Religious School News

OCTOBER 27, 2020

It was another great day at Religious School! Our 3rd-6th graders began the discussion of *Ometz Lev* – inner strength – an important skill for all of us to cultivate. We can use our *ometz lev* to help us deal with the challenges and disappointments of everyday life. Help us to remember not to get too frustrated or upset when it's cold outside or we have computer problems. As Mr. Katz said, his windows computer issues were helping him to develop his *ometz lev*. And he helped me remember my zoom struggles did the same for me! I hope you all have a week that is free from struggle and big emotions, but if not, I hope you can use you *ometz lev* to help you handle those challenges!

Resources to continue the conversation at home:
Family Schmooze **week 1**  
Weekly challenge card for **3rd-6th grade**

In Kindergarten-2nd grade they discussed the story of Noah and Noah's relationship with God in preparation for understanding how God teaches us to be strong, kind, caring and to develop our *ometz lev*.

7th graders continue to discuss the important role they can play in the world when they fulfill Hillel's teaching that is guiding our studies this year:
If I am not for myself, who will be for me?  
If I am only for myself what am I?  
And if not now, when?

Our Next Dor students participated in our 2nd session with Tzedek America - a provocative conversation about race, racism and identity. Watch for more information about how to turn this learning into action.

**Debbie**
Deborah Niederman, RJE  
Director of Religious School and Young Family Programming
UPCOMING RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DATES:

**November 1 & 8** - Torah cover project

**November 1** - Tots Academy

**November 7** - Youth Program - all grades

**November 11** - Next Dor Prep Session Online

**November 13-14** - Family Shabbat Programs

**November 14** - Munchkin Minyan

**November 15** - ***No Sunday Classes***

**November 15** - Youth Program-7th/8th Graders-Cooking Israeli Camp Style

**November 15** - Next Dor & Beyond Next Dor

**November 18** - Next Dor Follow Up Session

**November 22-29** - Thanksgiving Holiday

**November 15** - No Sunday/Midweek Hebrew/Next Dor

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**Torah Cover Project**

for Kindergarten and new 1st and 2nd Grade Parents

**Our Consecration Service is the weekend of December 11 & 12** in conjunction with our congregational celebration of Hanukkah.

To help create a unique and special connection to Torah, we invite you to make a special Torah cover for your child. Some of you may have done this for older siblings! A table will be set up outside on Sunday, November 1st and 8th with materials and instructions.

This is a wonderful way to personalize this experience for your child!

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A few reminders for those learning online:

This is the ONLY link you will need EVERY week:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84249425481

Meeting ID: 842 4942 5481

Passcode: 225473

- Please make sure your child’s camera is on and they are in a quiet place without distractions so they can participate fully.
- If you have internet connection issues it is often easier to use the phone for audio.
- Please let Debbie know if you are having any difficulties with connectivity or audio that are disrupting your child's ability to participate.
**Religious School Holiday Event Volunteers**

Do you plan the best Purim parties or the most fun seders? The Religious School Committee is looking for volunteers to help with holiday events for students and families. Because this year is already difficult enough, this commitment will be seasonal, based around your favorite holiday (or least busy time of year for sports, work, etc.). Support and guidance will be provided by the Religious School Committee as you work in small event committees with friends! Assist with the important work of building a community among our Religious School families. Interested? Please complete this form.

Thanks,
Jen Arndt & Diana Krevo
Religious School Committee Co-Chairs

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**Join Cantor Avery for a Youth Choir and Hangout Zoom Session**

**Sundays:** November 8 & December 6
1:00pm-2:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81290762766](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81290762766)
Meeting ID: 812 9076 2766

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**Drop Off & Pick Up Information**

For Sunday sessions on the lawn, please drop off at the front door entrance. For pick up, please park and meet your students where you dropped them off.

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**Covid-19 Form**

Everyone who enters the Temple building will be required to wear masks at all times. Before entering the building, everyone will have their temperature checked. Anyone with a temperature 100 degrees or over will not be able to enter.

- Please download and complete this form and send it with your student.
- We will consider the form active and current until you tell us otherwise.
Sisterhood Family Event
Sunday, Nov. 1, 2:00-3:00 pm

Meet Fiona, the baby hippo celebrity from the Cincinnati Zoo (virtually of course)!
Join us for this fun family event as we learn about Fiona and watch videos of her growing up! Fun for the entire family! RSVP to Ann Weintraub, ann@amjdesignonline.com, to receive the Zoom link.

Temple Shalom Religious School
Family Shabbat Experience

One weekend each month Religious School Families will come together to connect & learn. Please join us for this opportunity to learn & pray together--to create & share in community.

November 13: Shabbat Service, 6:00pm-7:30pm - Grades 3-4
November 14: Shabbat morning, 10:30am-Noon - Grades 5-6
November 14: Havdallah, 5:00pm-6:30pm - Grades K-2

Remember: No in-person or online religious school or Hebrew on Sunday, November 15th.

Youth Programming Presents:
TIE DYE EVENT
Youth Invited K-12--Bring a Friend!

Saturday, November 7th
11:30am-1:00pm
Temple Shalom Lawn

Tie dye, play outdoor games & enjoy a picnic lunch!

All supplies, food & drink provided. Please wear a mask--social distancing protocol will be strictly followed.

RSVP by 11/4 to
https://templeshalomdallas.org/youth-programming/

COOKING CAMP ISRAELI-STYLE
7th & 8th Graders welcome!
Invite a friend!

Recipe List & Zoom information will be provided after RSVP.

Sunday, November 15 via Zoom
3:00pm-5:00pm

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