

This Week...

Today

Looking Ahead

Homework

OTRS Fifth Grade News

12/13/09

Dear Families,

It was a pleasure to meet with those of you who came to our classroom for the information session. We hope we answered all your questions. Please do not hesitate to contact either of us with questions about the curriculum or your child's progress

In History, students took a quiz on chapters 2 and 3 about the Greek and Roman periods in ancient Israel. Students can earn a perfect score by writing out corrections for whatever they got wrong. We've been discussing Abraham's qualities during our Torah study, especially focusing on his dealings with Lot, Pharaoh, and the others he encounters. In Hebrew, students continue to work on both reading and chanting skills.

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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Email the Teachers

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Over the Last Week....

- Most students have begun learning to read or chant the blessings before/after the haftorah.
- We took a quiz in history. We will review it on Tuesday.
- We debated whether Abram lied to Pharaoh when he didn't say Sarai was his wife. We talked about when and why it might be okay to lie, and whether an omission counts as a lie. We also talked about Abram's qualities as a peacemaker (letting Lot pick the land for his herds), being brave and loyal (rescuing Lot)

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and appearing humble in refusing reward.

- We played Jeopardy during the parents' meeting. The questions covered all aspects of Hebrew, Torah, History, and Holidays.

Over the Next Few Weeks We Will....

- Progress to learning Ashrei in the Torah service.
- Look at the relationship that Abram and Sarai have with God.
- Learn about the development of Rabbinic Judaism.

Homework

Practice your Hebrew reading every day for 10 minutes. The goal is for students to be able to **read and chant** prayers through the four brachot after the haftorah reading. Do not move ahead until you master the previous prayer!

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.

Snow Policy:

Normally the religious school follows the Fairfax County School closings. If there is inclement weather on a Sunday you will receive an email by 7 AM to let you know if school will be in session. You can also check WTOP.

Prayers: www.olamtikvah.org/prayer.html

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