

What's New in Grade 5?

מה חדש?

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This year's essential question is: **How does leadership affect culture?**

This week, we

- Read a *midrash* about Moshe, and brainstormed other examples of leaders, to come up with a list of leadership attributes. What qualities do shepherds share with good leaders?
- Explored exponents for the number 10 in math class.
- Introduced TaLAM's "Thinking and Active" classroom with a fashion show modelling our "Thinking Hats" and "Action Gloves". Met the new teacher and the new students (twins!) of the TaLAM classroom.
- Practiced classroom procedures and 5th grade "expected behaviors".
- Acted as cartographers to rethink and rename the region of the US called the Midwest. Ask your 5th grader what name the class decided upon, and why!
- Wrote diary entries for the beginning of *Parashat VaYetzei*, imagining Ya'akov's thoughts and feelings as he begins his journey from Canaan to Haran; after learning how Rashi and other Biblical commentators got their acronyms, each student created a personal acronym for recording their own interpretations in *H*umash.
- Looked at artist Hillel Smith's interpretive poster of a mitzvah from the weekly Torah portion. Look for it in your child's Friday folder and ask what emotions the artist was trying to evoke.

Of Special Note:

- P.E. is on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Your child should have gym shoes those days.
- Environmental Ed is also on Thursdays. As weather permits, we will be out of doors on those days. Make sure your student has footwear designed for muddy conditions, and appropriate outerwear, so that they can participate comfortably.
- We look forward to seeing you next **Thursday, August 30**, at Back-To-School Night. Some curricular information will be forwarded to you early next week. Please look at these materials ahead of time, so that if you have any questions, we can address them Thursday evening.
- **Monday, September 3**, is Labor Day. NO SCHOOL



Seth & Ethan depict the Thinking Classroom".



Kabbalat Shabbat