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OTRS Fifth Grade News

9/30/09

Dear Families,

We had a wonderful class today! This is just a taste of what we covered today. Please be sure to ask your children for more information.

Shalom,

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

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What We Did Today

- In Judaics, we played "pin-the-sticker-on-the-target." In Hebrew, the word for sin is chet, which literally means "missing the mark." We talked about how the Hebrew word makes you think you have a chance to "hit the mark" if you try harder next time. The Torah gives us lots of directions about right and wrong behavior so we don't miss the mark.
- We learned more about the idea of Teshuvah from a worksheet.
- In Hebrew, we began chanting the beginning of the Torah service with Mrs. Friedman. It's great working in small groups with her. We get to go practice in the sanctuary, and spread out there so we could work individually or in twos or threes.
- Ask us how you make a lulav shake! We made a lulav out of newspaper and learned how to shake it. We learned what the parts of the lulav and etrog represent.

Over the Next Few Weeks We Will....

We will continue with our Hebrew (practice lots!) and Holiday studies. We will introduce our Torah studies.

After the holidays we'll start studying Bereshit. We are not using a textbook for Torah study. Students will be asked to read specific verses in English from either a home copy of a Tanach or Chumash (any edition) or online in preparation for class. A link will be provided when homework is assigned.

Homework

Due Tuesday October 6

- Practice your Hebrew reading at least three times a week. You should be able to read (not just sing from memory) Ayn Kamocha and Av HaRachamim (pages 4 & 10 in Hineni 3). Our Ritual and Prayers page on the OT website (www.olamtikvah.org/prayer.html) now has 8 sets of prayers in MP3 format, and references to the pages in both Hineni 3, and Siddur Sim Shalom. If you master Ayn Kamocha and Av HaRachamim, you can continue with Vayahi Binsoa and keep going.
- Finish Teshuvah worksheet if you have not completed it and handed it in. This was handed out on Tuesday, 9/15 and is online at www.olamtikvah.org/images/ReISchool/Grade 5/Teshuva.doc.
- Finish Sukkot worksheet if not done in class. This was handed out on

Tuesday, 9/26, and is online at

[http://www.olamtikvah.org/images/RelSchool/Grade 5/Sukkot Worksheet.doc](http://www.olamtikvah.org/images/RelSchool/Grade%205/SukkotWorksheet.doc).

- Read Genesis 1:1-2:4. You can find this in a Tanakh (Jewish Bible) or Chumash (such as Etz Hayyim). If you want to read it online, a good source is <http://www.mechon-mamre.org/e/et/et0101.htm>.

Things to Remember

No classes Sunday, October 4 or 11. We will have class only on Tuesdays for the next few weeks.

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