

newsletter

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Trip to the New York Aquarium..

The sun was shining bright on Wednesday morning, mirroring our sunny moods. Today we would be going on a fantastic trip to the New York Aquarium! The participants could not get ready fast enough, eager for the adventure. When we arrived, the groups split up and went in different directions. Our first stop was a spectacular sea lion show. The participants laughed as the sea lion took a bow and spun around. The trainer relayed a funny line: the sea lions live on oceanfront property, rent free! The smile on **Yossis'** face stretched from ear to ear. Next up was an underwater immersive experience where we walked through a dome with sharks swimming above our heads. Another exhibit featured spineless sea animals such as jellyfish and octopuses. **Sara** was fascinated to learn that jellyfish are transparent. **Bobby** waved to the penguins as he passed. Next up was a dazzling





sight. As we walked by the sea otter, it performed a show and started spinning a ball. The participants had a “water”ful time and came back with renewed appreciation for the magnificent hidden world under the sea. Make no waves about it; Otsar Day Hab is the #1 place to be!!

Bright Balloons..

On Tuesday, excitement could be felt in the “air”. Bright, colorful balloons wobbled into our Day Hab. The participants performed an experiment, to mimic hot air balloons. We made a hole in the bottom of a hot cup and cut slats on top. We blew up a balloon, placing it in the cup. The participants watched in awe as the balloon soared up before fluttering to the floor. Infused with “energy”, we continued on with our next activity. We decorated a large oak tag in the shape of a hot air balloon. **Marc** drew diamonds across the middle. **Francine** dreamed of flying high in a real-life hot air balloon. These hot air balloons will be placed on a summer bulletin board



with the participants' pictures inside. Shout out to our incredible staff for encouraging us to "reach new horizons" each and every day!

Kitchen Kurrent..

This week, our seasoned chefs were busy whipping up a storm in the kitchen. The participants have mastered many culinary skills and are right up to the task. On Monday, we had rice, nutritious fish and vegetable salad. In the afternoon, we were in for a treat as we prepared fruit salad. The participants chopped clementines, grapes, apples and banana. Tuesday brought along baked ziti, arguably the most popular lunch served at Otsar. Our taste buds were tickled as we prepared the food. We topped it off on Thursday with sweet potatoes, tuna patties 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!!