

Shalom *Dalet* Parents,

Your children have been busy with the *Tishrei* holidays of *Rosh Hashanah*, *Yom Kippur* and have become reacquainted with one another.

In Tamar's class, students heard the story of *Jonah and the Big Fish*, learned about their souls and listened to the book *Soul Bird*, shared how to ask forgiveness and change their behavior. They also discussed how these holidays are celebrated at home and are meaningful to them.

They will study the significance of *Succot*, *Simchat Torah*, learn appropriate prayers, Hebrew terms, blessings and how these holidays are still important today in their lives.

In the near future, the children will receive and begin using the Hebrew texts, *The New Siddur Program for Hebrew and Heritage, Book 2* by Perl and Norman Tarnor and the *Prayer Skills Workbook 2* by Roberta Osser Baum and Magda Winter . Most important is mastering their Hebrew reading for accuracy and fluency. Reading correctly and fluently will help them when learning their *Bar/Bat* mitzvah skills next year at the synagogues. There will be homework assigned to reinforce their reading skills, so please remind your child to read out loud. Feel free to lend an ear and sign the assignment sheet when they complete their reading homework.
Toda raba!

In Allie's class, students were busy discussing family structures, and the importance of passing along stories. We made connections between family rituals and those of Jewish tradition.

To kick-off our family tree project, students participated in an agree/disagree activity, in which they debated their perspectives on the importance of passing down family stories. The conversations were impressively mature, and shed a great deal of light on how much our *Dalet* students value family. We are looking forward to delving into our family research and creating our family trees!

Additionally, we've had fun in Yefet Zadaka's music class by learning and singing popular Israeli songs with lots of spirit and even some dancing!

Coming soon...we'll be celebrating *Succot!*

Chag Sameach from the *Dalet* teachers,
Allie and Tamar