

## P2G Co-chair Gayle Kaplan, Teaches Weizmann Students about Diaspora Jewry



This week, Partnership2Gether Rehovot – Minneapolis co-chair, Gayle Kaplan, had the pleasure of teaching an English class at the Weizmann Elementary School in Rehovot. Gayle is a Hebrew teacher at the Bet Shalom religious school in Minneapolis. Her 5<sup>th</sup> grade class is twinned with the advanced English class at Weizmann and they have been corresponding with each other this past school year. One example of an activity is that during Hanukkah the students wrote on a digital platform about the different ways they celebrate Hanukkah. They added pictures as well. Says Gayle: "I was happy to be there and the Weizmann students were amazing . Our students at Bet Shalom are really enjoying getting to know their Israeli counterparts."

Gayle shared insights about life for Jewish students in Minneapolis and gave examples of what subjects her kids learn at the Bet Shalom religious school. She also brought heartfelt letters and gifts from her students, and in return, received decorated letters to take back to Minneapolis.

The Weizmann students asked Gayle great questions in English, and we were treated to a touching performance by the school choir, who sang a song about "family."

It was a wonderful day, and we are excited to continue strengthening the connection between our two schools!

