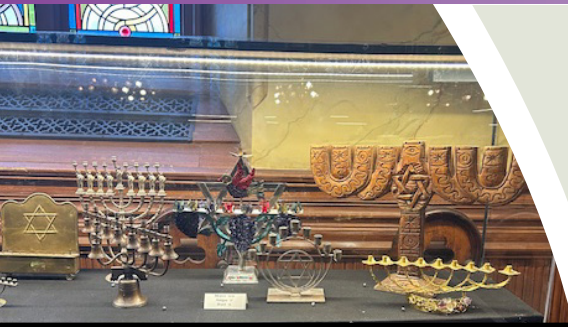


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Trip to the Museum at Eldridge Street..



Excited whispers were exchanged among the participants. They were animatedly discussing our trip to the museum. On Wednesday, an exclusive group of participants travelled to the Lower East Side to visit a historical landmark; the museum at Eldridge Street. When we arrived, Scott introduced himself as our tour guide. Our jaws dropped as he led us through the magnificent synagogue. We were greeted by a stained glass replica of the *shul*. The *shul* was built back in 1902. The participants saw the balcony where the *Ezras Nashim*, the women's section, was held. **Yaakov** was intrigued to see ancient *Menorahs* made of wood, metal and brass. Scott shared a fascinating story. In the early 1900's, the *Bubbies*, grandmothers, were complaining at the rising cost of kosher meat. They got together and protested outside the meat market. As the police arrived at the scene, one of the women slapped a slice of meat across a policeman's face! **Bracha** laughed at



this hilarious anecdote. **Eddie J** shared; the highlight of the visit was seeing the magnificent *Torah* scrolls. The participants came away enriched with newfound knowledge and appreciation of our culture. Shout out to our wonderful staff for making this trip the meaningful experience that it was!

Serene Snowflakes..

The snow days have officially begun! Each morning, the participants get off the buses bundled in warm coats and hats. We keep the warmth going throughout the day with cozy activities and budding friendships.



This week in our art workshop, the participants created majestic snowflakes. Each participant received a white pipe cleaner in the shape of a snowflake. We strung iridescent and blue beads onto each strand. **Bobby** created a striking pattern, alternating between white and blue beads. **Yelena** could almost touch the crystal snowflake. Some of us created snow icicles. We dripped glue on the edges of icicle-shaped paper. The participants then dipped the paper in coarse salt. The participants were immersed in a





winter paradise and had “glistening” smiles on their faces. We can hardly wait to see these masterpieces grace our Day Hab walls!

Kitchen Kurrent..



This week, our seasoned chefs were busy whipping up a storm in the kitchen. The participants have mastered many culinary skills and handle the various tasks in stride. On Monday, we had rice, nutritious quinoa and vegetable salad. In the afternoon, we were in for a treat as we prepared fruit salad. The participants chopped up a variety of fruit; clementines, bananas, apples and grapes. We then poured in orange juice which



added a succulent flavor. Tuesday brought along baked zit, an Otsar favorite. Our stomachs grumbled in anticipation as we prepared the food. Wednesdays’ menu was cheese sandwiches and hearty vegetable soup. We “topped it off” on Thursday with sweet



potatoes, omelets and roasted string beans. The lucky group of participants hammered away but their efforts surely paid off. We were all impressed with how flavorsome the food tasted. Hats off to our wonderful chefs!!