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 aliya 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 _________________________________

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

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9. The Parashah begins at chapter _____ verse _____ and ends at chapter _____ verse _____.

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10. Where do the events in the Parashah take place?

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11. When (among the stories of the Torah) does the Parashah take place?

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12. List the **important characters** who appear in the Parashah:

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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?