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Ohr Torah graduates 11 from kindergarten



Ohr Torah Cincinnati's Head of School Dr. Haviva Randolph speaks at the annual Siddur Mesiba for 11 graduating kindergarteners June 2



Ohr Torah Cincinnati Montessori teacher Yiddes Bidnick presents a siddur to one of the graduating kindergarten students.

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Cincinnati's Jewish Montessori school recently celebrated its kinder-

garten class finishing up its school year and preparing to transition into first grade.

Ohr Torah Cincinnati (OTC) held its annual Siddur Mesiba for graduating kindergarteners on June 2.

Those graduating were: Shmuel Friedman, Chana Goldschmiedt, Yechiel Morrison, Esther Tova Randolph, Adin Zev Perelmutter, Dovid Weinschneider, Bashie Landon,

Aliza Freed, Ricki Klinkowitz, Miriam Harris, and Rochel Majeski.

At its third annual "Art with Heart" event, OTC celebrated its 11 graduating kindergarteners by providing the students with siddurim. This event also marked the first time that OTC also provided each of their graduating kindergarteners with a book of Psalms, something that their teacher, Yiddes Bidnick, noted that they enjoyed.

"This is a special milestone in the

lives of these kindergarteners," noted Dr. Haviva Randolph, OTC's head of school, at the outset of the program.

The event is also auspiciously timed, she said, as it took place between the holidays of Passover and Shavuot.

In his d'var Torah, Rabbi Meir Minsker, who serves as OTC's rabbinic consultant, highlighted that siddurim can help develop a relationship with God, which is something that is hoped for both for ourselves and for these growing students.



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