



# JOSEPH KUSHNER HEBREW ACADEMY

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## RAE KUSHNER YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL

### NINTH GRADERS HONE THEIR CRITICAL THINKING AND WRITING SKILLS AS THEY WORK ON THEIR RESEARCH PAPERS

RKYHS students are assiduously preparing for research projects. All ninth grade classes have commenced writing a research paper in English classes. Teachers have assigned varied topics and they include: comparing the war theme in a multi genre paper, comparing one character from literature with a person who stood up for what he or she believed, and comparing Mala with another person of interest. One class is carefully examining the artifacts in the Holocaust garden and learning about the sacrifices made during WWII by the Jewish people.

Research is a skill that hones critical thinking and students develop their own research questions, their thesis, and perfect the intricacies of outlining and MLA formatting. While learning how to collate ideas, students come to learn that the process is just as vital as the product. The ninth grade classes have learned the importance of good grammar and how it affects better writing. In the writing workshop all ninth and tenth graders reinforce the writing process, which includes both self and Peer Editing to improve the finished product. The school year has been productive and students are finding their “voice” when writing.

