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OTRS Seventh Grade News

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Dear Families,

It is nice to be back in a normal routine again! We are beginning our new unit on Zionism. Read on for more details.

Shalom,

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What We've Been Doing

In preparation for learning about early Zionism, we talked about the conditions for Jews in Europe in the late 19th and early 20th century, especially the differences in the status of Western European Jews vs. Eastern European Jews. We discussed the choices that Jews in Europe faced at that time.

Special Activities

We talked about Purim and created a Purim Radio Show to highlight the story and customs of Purim.

Over the Next Few Weeks We Will...

The children will do a role-play activity and present dilemmas of real Zionists at the crossroads in Europe at this time. Please share with your children how and when your own family came to America. In particular, let your children know if any of their ancestors were Jewish immigrants from Europe.

Things to Remember

Check out the [seventh grade web page!](#)