

September/October 2025 • Elul 5785/Tishrei/Cheshvan 5786 • אלול תשפ"ה , תשרי/חשון תשפ"ו

כיתה ה'

Shalom 5th Grade Parents.

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

Hebrew:

This year we will implement a new program called "Besod Halvrit".

"Besod Halvrit" is a Hebrew language program designed primarily for students learning Hebrew outside of Israel, particularly in elementary grades. The program focuses on developing literacy, language awareness, and Hebrew grammar skills in a gradual, age-appropriate way.

1. Purpose:

- To strengthen Hebrew language skills, including reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
- To build a deep understanding of grammar and vocabulary.
- To develop language awareness and metalinguistic thinking.

The students are learning the unit # 2: "Festival Hip Hop in Israel".

They will acquire new vocabulary related to the topic and prepare a hip hop presentation of the song "The New Hebrew".

Grammar:

Past tense, Nouns, Pronouns

Prepositions: From...(מ...), In (the)...(ב...)

Verbs: Love (אוהב-אוהבת), understand (מבין-מבינה)

Question words: Who? (מי) What?(מה) Where?(איפה?)

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 Shushan, Morah Angela, Morah Mika, Morah Tiki, Morah Jessica