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OTRS Second Grade News

11/8/09

Dear Families,

It was so nice to see the children again after a whole week off! You can see pictures of us hard at work on the [second grade web page!](#)

Shalom,

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This Week...

On Sunday we:

Made Havdallah and did our morning Tefillot: Modeh/Modah Ani, Ma Tovu, Shema, and V'ahavta using various tunes.

Read parshat Vayera in our book [It's Torah Time](#) and had a nice discussion related to the many stories in this past Shabbat's parsha. We also really enjoyed using a fun microphone whenever the voice of Hashem is used in the parsha!

Continued to review Hebrew letters by reading in block and writing in script. We learned the letter "hay" and the letter "yud" as the vowel "ay". We LOVE playing Rabbi and Congregation so we take turns reading a line as the Rabbi and the class as the Congregation repeats it back. (pages 24-27 in our Hebrew books)

On Tuesday we will:

Review all of the Hebrew letters we know. We will work on our flashcards and use play-doh to form the letters in script. We will work in Chevruta to practice reading to a friend and correcting when we hear mistakes.

We will choose/be assigned a part of Parsha Vayera

and act it out in small groups for each other. There are three main stories in this parsha: three messengers from Hashem visit Avraham and Sarah and tell them they will have a baby (even though they are in their 90s!), the story of Sodom and Gemorrah, and the binding of Isaac.

Special Activities and Crafts

Rabbi and Congregation

Morning Tefillot

Over the Next Few Weeks We Will...

- Learn modeh ani, matovu, and shema
- Continue to review and move forward with Hebrew
- Continue to learn havdallah
- Read and discuss the weekly parshiot through our book It's Torah Time and with stories

Homework

Please, please **review Hebrew reading at home a few times a week for 5 to 10 minutes**. We are progressing rapidly and it is very clear who is getting that little bit of extra help at home and who is still struggling to keep up. **Thank you for your support and help!**

Things to Remember

Todah rabah (thank you) to my aides **Avi** (Sunday) and **Jordan** (Tuesday and Sunday), I couldn't do it all without you!

Please remember to **pack a snack and water bottle for EACH CLASS** (Tuesday and Sunday)!

Have you **added coins to your child's Tzedakah bag** hanging on their backpack???