

# Limud News



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To start off the first February of 2019 at Limud, the fifth, sixth, and seventh graders performed a mitzvah for a beloved temple member. The students worked together to create gift baskets for Tami Gitlin, Cantor Gustavo's daughter, to bring her joy and comfort during her recovery. They filled the baskets with chocolate candies, teddy bears, fuzzy socks, coloring pages, face masks, puzzle books, and all the other thoughtful donations from temple members to show their appreciation for Tami and send her love from the CTI family. The students were fully invested in the mitzvah, and doing so made all of them, as best said by Gal, "feel like a real mensch."

For the third and fourth graders, the beginning of February marked the beginning of their discussion of Black History Month. Recognizing impactful historical figures like Jackie Robinson and Martin Luther King Jr., the students summarized the lesson into a single word. "It was a lot about kindness, right?" Morah Leslie proposed. The students decided that the next time they carry out a mitzvah, they would do it in a "nice, soft way"-to do it and be humble in doing so. "And think about you, too!" Morah Leslie encouraged. "It will make you feel absolutely wonderful."

Meanwhile, next door, the third and fourth graders with Morah Hannah played a game of "Jewpardy"-an adapted version of Jeopardy fit to their Hebrew curriculum. The categories included Hebrew letters, final Hebrew letters, vowels, and word translation. As a whole, the game put the students' reading and translating abilities to the test, displaying their impressive academic growth since the beginning of the year.

With Morah D'vorah, Hebrew Through Movement returned to Limud and immediately had the first and second graders bouncing on their toes. Jumping through hula hoops, the students recited the new Hebrew words they'd just learned with every hop. After each ken (yes), lo (no), and ani (I am), the students earned a yafe meod (good job) from Morah D'vorah.

While the pre-k and kindergarteners finished embellishing their coffee can clowns for Purim, the teens were hard at work in the kitchen baking Hamantaschen for the upcoming holiday. As the treats baked, they created their own Purim gift bags and filled them with fruit snacks, chocolates, and pretzels for someone they care about.





