruits with the shehechyanu bracha.

Tu BiShvat at Tamim Academy NYC wasn't just a celebration - it was an enriching experience. From exploring the significance of plants and trees to experiencing and appreciating a variety of fruits, our young learners reveled in the spirit of Tu Bishvat with curiosity and enthusiasm!

"My favorite part of the day was the fruit buffet," said Bowie, "especially the dragon fruit!"

Sharing Some of Our Learning With You.

TORAH VALUES CATCH-UP AT TAMIM ACADEMY NYC

PARASHAT BO: We learnt that Hashem is always with us. Hashem accompanied Moshe on his mission to Paroh. When things feel daunting we can remind ourselves that Hashem is with us and believes in us.

PARASHAT BESHALACH: We learnt about Hakarat Ha Tov, the importance of being grateful. The Jewish people sang their Shirah to Hashem after the splitting of the sea, displaying their gratitude to Hashem. We also thank Hashem and other people for everything they do for us.

PARASHAT YITRO: We learnt about Kavod, showing respect to others. Moshe greeted Yitro with tremendous honor and respect when he joined the Jewish people. Every person is created by Hashem and we show them respect. We show extra honor and respect towards people such as elders, teachers, leaders.

TAMIM ACADEMY NYC IN THE NEWS!

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

<https://jewishlink.news/tamim-nyc-kindergarten-celebrates-reading-milestone/>

IVRIT: Can you play שמעון אומר (Simon Says) saying these body parts in עברית: ראש (head), רגל (foot), יד (hand), עינים (eyes), בטן (stomach), פה (mouth), אף (nose)?

We have started our **INTERDISCIPLINARY** unit on germs. Using testing swabs and Petri dishes we have learnt what parts of our classroom have the most germs. We did an experiment to test how germs pass from one person to another through our hands. Another experiment helped the Tamim Learners understand how far an uncovered sneeze or cough can travel.

We then learnt how to cover a cough or sneeze.

Can you show your family the best way to cover your cough?

MATH KINDERGARTEN: Find a small piece of string in your house and using the string, measure three different things at home that are longer than the string. How long are they?

MATH 1st GRADE: How high can you go counting in fives?

SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9th, ROSH CHODESH ADAR 1, 8:30 - 9:15 a.m.
Come and join your child for a parent / grandparent & child challah make!

Wishing all our Tamim Academy NYC families a Shabbat Shalom.