

To My Future Valley Torah Freshies!

Hi! My name is Mrs. Miriam Striks and I am going to be your Chumash teacher and Mechaneches this year. I look forward to meeting each one of you and having a year of learning and growth in Torah and mitzvos.

In order to start the year off with some exciting learning, it is important to review foundational skills in Chumash vocabulary and grammar during the summer months.

### Foundational Vocabulary Tables

I have attached the set of Foundational Vocabulary Tables. If you are in the Regular level, then you are responsible for learning the words in Tables #1 - #14. If you are in the Honors level, then you are responsible for learning the words in Tables #15 - #28. You will be tested on these vocabulary words when school starts in September.

### Grammar

I have attached a reference chart of Hebrew verb tenses. You are required to have mastered the Hebrew tenses as they apply to learning Chumash. You must know past tense (עבר), present tense (הווה), and future tense (עתיד) in בנין קל.

1. This means that you are able to recognize a verb's tense by looking at the word. For example: Circle the verbs in עבר. Underline the verbs in הווה. Cross out the verbs in עתיד:

הלכתם	תכתוב
יגמרו	<u>שומרת</u>
הלכה	שמרו
תשמורנה	<del>תגמרי</del>

2. This means that for any verb, you will be able to write down the pronoun or pronouns that "go with" the verb. For example:

את	תגמרי
היא	הלכה
אתם	תכתבו
אתן הן	תשמורנה

You must know the tenses very well, without the need for songs or mnemonic devices, because the quizzes are timed.

Please use the attached vocabulary tables and the reference charts for Hebrew tenses to help you prepare.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me through the Valley Torah email address. Have a great summer!

All the best,

Mrs. Striks

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