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## 2nd GRADE Judaic Studies Classroom News

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Since our last newsletter:

We have continued in Hakol Chadash. We have completed units one and two and we are on unit three. The words for unit three involve family words. If you would like to send in family pictures, we would love to use them in our Hebrew writing. We have been creating sentences using the vocabulary from units one through three. One of our longer sentences was; Elliott, Chava, Jordan and Jessica are in Micah's Dad's car. We are also working on learning how to spell the new words that are in these units. This is also helping us to review the Hebrew script letters.

We have finished writing about the Sofer Stam, the Torah Scribe. Right now the "pages" are on our wall and when all of the final copies are complete, a book will be made and it will circulate. Each family will be able to keep the book for a few nights. I will also be sending home a journal so you can write to the class and tell us how much you enjoyed our book. As part of this unit, Rabbi Levine came to talk to us about Tefillin. These are one of the things that a Sofer Stam writes.

We have continued working on our Hebrew phonetic reading skills. It is important to note, that not all material sent home will be understood by everyone. Next week, each student will be taking home a Hebrew book to practice his or her reading skills. The objective is to increase their fluency and accuracy, not their understanding.

We talked about the micro philanthropic Danny Siegel. The Ziv Tzedakah Fund, founded and chaired by Danny Siegel, is about Mitzvot - Fixing Up the World, with whatever talents and

resources we have as individuals. Danny Siegel's Ziv Tzedakah Fund is a non-profit organization dedicated to the collection and distribution of funds to various little known Tzedakah projects. It provides money and support for individuals and programs that offer direct, significant, and immediate services with a minimum of overhead and bureaucracy. Ziv is also involved in bringing the educational message of Tzedakah to communities and Jewish schools throughout the United States, Canada and Israel and empowers ordinary people to become Mitzvah heroes. ([www.ziv.org](http://www.ziv.org))

We also talked about the "Chicken Lady." Please ask your child to tell you about this amazing woman. If your child needs a reminder, you can say, "Isn't her butcher bill very expensive?"

Our School is once again participating in a Thanksgiving food and Tzedakah collection to benefit the Rhode Island Community Food Bank. Hundreds of local RI families go to sleep every night hungry, and the RI Community Food Bank helps to alleviate much of their suffering. We will begin collecting food and money from November 5<sup>th</sup> to November 16<sup>th</sup>. Food should non-perishable and in non-glass containers. You may also send in a check to purchase turkeys. These checks should be made out to JCDS and the envelope should be marked "Turkeys."

Monday Night is Clifford Night. Children are invited to attend in their pajamas and they can bring their favorite stuffed animals. The festivities begin at 6:15 pm. Bring your cameras!

Parent conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-8:00 pm. Please call Eileen Ellis to schedule an appointment. Her extension is 22.