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OTRS Fifth Grade News

10/26/09

Dear Families,

We have been very busy working on the Torah service, continuing our study of the Genesis stories, and beginning our study of early Israelite history. Take a look at the details below.

You can also check out the [5th grade web page](#) for more information and even some pictures!

As a reminder, there are **no religious school** classes on Sunday **Nov. 1st** and Tuesday **Nov. 3rd**.

Shalom,

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

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Over the Last Week....

- In Hebrew we have been working in small groups. Some are working on the introductory prayers of the Torah service and others are working on the prayers before and after a Torah reading (aliyah).
- We've been using a laptop computer to help us get the tunes right for the prayers we are learning and practicing.
- We read some of David's psalms and Solomon's proverbs in the Tanakh.
- We recognized one of the psalms when we read it in Hebrew, it was Mizmor L'David from Shabbat morning services!

Over the Next Few Weeks We Will....

During the next week (through 11/8): We will continue with our Hebrew (practice lots!).

We will have a **quiz on November 8** for Judaics. Students have a study guide to complete in preparation for this. The quiz is "open everything" (books, notes, study guide) and both the study guide and a completed version with the answers is on the class web

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page.

Homework

Come prepared with paper, pen/pencil, textbooks.

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!

For Sunday Nov. 8th: Read **History Chapter 2**

Things to Remember

Students will get stickers for practicing at home if they report to Mrs. Friedman how much they have practiced. (Honor system, but Mrs. Friedman will also evaluate improvement.) They will also get stickers for passing skill-level reviews. Mrs. Gross will give out stickers for completed homework, etc. Students who get 25 stickers can pick a prize from our prize box.

Please help your child come prepared to class. Make sure all their materials are in a bag and ready to go before Tuesday afternoons and Sunday mornings. Children who show up without pencils, papers, or books take time away from lessons, distract those who come prepared, and are unable to complete workbook assignments.

Please do NOT send in snacks containing nuts or sesame (including Chex mix) due to teacher and student allergies