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FIFTH GRADERS LEARN VALUABLE LESSONS FROM THEIR TANACH STUDY

Baruch Hashem the 5th grade has completed the end of Parshat Beshalch and the first four Parshiot of Sefer Shmot. We concluded with the battle against Amalek. We learned many valuable lessons from this story. We learned that when enemies advance against us we prepare for war and we look inside ourselves to determine how we can improve. In addition the source for a famous Mishna in Pirkei Avot is found in the commentary of Rashi. Rashi goes through the various sources for the honor and respect a rabbi should exhibit to a Talmid, how a friend should act towards his fellow, and how a Talmid must act towards his Rabbi. We discussed the question of why this war with Amalek is considered a Milchemet Mitzva, where we are commanded to erase their memory completely. We spoke about Anti Semitism and some of the underlying reasons for hatred and resolved the issue why we are to be aggressive in ridding the world of Amelek. The kids have done a great job learning Tanach this year and are to be commended. At this point we are now going to focus on the Aseret HaDibrot and the Yom Tov of Shavuot approaches.

