

Hey 5b! This is Zoe and Rebecca! Here are some activities that you should think about trying out during winter break! **Please do at least three activities on this list, but feel free to do as many as you can!** Check off the activity if you tried it out and write two sentences under it reflecting on the experience. You can start off your sentences with: “When I (lit Shabbat Chanukah candles), I felt...” or “After I (taught my sister Barchu), I thought about...” Be creative! Questions? Contact Zoe at zfo@brandeis.edu **(Be sure to read next pages for Jerusalem Intersession Project and Hebrew Intersession Homework!)**

- Light Chanukah candles

- Lead your family in the blessing over bread (*HaMotzi Lechem Min HaAretz*) before eating your meal

- Play a game of dreidel

- Say the Shema before going to sleep

- Teach a family member Barchu. Don't forget to teach the choreography!

- Light Shabbat candles

- Tell a family member two facts that you learned about your favorite city in Israel

5B “Jerusalem” Intersession Project

Each student is responsible for researching and presenting on an aspect of Jerusalem. There is so much history and culture in Jerusalem that it cannot be covered comprehensively in our class. Thus, we thought it would be great if each child learned an aspect of Jerusalem and shared.

Here are topics to choose from: (Each child is picking this Sunday, December 18. If your child is absent, we will select a topic for your child and let you know by email.)

- Yemin Moshe (the first neighborhood outside the Old City of Jerusalem)
- The Seven Gates of the Old City of Jerusalem
- The Jewish Quarter
- The Muslim Quarter
- The Christian Quarter
- Six Day War and Jerusalem
- Machane Yehudah (aka The Shuk--famous ood market)
- Diversity in Jerusalem
- Music/Theater/Art
- The Western Wall
- Temple Period (Romans, King Herod, Maccabees)
- The Knesset (government - Jerusalem is the capital city)

All of these topics should be easy to find.

The students spoke in class about different types of presentations. Each should be no longer than 5 minutes. They can create a brochure (like one you would get if you were visiting), a poster, a powerpoint- basically whatever they would like and whatever would be easily accessible to them (and what they like - if they like technology than do something that way if they like art then do something artistic) This project should appeal to each student's interests. I want this to be fun! Questions: Contact Rebecca at rpollack@brandeis.edu

5b Hebrew Intersession Homework: Read below for week-by-week assignments. Please plan to practice 3 times a week for at least 5 minutes each time. *Please be sure that your parents sign that you did your homework.* Bring in this sheet when return on January 22.

- **Week of December 18:** Say the blessings over the Chanukah candles. Here is the recording: <http://sidduraudio.com/chanukah.html> . Words are below.

Parent Signature: _____

- **Week of December 25:** December break—no homework.
- **Week of January 1:** Review the Barchu (page 3) and the Shema (page 5) and Shalom Rav (page 8) in your green grade 5 Siddur.

Parent Signature: _____

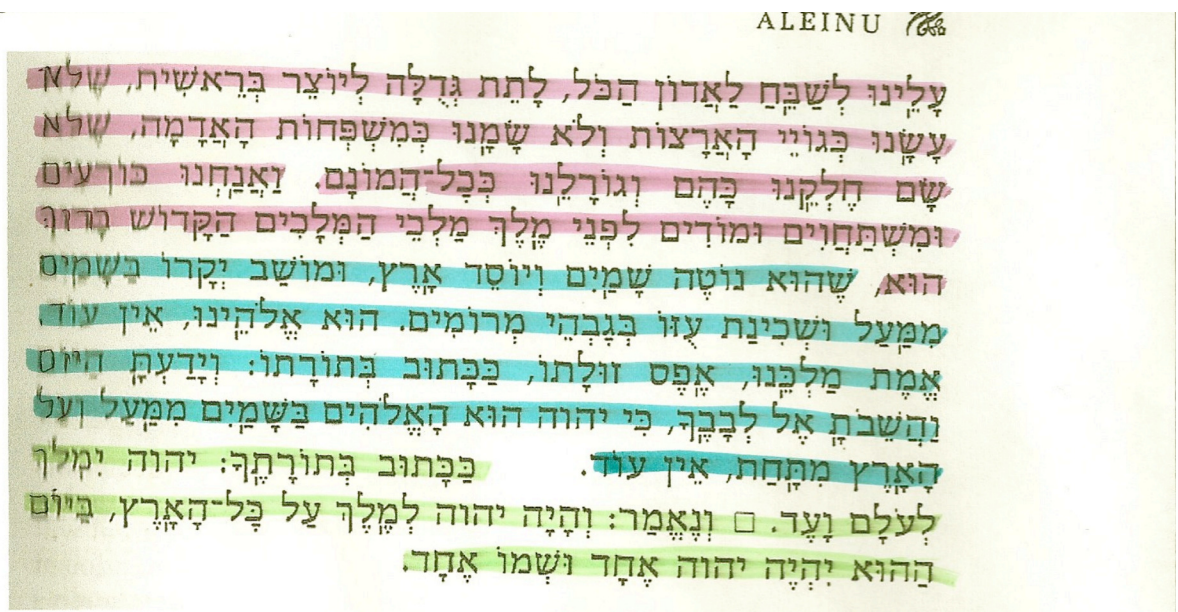
- **Week of January 8:** Practice singing the V'Ahavta (page 5) with the recording: <http://www.tuftshillel.org/documents/08Shema2.mp3>

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- **Week of January 15:** Start learning the Aleinu which you can also find in your green Siddur (audio: <http://www.tuftshillel.org/35Aleinu1.mp3.mp3>)

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Bonus: Try to learn more of the Aleinu (more than in Siddur). Recording as follows:
<http://www.tuftshillel.org/35Aleinu1.mp3.mp3>, pink (part 1) <http://www.tuftshillel.org/36Aleinu2.mp3.mp3>, pink (part 2) <http://www.tuftshillel.org/37Aleinu7.mp3.mp3>, blue <http://www.tuftshillel.org/41Aleinu7.mp3.mp3> green



Hanukkah Blessin

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אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

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שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם וּבְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

On the first night only:

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שֶׁחֲחִינוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

