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## OTRS Fifth Grade News

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Dear Families,

After a very long break, our fifth graders are trying to pick up where we left off. In history we are looking at the beginning of rabbinic Judaism. In Torah we're starting to learn about the family life of Abraham and Sarah. And in Hebrew we have begun learning the concluding portions of the Torah service, when we carry the Torah back to the Aron Kodesh and replace it.

Recordings of the blessings and other parts of the Torah service are on the OT website's [prayers page](#).

Check out the [5th grade web page](#) for more information and even some pictures! Parents, if your children miss a class, please check to see if any new worksheets have been uploaded.

Shalom,

[Andrea Gross](#) and [Shula Friedman](#)

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## Over the Last Week....

- In Hebrew we began learning "Y'hallelu" (page 153 in the siddur) and "Etz Chaim" (page 154). We practiced reading Mizmor l'David.
- We learned a little about Maimonides and his teachings about tzedakah, and decorated boxes for the OT food drive. We'll return to Maimonides in a few months in our History class.
- We studied the religious and political/military changes of related to the Roman conquest of Jerusalem. We learned about Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai and his escape from Jerusalem.
- In Torah we began learning about Sarai, Abram, and Hagar, and what happened when Ishmael was born.
- In Trop, we have learned more trop notes, and practiced singing several together as a trop "phrase."

## Over the Next Few Weeks We Will....

- Work on mastering the concluding prayers of the Torah service.
- Study more about Abram and Sarai, and their relationship with God.
- Examine both the implications of rabbinic Judaism and the influences of life in the diaspora.

## Homework

Practice your Hebrew reading at least three times a week! The goal is for students to be able to **read and chant** prayers through page 30. Do not move ahead until you master the previous prayer!

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## Things to Remember

**Bring your Religious School backpack/bag to every class.** Come prepared with paper, pen/pencil, text books. *Please bring tzedakah,* too, to every class. We will have a surprise supplies check soon!

Prayers: [www.olamtikvah.org/prayer.html](http://www.olamtikvah.org/prayer.html)

Class notes, worksheets photos: [www.olamtikvah.org/relschoo-5.html](http://www.olamtikvah.org/relschoo-5.html)