

Preparing to Write Your D'var Torah

To be completed before your first meeting with the Rabbi

1. **Read the entire Parashah and Haftarah** in English (or a language you understand fluently). It would be a good idea to do this **out loud** with an adult.

Please note: the Parashah is the **entire** portion for that week, not just the aliyah that you are chanting. A parashah is typically 3-5 chapters from the Torah. If you have a special maftir from a different part of the Torah, be sure to study it *in addition* to the weekly portion. If you have questions about what you are supposed to read, please ask Rabbi Berkenwald

2. Based upon the Parashah, please **answer the questions** on this worksheet.
3. **Bring** this worksheet with you to your first meeting with Rabbi Berkenwald.

My Name _____ Parashah _____

- א. In which of the five books of the Torah does the Parashah take place (Hebrew & English)?

- ב. The Parashah begins at chapter _____ verse _____ and ends at chapter _____ verse _____.

- ג. **Where** do the events in the Parashah take place?

- ד. **When** (among the stories of the Torah) does the Parashah take place?

- ה. List the **important characters** who appear in the Parashah:

1. List 3 **major events** that occur in the Parashah. If the Parashah contains mostly laws, list 3 **significant laws**

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

2. Come up with 3 (or more) **questions** about the Parashah. The best questions deal with things in the text that bothered you, or sections that you really liked.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3. What is one thing you like about **being Jewish**?

4. What is one thing that you would **change** (about anything – yourself, school, the United States, the world, etc.), if you could?
