

# What's New in Grade 5?

מה חדש?

Thanks to all of you who were able to make it to last night's Back to School event! We look forward to our continued partnership regarding your children's learning and growth. We will be in touch!

## This week, we

- Brainstormed what characteristics make a strong leader, translating that into images by drawing, "What does a leader look like?"
- Practiced asking questions and making predictions, using a rubric, as we read the book, Number the Stars. Ask your child why the King of Denmark did not have body guards.
- Explored the concept of simile as we studied the Hebrew song, *Kol Shanah*. What does the song mean when it declares, "Every year begins with a question mark?"
- Wrote requests for the New Year, setting them aside in a bottle, to be sealed away until May.
- Reviewed multiplying and dividing decimals, and continued our work with exponents.
- Began a close reading of the first verses of *Parahsat Vayetzei*, and raised the following questions: What did Ya'akov do with the rocks he found in "the place", and why? What was "the place"? What were the angels in Ya'akov's dream doing on the ladder? To be continued...

## Of Special Note:

- Please remind your children to wear a **CJDS navy polo shirt on all Fridays, and any Kabbalat Hag Assemblies**. Let us know if you need any help getting your child one of these collared shirts. Thank you so much for helping us create a warm, joyful culture around marking and celebrating the Jewish rhythm of the year!
- **Monday, September 3**, is Labor Day. NO SCHOOL
- **Friday, September 7**: *Kabbalat Hag*, 1:40pm
- **Monday & Tuesday, September 11&12**: ROSH HASHANAH, NO SCHOOL

Working with the new Math curriculum:

