



# JOSEPH KUSHNER HEBREW ACADEMY

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## RAE KUSHNER YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL

### ILAN RAMON'S VOYAGE INSPIRES HIGH SCHOOL HEBREW CLASSES AND FOSTERS DISCUSSIONS

Having just returned from vacation, Hebrew classes have begun to focus on new units covering new vocabulary words and forming advanced conversations. In class we held a day of remembrance to honor Ilan Ramon, the first Israeli astronaut to fly in the NASA space program 15 years ago. He and six other astronauts perished in the Colombia Shuttle explosion. The classes studied the 10 items which Ilan chose to take with him on the 16 days embarkation to space. He chose Jewish items which represented the State of Israel as well as his Jewish identity. After discussing the reasons Ilan chose these items, each student received ten pieces of paper and needed to write his ten item list as if he was Ilan Ramon flying on the space shuttle.

Then, the students got into groups and debated which ten items would make it to the group list. The students have learned how to effectively apply problem solving in the target language.

At the end, after learning about the Israeli hero and his life, the class as a whole chose the ten items to be brought aboard the shuttle. Don't forget to ask your child about their items!

