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2nd GRADE Judaic Studies Classroom News

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Since our last newsletter:

We have reviewed all of the holidays in the month of *Tishri*. We did a good job on our assessments. We were able to look at a word or phrase and decide which holiday it belongs to.

We learned parts of *Hallel* when it was *Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan*, which was on Friday and *Shabbat*, October 12 and 13.

We have begun our Hebrew book *Hakol Chadash*. The vocabulary for unit one included the words: *ahni* (I), *ahtah* (you for a male), *ah* (you for a female), *talmid* (boy student) and *talmidah* (female student). We have been working on spelling the words and creating sentences using these words. Each unit's vocabulary is based on the previous lesson. We also "introduced" ourselves to each other and said *Shalom*. We even asked "who are you?"

We have begun our Hebrew phonetic reading program. We will begin taking home Hebrew books so we can practice our reading skills. The object of the assignment will not be to comprehend what is read but rather to be able to read the book with ease and fluency.

We have begun talking about the *Sofer Stam*. The *Sofer Stam* writes the *Sefer Torah*, *Tefillin* and *Mezuzah*. When we have finished discussing what he does, we will be creating a class book about the *Sofer Stam* and we will share it with our families.

We talked about *Parashiot Breisheet* and *Noach*. We talked about what was created on each day of creation. When we begin learning *Chumash*, we will learn in detail "The Creation Story." While we were discussing Noah, we talked about qualities Noah had that made him the only one "saved" by *Hashem*. Would we be allowed on the Ark if we lived during the time of Noah? Would you?

We talked about Miriam Mendelow who founded Lifeline for the Old in Jerusalem. *Yad LaKashish* provides employment opportunities and social services to the needy, elderly and disabled of Jerusalem. They work daily in 10 different handicraft workshops, earn a small stipend and receive a free monthly bus pass, hot lunch daily for 25 cents, free medical checkups, the services of an on-staff social worker, holiday gifts and celebrations, and trips to

places of interest around Israel. *Yad LaKashish* actualizes the *Rambam's* highest level of *Tzedakah*-to provide a person with the means to help him/herself.

We enjoyed our visit with Alan Shawn Feinstein. We are a Feinstein Leadership School. In January I will be writing the school newsletter highlighting all of the good deeds that the students of JCDS have done.

- Please send in extra *Kippot* with your son to school.
- Please make sure that your child has a snack for each morning and afternoon, especially on hot lunch days.

From Rabbi Levine:

JCDSRI asks for your support and cooperation in maintaining a level of *kashrut* observance at our school. Please be aware that all private snacks and lunches should be either dairy or *pareve* (neither meat nor dairy). That is, please do not send your child to school with meat products of any kind. We are thrilled to be a part of special events in your child's life, such as Birthdays. Should you choose to send treats to school meant to be shared with classmates, please adhere to the following protocol:

1. Check with the Homeroom Teacher in advance.
2. Make sure that all food items to be shared bear an appropriate kosher symbol on the packaging. The letter "K" is not sufficient. Common *kashrut* symbols found locally include the O-U, the K-V-H, the Star-K, the Circle-K, and the Kof-K. Other symbols may also be accepted (there are over 400 in use!) Please check with Rabbi Levine at mlevine@jcdsri.org for more information. Presently, the only accepted bakery in RI for fresh baked products is the "Branch Avenue Stop & Shop" bakery, in Providence. All items purchased there for distribution at school must bear the K-V-H symbol on the label. Other local Stop & Shop bakeries are not accepted for sharing at school.
3. No home prepared foods may be shared in school.

Thank you so much for your help in keeping our school kosher and delicious!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by e-mail, susietuli@cox.net.