We had a wonderful start to the week together today! Special thanks to Rabbi Paley, Cantor Avery and Ray Farris for a very lively tefillah to begin our morning. Be sure to ask your children about what holiday is coming up this week. Then, register for the Family Challah Bake on Thursday to celebrate together!

This week our K-2 students focused on the importance of trees and made beautiful family trees. Thank you, Finnley, for sharing your tree with us!

Our 3rd-6th grade students continued their learning about G’vurah/Power and Strength "For Good". Here is the weekly challenge.

Here is the Family Schmooze so you can continue the conversation at home:

7th grade discussed stories from the Torah and how they can inspire us today. Please ask your 7th graders about how they are applying their learning throughout the week.

We look forward to this weekend’s Family Shabbat Experience. See the flyer on page 3. Please RSVP today!

Debbie
Deborah Niederman, RJE
Director of Religious School & Young Family Programming

Upcoming dates and events: Be sure to RSVP for events!

- January 28: Tu Bishvat Family Challah Bake
- January 29 & 30: Family Shabbat Celebrations
- January 31: NO Religious School
- February 7: Launch of new value: Kehillah: Social Connection & Community
- February 13: Munchkin Minyan (Special Purim programming for families with children in 2nd grade & younger.)
- February 21: Purim Drive-Thru, Family Hamantaschen Bake & Family Escape Room Event (See flyers on page 4.)
Inclement Weather

In case of inclement weather and in-person religious school has to be cancelled, you will be notified by text and/or email. In the event we are unable to meet in person, we will meet via Zoom. Below is the link, ID and code.

Zoom link: 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.

Tu BiShvat Challah Bake
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
JANUARY 28TH AT 7 PM

BYOD - Bring your own Dough. Don't have a recipe? We've got you covered!
Filling and Braiding Starts at 7 pm!
RSVP here

*10 Participant Minimum for the Event*

Need a challah dough recipe? Click here!
YOUTH PROGRAMMING
EVENTS OF 2021
Mark your Calendars! Get ready for a semester of amazing programs!
For all events, all grades are invited to participate.

January
28th at 7 pm - Tubishvat Family Challah Bake - Online

February
21st at 4 pm - "Bagels and Locks" Online Purim Escape Room

March
6th at 6:30 pm - Kids Only Havdallah Movie Night
20th at 3 pm - Family Passover Cooking Extravaganza

Keep an eye in your email to see what we have planned for April and May!

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.

January 29: Shabbat Service, 6:00pm-7:30pm - Grades 5-6
January 30: Shabbat morning, 10:30am-Noon - Grades K-2
January 30: Havdallah, 5:00pm-6:30pm - Grades 3-4

Remember: No In-person or Online religious school or Hebrew on Sunday, January 31st

For up-to-date information on school and events, please join the Religious School Facebook Group at https://www.facebook.com/groups/178243039416847

Overnight Family Literacy Camp
Friday night - Shabbat Service welcome Shabbat, bring a picnic style Shabbat dinner & join in worship services outside in the Temple Shalom Picnic Area.
Shabbat morning - study the weekly Torah portion, family activities & worship outside in the Temple Shalom picnic area.
Havdalah service - reflect on the sacred nature of the day & together say farewell to Shabbat outside on the Temple Shalom lawn.

RSVP by 1/26 to https://templeshalomdallas.org/family-shabbat-experience/

Save the Dates!

February 26: Shabbat Service - Grades 3-4
February 27: Shabbat Morning - Grades 5-6
February 27: Havdallah - Grades K-2
April 24: Shabbat Service - Grades K-2
April 24: Shabbat Morning - Grades 3
April 24: Havdallah - Grades 5-6
**PURIM DRIVE THRU EVENT**

**Sunday, February 21st**
10:30am-Noon
Temple Shalom

**Pick up a Shalach Manot bag**
Filled with Purim treats & supplies for our virtual hamantaschen bake.
Wear your Purim costume & take pics.

**Matanot L’evyonim**
Fulfill the mitzvah of gifts for the needy.
Drop off gently used baby clothing.

**Use your Purim bag for our virtual celebrations!**
1:30-2:30pm – Hamantaschen Community Bake
4:30pm – Family Escape Room Event
sponsored by #Partnership GFC

**Event for Temple Shalom members only.**
RSVP required by 2/8 for all events at [https://templeshalomdallas.org/purim-2021/](https://templeshalomdallas.org/purim-2021/)
Questions? Email purim@templeshalomdallas.org.

All events sponsored by Temple Shalom Brotherhood & Sisterhood
[www.templeshalomdallas.org](http://www.templeshalomdallas.org)

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**TEMPLE SHALOM PURIM MUNCHKIN MINYAN**

Join us on the Temple Shalom Lawn
February 13 10:30am

Bring a picnic blanket to sit on. Wear masks, all social distancing protocols strictly enforced.

Wear your Purim costume & join us for a morning of Purim learning, singing, magic, crafts & of course, hamantaschen!

Families with children in Grade 2 & younger welcome!

RSVP required by 2/9 to [https://templeshalomdallas.org/munchkin-minyan/](https://templeshalomdallas.org/munchkin-minyan/)

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**MATA’NOT L’EVYONIM FOR NETWORK.ORG**

**PURIM MITZVAH PROJECT**

As a Mitzvah for Purim, Temple Shalom’s Religious School will be helping needy children in our area by collecting gently used clothing for babies through teenagers. All sizes and seasons welcome. Please, no used underwear or socks.

The Network of Community Ministries is a non-denominational, community-based organization serving nearly 30,000 individuals annually in North Dallas, Richardson & Garland. The Network provides Emergency Services (food, clothing, rental & utilities assistance), Medical & Dental Vouchers, Senior Assistance, and Stabilization Programs.

[www.templeshalomdallas.org](http://www.templeshalomdallas.org)
Do you have a 1st-10th grader? Would they enjoy having an incredible, life-changing summer?

If so, we invite you to join Temple Shalom and learn more about the unforgettable experiences, lifelong friendships, and the strong Jewish community that Greene Family Camp has to offer. GFC is the Reform Jewish summer camp for children in Texas and Oklahoma, and is located in Bruceville, Texas.

Greene Family Camp is offering an information session on Wednesday, February 10th at 7:00 pm. Please click the link to register: **Wednesday, February 10th at 7:00 pm.**

Join the GFC Camp Director and staff for an interactive information session on Zoom. This virtual experience is for both parents AND potential campers!

Please join us to meet the GFC staff, meet other members of the camp community, and to learn more about the exciting opportunities available at Greene Family Camp! Please contact Melissa Essler (messler@urj.org) with any questions.

We look forward to seeing you!

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**The Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas is now accepting applications for need-based scholarships for teens who are attending summer programs in Israel.**

In order to qualify for the scholarships, applicants must:

1. Live in Dallas
2. Demonstrate financial need
3. Be a current high school student and have the same status at the time of the Israel program.
4. Plan to participate in a recognized Israel experience program that is longer than 10 days and has educational content.

Students applying to attend summer programs in Israel must submit their completed application no later than March 15, 2021. More details can be found on the [website](#).

For questions, please contact Peta Silansky, Manager, Israel & Overseas, Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas, 214-615-5250