

September/October 2023 • Elul 5783/Tishrei/Cheshvan 5784 • אלול תשפ"ג , תשרי - חשון תשפ"ד



Shalom Grade 2 Parents.

## Hebrew:

During the first weeks, our Hebrew focus has been on assessment and review. Students reviewed their previous knowledge in Hebrew in order to build on it. In our Hebrew class, the students have been very busy practicing their Aleph Bet and reviewing how to write the Hebrew letters in cursive. The students also practiced learning about the calendar and the weather. They were very excited to start working with iTaL AM.

In this year we will emphasize reading and writing skills, and we will focus on the Grade 2 iTal Am Hebrew theme: Daily life program or "Tov Bakeetah" (Good in the Classroom). We will also use Hebrew vocabulary associated with the holidays.

We will continue incorporating iTaL AM, a new internet-based program. iTaL AM, based on the TaL AM Hebrew curriculum, uses a blended learning model which draws on Tal AM's Hebrew literacy and Jewish Studies integration while harnessing the benefits of technology.

## Parashat Hashavua:

Beginning after Simchat Torah, we will study the Parashah or Biblical portion of the week. THe students will listen and read the story. We will focus on two p'sukim (verses) from the Parashah and the messages and learn from them for our daily and personal lives.

## **Holidays:**

The focus in the fall is on the Tishrei holidays: Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah. While reviewing and learning new historical facts, 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 of the shofar, sitting in the sukkah, shaking the lulav and etrog and reciting the appropriate brachot (blessings) for each.

Please encourage your child to read the book that he/she brings home, and sign the memo.

Thank you for your support!

Morah Sigal, Morah Mali and Morah Mika