



Official newsletter



Always supporting Israel

Shalom! Our hearts are with our family and friends in Israel. As of this week, our students have raised over \$200 in tzedakah that will be sent to organizations in Israel. We also have many students raising money on their own to support Israel.

This week, our students in Gesher through Sixth Grade met with Dovy, our music specialist to learn some fun songs including "Hinei MaTov, "Olam Chesed," "I have a voice," "Tzedek Shoes," "Halleluyah," "Od Yavo," and "Oseh Shalom."

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, November 12:

Kadima, 5-6:30 pm

USY: 7:30-9pm

Friday, November 17:

Family Shabbat Services:

3rd Grade Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, November 18:

Family Shabbat Services

Men's Club Event - Rock Band

Wednesday, November 22:

NO RS - Thanksgiving Break

Sunday, November 26:

NO RS - Thanksgiving Break



Gesher (Pre-K) Update

Morah Leora Cohen

It was so nice to see our Gesher students this week. We began the day with music with our friends in Kindergarten and 1st Grade. This month, we discussed the different faces of Judaism. We read the book "I Love Jewish Faces" by Debra B. Darvick. Our students shared that we all look different, but we are all Jewish. We are like one big family.

Kindergarten Update

Morah Alyssa Silberman

This past week, we began by putting up our special welcome sign in the RS hallway so that everyone who enters Midway feels welcome. Our unit today focused on kindness, as seen their the story of our matriarch, Rebecca. We read the book "Kind Little Rivka." Kindergarten students then created their own kindness rocks as reminders of how we can treat one another "smile," "share," "help," "hug," "peace," and more.

1st Grade Update

Morah Lori Bookspan
Morah Michelle Kettner

This past Sunday, students moved onto the letter Dalet. Dalet makes the "D" sound and begins the Hebrew word "Degel" which means flag. Our focus on today was about Kindness and the impact of words. We read the book, "Doctor Esperanto and the Language of Hop." We also spoke about the Biblical story "the Tower of Babel."



2nd Grade Update

Morah Melissa Barry and Morah Haviva Samuels
Morah Jessica Meltzer and Morah Caroline Danziger

Our 2nd Grade students completed their unit on promises and the story about the first Jewish couple, Abraham and Sarah. and then moved into the Torah Portion, Lech Lecha. We discussed what it means to be a blessing, just like Abraham. Students shared that we can be a blessing by "being kind, being considerate, being helpful, and respecting others."

In Hebrew, students are continuing to learn the Hebrew letters and vowels. This past week, we continued to review letters Bet and Shin and Tav - ת, ש & ב - We ask students to practice reading at home – the more practice, the better!

3rd Grade Update

Morah Melissa Barry and Morah Haviva Samuels
Morah Jessica Meltzer and Morah Caroline Danziger

Our students have been learning so much about Israel! We have completed learning about the city of Haifa and are moving into learning about the Galilee. The Galilee is in the North of Israel, holds the Sea of Galilee (Lake Kinneret), the only freshwater lake in Israel.

This past week in Hebrew, we continued to review letter and vowel word combinations using the Hebrew letters Shin, Sin, Tav, Bet, Resh and Dalet: ב, ד, ר, ת, ש, ש

Students can now read words like Shabbat. שבת! We ask students to practice reading at home – you can use page 17 & 18 in your book. The more practice, the better!



4th Grade and 5th Grade Judaics Update

Morah Ellen Marcus

Morah Stefanie Rovinsky and Morah Rebecca Slavsky

*Please note: due to curriculum changes, the 4th and 5th Grade curriculum is the same to ensure that students have the foundation to move forward in future years.

Our 4th and 5th Grade students are continuing to move through the Chai Curriculum which explores the community of Am Yisrael as seen through the last two books of the Torah: Numbers/BaMidbar and Deuteronomy/Devarim. After meeting with Moses (Rabbi Joel) and receiving the 10 commandments at Mount Sinai, students learned that we, the present Jewish people, are responsible to protect, share, and instill the values of the Torah to future generations. This past week, students were introduced to the 12 tribes of Israel. The 12 tribes of Israel are: Dan, Levi, Shimon, Yehuda, Naftali, Reuven, Zebulun, Issachar, Binyamin, Asher, Gad, Yosef. The students learned about how these 12 tribes of Israel lived together and created a community, Am Yisrael - the nation of Israel. Students put on a play from the portion "Shlech Lecha," found in the book of Numbers. This portion shares the story of the representatives from each tribe and their mission to view the Promised Land.

4th Grade Hebrew Update

Morah Ally Tash

Cila Klingher

In Hebrew, students are continuing to review their Hebrew knowledge and understanding of certain prayers. Our S/T students have mastered the Hebrew months. Students are moving into the more formal part of the Hebrew curriculum with our Hineini through Prayer program with the Barchu.

5th Grade Hebrew Update

Morah Ally Tash

Cila Klingher

In Hebrew, students have completed their review and are now moving forward in their Hebrew learning with the Amidah prayer and the Avot/Imahot. Students have been working on their Hebrew reading competence and fluency of reading these prayers.



6th Grade Update

Morah Lori Bookspan and Tali Medwed
Morah Miriam Hertzson

Our 6th Grade students are looking at the current situation in Israel from different perspectives by exploring personal stories, social media and the world's response to the current climate. Students are continuing with their Torah books and are moving into the book of Exodus/Sh'mot and the different Torah portions.

7th Grade Update

Morah Chari Nacson
Mr. Marty Hirschfield

Our 7th Grade began their Unit on the Cultural Diversity of Israeli Society. We discussed what is included in culture. Our first look will be exploring Israeli music. Our hope is that our students become more connected with the land of Israel and the Israeli people through this unit.

Tichon: Hebrew High School Update

Rabbi Joel Levenson, Leora Cohen, and Tali Medwed

Our Tichon students did not meet this past week. We look forward to seeing everyone again next week.



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