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This being NYC, kids tend to be capable of chattering away in lots of foreign languages: Can you say "Pat the Bunny" in Mandarin?

Bilingual Birdies will help your little one keep up with his multilingual buddies. This early childhood program focuses on teaching toddlers and preschoolers how to learn new languages through music and movement. Classes are available in Spanish, Hebrew and French, and you can currently check out a free trial class.



Founder Sarah Farzam believes that all kids are inherently musical and can carry a tune, keep a beat and learn from the music of many cultures. Bilingual Birdies incorporates props, instruments and catchy songs into every 45 minute class: Speakin' Spanish focuses on common words that are taught through Latin American tunes and rhymes; Hoppin' to Hebrew does the same thing and also encourages children to explore language and the meaning of words through dance; Fun in French emphasizes rhymes and songs that teach counting, colors and family names. All classes are taught bilingually and end with a festive dance party.

So even if you tend to think locally (the playground, the diner, the grocery store), teach your kid to speak globally. There's a whole world – rather, *mundo* – out there.

For more information, call 646-443-1313 or visit bilingualbirdies.com.

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