

What's New in Grade 6?

מה חדש בכתה ו'

Friday, August 31, 2018/ 20 Elul 5778

Thank you for coming yesterday for our Back to School night. It was great to hear your wishes and hopes for your children in the coming year. We hope you enjoyed your taste of the 6th grade classroom and we look forward to continuing to be in touch about your children's learning and growth.

We have enjoyed a wonderful second full week of school! Here are some of the experiences we shared:

- *Tefillah* – We enjoyed the nice weather and had an outdoor *Tefillah* on Wednesday. Today we focused on Shabbat prayers, and sang *Lekha Dodi*, which is considered to be the jewel of the *Kabbalat Shabbat* service.
- Lin, our community shlicha, shared with us some Israeli innovations developed in response to the current situation in Gaza and specifically with the Kite and Balloon Terror.
- Math - We have taken ratios to the next level. We are learning sophisticated concepts as they relate to ratios and story problems.
- Hebrew – We enjoyed singing *Eikh mathilah kol Shanah?* which states at the very beginning “Each new year starts with a question mark”. We discussed new beginnings and shared our wishes for the coming year.
- Social Studies - We reviewed geography skills and introduced new concepts and details. We are in the process of creating our CJDS map as a class.
- ELA- I am proud of the effort the boys displayed when writing their nature essays. We are off to a great start with our writing.
- *Humash* – Students participated in a simulation activity in which the teacher favored one student over the others. This student was showered with words of praise and gifts from the teacher that caused the other students to become very angry and jealous. As we analyzed the activity we compared it to Yaakov (=the teacher) and Yosef (=the favorite student) and realized the complicated dynamics in the family.

Ask your 6th grader:

- How did you feel during the *Humash* simulation? How did it help you to understand the tension between Yosef and his brothers?
- What are your wishes for this coming New Year?
- What do you predict will happen to Jonas and The Giver?
- What are different types of geographic information?

Holiday celebration:

Please know that as a way of welcoming Shabbat and other major *Hagim*/holidays together as a community, we mark that celebration with all staff, faculty and students wearing our navy CJDS Polo shirts. So we ask that you help remind your children to wear a CJDS navy polo shirt on all Fridays, and any *Kabbalat Hag* Assemblies. Just let us know if you need any help getting your child one of these collared shirts.

Thank you so much for helping us build a warm, joyful culture around marking and celebrating the Jewish rhythm of the year!

Dates to Remember:

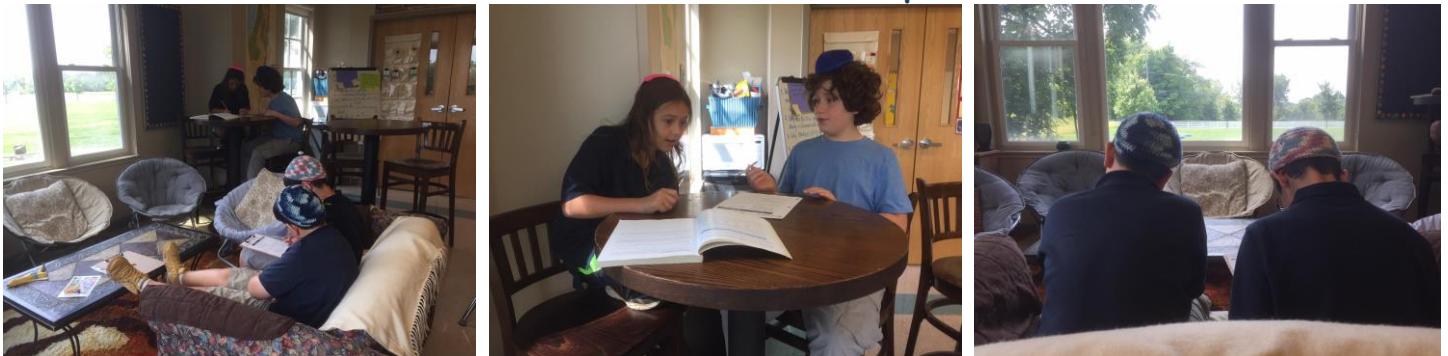
- **NO SCHOOL:** Monday, September 3 (Labor Day)
- **All School Kabbalat Hag Rosh Hashanah:** Friday, September 7, 1:40pm
- **NO SCHOOL:** Rosh Hashanah, Monday-Tuesday 9/10-11
- **Noon dismissal (Erev Yom Kippur):** Tuesday 9/18
- **NO SCHOOL:** Yom Kippur, Wednesday 9/19

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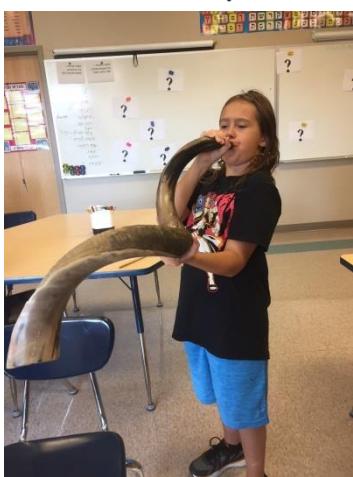
Learning with Lin about Innovations in Israel



Nevi'im Class - Who is a Prophet?



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שבת שלום - Shabbat Shalom
Morah Sheri and Eran