Bet Hebrew – Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Dear Parents,

Shanah tovah. Welcome to fifth grade Hebrew class. My name is Roberta Hockstein. I have been working with children for the past 17 years as a preschool teacher, art and science instructor and religious educator. I currently work for the Mad Science corporation and teach first grade at Temple Sinai on Sunday.

This year at Temple Shalom we will be focusing on the blessings and prayers included in the synagogue services.

Today we reviewed the Hebrew alphabet and vowel sounds. We practiced reading combinations of letters and vowel sounds in the Ten Minute Hebrew Reader which was not sent home. In our workbook, The Prayers of Our People, we read and completed the activity on page 5. We discussed the prayer recited upon awakening each day, the "Modeh/Modah Ani". The students practiced reading with each other before we read as a class. The book includes a cd for using with the computer. The students must enter the serial number on the envelope to log on. After clicking on the fish-bowl icon, they will enter Ben's bedroom where he is getting ready to greet the day. By clicking on the books where it says "practice reading", they will see the Modeh Ani and can listen to it, as well, to check their pronunciation. I would like them to practice reading those two lines for our next class. I have asked them to also practice reading the sounds on the bottom of page five in the workbook and to do page seven. They do not need to do the "challenge" at the bottom of the page yet.

It was a pleasure meeting all of your children today and I am looking forward to a fun and productive year!

Shalom,
Roberta Hockstein