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OTRS Fifth Grade News

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Dear Families,

We continue to learn more of the Torah service, with students progressing at personalized paces.

In Torah study, we are reading more of Bereishit (Genesis), and in History we are studying the Greek and Roman periods. Take a look at the details below.

We've had some special classes with Cantor Adina Ackerman, who is introducing us to Torah Trop (about twice a month), and we've had our first music (song) class with Rabbi Shalva.details.

You can also 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 work at our own pace. Some children are up to the brachot (blessings) for an aliyah, before and after a Torah reading, and a few are even starting on the brachot before and after the haftarah.

In Torah, we've talked about Cain and Abel. We discussed the idea of being responsible for our own actions, and taking responsibility for our "brothers"-that is, our family members, the Jewish community, the greater secular community, and the world.

We began discussing Noah and what it means to be righteous in a time when the world was full of evil. In History, we are working on comparisons among the Babylonian, Greek (Hellenistic) and Roman conquests. We are making flip books to compare the effects of the three empires on Jewish life.

In Trop, we have learned two trop notes!

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In music, Rabbi Shalva taught us how to sing a song without words. We also sang "Gesher Tsar Me'od," a song about how the world is a narrow bridge and the important thing is to not be afraid at all. Some students taught Rabbi Shalva and their classmates the hand gestures that go with the song.

Over the Next Few Weeks We Will....

Continue to learn more of the Torah service in Hebrew.

Consider Noah and righteousness a little more, and begin learning about Abraham and Sarah.

Have a special Family Education program with Rabbi Kalender.

Look at the influences of Hellenism and Roman culture on Jewish History.

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!

Complete the Hebrew workbook through page 33.

Read History Chapter 3.

Complete the Judaics flip book if you didn't finish in class.

Complete the Judaics crossword puzzle and other worksheets if you didn't finish them.

Correct your Judaics quiz mistakes to earn a perfect score!

Things to Remember

Parents: Please RSVP to the [Religious school office](#) right away for our Family Education Program on November 22 with Rabbi Kalender. Please let us know how many adults will attend with the student.

Thanks to those of you who have already replied.

Bring your ReligiousSchool 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!**

A reminder from the Education and Safety and Security Committees: **please keep children at home who are not feeling well.** This policy is designed to protect all our children.

Prayers: www.olamtikvah.org/prayer.html

Class notes, worksheets photos:
www.olamtikvah.org/relschoo-5.html