



Jewish Literacy Programme

Year 5 ~ Week 16

English Translation	Chumash Words / Phrases
ram / Avraham went and took the ram	אֵיל \ וַיִּלְךָ אַבְרָהָם וַיִּקַּח אֶת־הָאֵיל (בראשית כ"ב: י"ג)
horse / the man is sitting on the horse	סוס \ הָאִישׁ יוֹשֵׁב עַל הַסּוּס
donkey / the donkey is standing with the horse	חמור \ הַחֲמוֹר עוֹמֵד עִם הַסּוּס
dog / the dog is sitting on the stone in the tent	כָּלֵב \ הַכָּלֵב יוֹשֵׁב עַל הָאֶבֶן בְּאוֹהֶל
lamb / the shepherd heard the voice of the lamb	כֶּבֶשׂ \ וַיִּשְׁמַע הָרֹעֶה אֶת קוֹל הַכֶּבֶשׂ
soul / Hashem made the soul of the man	נֶפֶשׁ \ וַיַּעַשׂ ה' אֶת נֶפֶשׁ הָאָדָם

English Translation	Our Great Leaders (1)	G.K. Words
One of the greatest of the Tanna'im, Rabbis of the Mishnah, Rabbi Akiva began to study Torah at the age of forty, and went on to become one of the greatest Torah Scholars. // The death of 24,000 of his students became the traditional reason for our sadness during Sefirat HaOmer (the Counting of the Omer, from Pesach to Shavuot), and the end of the plague on Lag BaOmer became the reason for our happiness on that day.		רַבִּי עַקִּיבָא
Hillel (The Elder) was the 'Nasi' of the Sanhedrin; 'Nasi' means 'Prince' or 'President.' This was the highest position of leadership in Jewish Society during the centuries before and after the destruction of the Second Temple. Hillel himself lived at the beginning of the century before the Destruction. // Hillel and his students had well known disagreements in Torah matters with Shammai (the 'Av Bet Din,' or 'Chief Justice' of the Sanhedrin) and his students. // When he was still a poor woodchopper, Hillel was once unable to pay entry to the Bet Midrash and listened to a shiur from next to the skylight on the roof, until he froze. When the rabbis below noticed him above them they brought him down. They decided that, from that time on, anyone who wished to study Torah could come in and do so without paying.		הִלֵּל (הַזְקֵן)
Rabbi Yehudah HaNasi wrote down and edited the Mishnah, the Oral Torah. He is referred to as 'Rebbi,' the supreme Teacher, and as 'Rabbeinu HaKadosh,' our Holy Rabbi. He was the son of Rabbi Shimon ben Gamliel II, and was born eighty years after the destruction of the Second Temple.		רַבִּי יְהוּדָה הַנָּשִׂיא
Rabban Yochanan ben Zakkai, a descendant of the House of David, lived at the time of the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple by the Romans in around the year 70 C.E.. // He requested from Vespasian (the Roman General, and soon-to-be-Emperor) that the Romans spare Yavneh, the new home of the 'Sanhedrin,' the Jewish Supreme Court, and its Torah Sages.		רַבֵּן יוֹחָנָן בֶּן זַכַּי