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OTRS Fourth Grade News

11/8/09

Dear Families,

This week we are beginning our study of Jewish American History, continuing our study of the Amidah, and busily preparing for our wedding on Nov. 22nd.

Check out our page on the Olam Tikvah website to see pictures of some of our activities [OTRS 4th grade page](#)

Shalom,

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Over the Last Few Classes...

We have started Jewish American History with the children doing their first reports on Jewish Americans who contributed to the birth of our nation. We are also continuing to learn about the wedding in the Jewish lifecycle. Your child should now know about four things that make a Jewish wedding unique: the bride circling the groom seven times, the wedding band being placed on the right index finger, the Chuppah, and the Ketubah.

In Hebrew we continue to learn about the Amidah. We have been focusing on three key topics: family (mishpacha), blessings (brachot), and powers (g'vurot).

Special Activities

The children are creating illustrations to accompany Bible stories. These illustrations will become part of a children's book for the Olam Tikvah library! We also continue to work on crafts (like tissue paper flowers) for the wedding.

In Hebrew we created shields (magen) that reflect the students interests, family, and hopes for the future.

Over the Next Few Weeks We Will Be...

- Designing the Chuppah and Ketubah for the wedding
- Learning about the lifecycle events of birth and Bnai Mitzvah
- Learning the second prayer of the Amidah -- G'vurot

Homework and Things to Remember

- Please help your child pick an important/famous Jewish American to research.
- Practice Hebrew reading at least 10 minutes three times a week to help develop reading fluency.
- **Wedding November 22nd!**