

HAFTR SEVENTH GRADERS DONATE A TORAH TO THE IDF

In honor of their Bar & Bat Mitzvahs, the seventh graders at HAFTR donated a Sefer Torah to the IDF (Israel Defense Forces). They partnered with Oz Ve'Hadar, an organization in Israel that works directly with the army in providing each base with a Sefer Torah. The students gave a portion of their gift club money towards this campaign and collectively gathered the total needed. Bashi and Benjy Fish sponsored this program in honor of their son Jacob's Bar Mitzvah. Jason and Laura Radzik sponsored the celebration in honor of their son Noah's Bar Mitzvah. Additional funds were contributed by the HAFTR High School graduating class of 2016. Mr. Uri Dopelt, Project Manager for Oz Ve'Hadar, was instrumental in arranging all the details. The dedication and festivities took place in Israel during the recent winter vacation. This particular Torah will be housed at the Navy base in Ashdod. Rabbi Dovid Kupchik, *Menahel K – 8* at HAFTR, sees this project as a fitting way for Bar & Bat Mitzvah students to mark their *s'machot* and it is especially appropriate for a Religious Zionist school such as HAFTR to partner with the IDF. This meaningful project will hopefully be an annual campaign as this year's sixth graders are well on their way of reaching their goal.

Kol Hakavod!



Rabbi Kupchik dancing with the Torah



HAFTR families celebrating in Israel