

What's New in Grade 5?

מָה חָדָשׁ בְּכֶתֶה ה'?

Thursday, April 11, 2019/ 6 Nisan 5779

This week, we

- Presented our PowerPoints on chronic diseases in Health class.
- Finished our essays on *The Heart of a Samurai*.
- Learned about modern slavery by studying the Triangle Trade and reading a play of the same name. We also looked at the paintings of Jacob Lawrence, who chronicled African American life. We discussed the connection between Pesah and slavery in the US.
- Read stories in Hebrew about modern day liberation of others from slavery (e.g. Francis Bok, Save the Children).
- Studied *midrashim* about *'avodat perekh*, ("back-breaking" labor), and suggested antidotes for work we experience as "meaningless"; explored ways that people who are physically free may imprison themselves emotionally. Ask your child for examples, or to tell you the story of "The Monkey and the Rice".
- Finished a math module and took an assessment.
- Examined Ya'akov's three-pronged approach as he prepared to meet the potentially vengeful Esav, and listened to Ya'akov's prayer, now an award-winning song by Israeli composer/conductor Yonatan Razel.
- Continued our unit on light and conducted an experiment to see if white or black shirts absorb more light.

Of Special Note:

- **Sunday, April 14:** IAC CJDS "Pre Passover Family Carb Carnival" at CJDS, 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Food, crafts, face painting, bounce house, Hametz scavenger hunt, music & more
Tickets are available at www.cjds.org
- **Wednesday, April 17:** Kabbalat Hag Activity, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. (weather depending)
- **Thursday, April 18-Friday, April 26:** Pesah (Passover) **NO SCHOOL**
- **Sunday, May 19:** CJDS Drama Club presents The Jungle Book Kids, 4:0



Working on Math with our Whiteboards



"There are baby bunnies in there!"



Caleb and Seth led Yahad this week.



We enjoyed our silent reading outdoors.

Shabbat Shalom!
Ms. V and Yehudit