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# OTRS Fifth Grade News

1/17/10

Dear Families,

We had a very busy week, learning about Abraham and Sarah's relationships with Adonai. We finished studying the beginnings of Rabbinic Judaism in History, and connected some of what we learned to our Tefillah (prayer) studies in Hebrew.

If you were absent today, you may take the chapter 4 (open-book) quiz at home and bring it with you when you come to class on Tuesday. It has been uploaded to the website and there is a link from the grade 5 page.

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 practiced reading and chanting "Y'hallelu" and Mizmor l'David (page 153 in the siddur) and "Etz Chaim" (page 154).

- In History, we learned that Jewish focus shifted from Temple offerings and sacrifices to Torah study, prayer, and acts of loving-kindness after the destruction of the Temple.
- We had a quiz on Chapter 4.
- We learned the Torah sources for the mitzvot of offering hospitality and visiting the sick in Genesis 18.
- We learned about the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, and acted out Abraham's negotiation with Adonai.
- We talked about the origins for a minyan, and why Lot and his family were commanded to not look back.

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

- Continue to work on mastering the concluding prayers of the Torah service.
- Begin learning about Isaac, in addition to continuing our study of Abraham and Sarah.
- Study the influences on Jewish life in Babylonia, and how Babylonian Jewry affected us through modern times.

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## **Homework**

Practice your Hebrew reading at least three times a week!

Review past prayers as well as practicing new ones.

Read chapter 6 in the history textbook for Sunday, 1/24. We will **not** cover chapter 5 in class.

## **Things to Remember**

Bring tzedakah, and support our food and clothing drives, too!

The prayers for the conclusion of the Torah Service, including Ashrei, have been uploaded to the OT website at <http://www.olamtikvah.org/prayer.html>.

Dress in layers because the classroom can go from very chilly to extremely warm, especially if the doors are shut during Sunday morning minyan.