

חשון - כסלו - טבת תשפ״ו • November/December 2025 • Cheshvan/Kislev/Tevet 5786 • וחשון - כסלו



Shalom Grade 5 Parents,

"We are each gifted in a unique and important way. It is our privilege and our adventure to discover our own special light." - Evelyn Dunbar

During the months of November and December:

Hebrew:

The students are learning Hebrew using the book "B'sod Halvrit". They learned about concerts and festivals in Israel, as well as some Israeli slang terms, words of questions, prepositions, connecting words. They increased their vocabulary related to the bus station, and talking about where are they traveling to.

They acted out situations where two friends are talking at the bus station about their travels.

They also learned Tefilah texts and had a virtual tour to the city of Aco and to the concert.

Holidays:

The students will recall the important material they previously learned about Hanukkah, and study halachot (laws) associated with the hanukiyah and the candle lighting ritual, especially the mitzvah of Pirsum Ha-nes, public displays of the miracle. They will also experience lighting hanukiyah, playing dreidels (svivonim), and eating sufganiyot and latkes (levivot). The students

will recite the related blessings and will be familiar with the Hebrew vocabulary associated with the holiday.

Torah:

In Torah, we are learning about Joseph's story, his dreams, and his ability to interpret other's dreams. We also focused on Joseph's development from when he was a teenager until he grew to be a mature man. We compare the change in his personality through good and difficult moments in his life to the lives of teenagers today. We discuss his relationship with Hashem, his family and the people he met throughout his journey.

Grades are based on tests, positive participation in class, as well as completion of workbook and content and presentation of the end of unit project.

Please encourage your child to practice Hebrew reading at home.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or concerns.

Thank you for your support,

Morot Angela, Mika, Jessica, Shushan and Tiki