

## September/October 2022 • Elul 5782/Tishrei/Cheshvan 5783 • אלול תשפ"ב , תשרי - חשון אלול תשפ"ג

# כיתה ה'



Shalom 5th Grade Parents,

During the months of September and October, we are learning the following:

#### Hebrew Language:

This year we are using the book "Alef Bet: Yeladim Lomdim Ivrit" (Children Study Hebrew). It is a unique program, based on the ulpan system of teaching Hebrew as a foreign language to

children in elementary school. Hebrew is taught in a step by step program, from beginners to advanced levels. The course of study includes the systematic instruction of grammar exercises and texts which are especially designed to suit the needs of children, their culture and special world.

During the months of September and October we will learn stories to increase vocabulary, and in grammar skills:

To match adjective to noun

Express time in sentence form

Prepositional phrases

#### Holidays:

We are focusing on the Tishrei holidays: Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah. We are learning historical facts, Jewish customs, stories, prayers, and songs. We will do many activities to help enhance the experiences of the Jewish holidays in the month of Tishrei such as blowing the shofar, sitting in the sukkah, and shaking the lulav and etrog. On each of the Tishrei holidays, after establishing the students' previous knowledge, we will explore new topics such as what the Mishnah (Oral Law) says about the observances surrounding the holidays. We are discussing personal reflections on how each of us can do Teshuvah (repentance) according to Ramban, or improve ourselves for the coming year. We will also discuss the concept of shloshet ha-regalim -Sukkot, Pesach and Shavuot, the three pilgrimage festivals when Jews would go to the holy Temple in Jerusalem. We will experience sitting in the sukkah and shaking the lulav and etrog.

#### Torah:

Our 5th grade students began with a review of the Torah stories of Yaacov (Jacob) which they were studying at the end of 4th grade. We have embarked on a journey through the remarkable Joseph cycle. The Joseph saga completes the first book of the Torah, Genesis, (in Hebrew, Beresheet). During this in depth study we will focus on family values, jealousy, faith in God, and doing the right thing even when under pressure. We are very proud of our students who each week take turns studying and writing their own D'var Torah to read at our Shabbat service. Please check the Table Talk web page to see when it is your child's turn.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or concerns. We look forward to a great and productive school year.

### Morah Sahar, Morah Sigal, Morah Angela, Morah Mika and Morah Tiki