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FIFTH GRADE LINKS THE LUNAR CYCLE AND CALENDAR TO THEIR TORAH LEARNING

In the fifth grade we are now learning about the various mitzvot that Hashem gave Bnei Yisrael prior to Yetziat Mitzraim. The first mitzva given was Rosh Chodesh and the Hebrew calendar. We learned about the lunar cycle and how it differs from the solar cycle. We learnt why we have one day of Rosh Chodesh and sometimes two days. We examined the reason why we have leap years and the addition of Adar Sheini. The lunar calendar teaches us that just like the Moon reflects sunlight, so too the Jewish people should reflect Hashem in this world. We are now learning the main mitzvot of Pesach, being the Korban Pesach, Matza, and Marror.

In Navi we have just begun the famous story of Shishon HaGibor. We learnt the unusual circumstances surrounding his birth which clearly indicated that he will become a special individual. His mother named him Shimshon which comes from the word Shemesh and illustrates how he will become the source of strength for Bnei Yisrael in their continual struggle with the Plishtim.

