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OTRS Fifth Grade News

11/8/09

Dear Families,

We had quite a full day today. We focused on all aspects of Torah and the children met with Cantor Adina Ackerman for the first time. See below for details.

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

The children also received a flyer about Jewish Book Month (November) at Olam Tikvah. The flyer explains how they can earn prizes for reading Jewish books. If you haven't seen it, please check backpacks.

Shalom,

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

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Over the Last Week....

- We have been learning Torah Trop with Cantor Adina Ackerman. We have learned "sof pasuk" which ends every verse. We saw how it is annotated. Cantor Ackerman also showed us a Torah scroll and yad and chanted a few lines for us. She explained how a Torah scroll is made and answered questions. Look for a picture on the 5th grade web page shortly!
- We took a quiz in Judaics and will review it soon.
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In history, we are starting to create who/what/when/why/results booklets to help us understand the effects of the Babylonian, Greek, and Roman conquests of ancient Israel.

- In Torah, we read and acted out the story of Cain

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and Abel. We talked about Cain's frustration, and the consequences of killing someone (ending their family line). We'll continue talking about Cain and Abel on Tuesday.

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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).

Over the Next Few Weeks We Will....

Continue with our study of the effects of various conquests of ancient Israel. We'll review our Judaics quiz and talk more about Cain and Abel.

Please make sure to continue to practice Hebrew reading. You can find prayers and Torah trop on the OT Website [Prayers 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 Tuesday, 11/10: Read History Chapter 3. Bring any completed worksheets that have not previously been turned in, such as the crossword puzzle.

Things to Remember

Parents: Please RSVP to the [Religious school office](#) right

away for our Family Education Program on November 22 with Rabbi Kalender. Thanks to those of you who have already replied.

Prayers: www.olamtikvah.org/prayer.html

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