We hope that your family is safe and warm. As you can see, our newsletter is late this week as a result of storm damage affecting our power and internet capabilities. We are happy to be back online again!

Thanks for coming last Sunday for a wonderfully warm morning on a cold day - being together warmed my heart!

On Sunday we spoke about love, especially the way we can show love to others and to God as we learn in the V’ahavta prayer, which has the word love right in it...And you shall love. We made heart chains. I don't think I gave very good instructions but promised I would send them home so students could make a V’ahavta chain during the week. [https://www.auntannie.com/Valentines/PaperHeartChain](https://www.auntannie.com/Valentines/PaperHeartChain) We would LOVE to see pictures of what you make. We asked students to write ways they can love others on one heart and ways they can love God on the other.

3rd-6th graders continued to focus on the value K’hilla/community. You can find the family schmooze [here](https://www.auntannie.com/Valentines/PaperHeartChain) and the challenges card [here](https://www.auntannie.com/Valentines/PaperHeartChain).

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

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**Upcoming Religious School Dates & Programs**

**LOTS of GREAT EVENTS coming up! See flyers below to RSVP!**

- **February 21:** NO Religious School
- **February 21:** Purim Drive Thru
  - Family Hamantaschen Bake
  - Family Escape Room Event
- **February 25:** Congregational Purim Spiel
- **February 26 & 27:** Family Shabbat Celebrations (It's not too early to RSVP!)
- **February 28:** NO Religious School
- **March 6:** Havdallah & Kids Movie Night (It's not too early to RSVP!)
- **March 14-April 4:** SPRING BREAK NO CLASSES
- **March 23:** Virtual Matzah bake
- **March 27:** Congregational 2nd Night Seder (virtual)
- **April 5:** Hebrew classes resume
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.

REMIND SIGN UP
In the event of inclement weather, a Remind text will be sent out. If you have not previously responded to the Remind invitation, please contact Karen at kthompson@templeshalomdallas.org to receive the code.

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

Click here to view the 2020-2021 Religious School Calendar.
Reminder to all who signed up!

**PURIM MITZVAH PROJECT**

As a Mitzvot 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, Seniors Assistance, and Stabilization Programs).

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.

**February 26: Shabbat Service, 6:00pm-7:30pm - Grades 3-4**

**February 27: Shabbat morning, 10:30am-Noon - Grades 5-6**

**February 27: Havdallah, 5:00pm-6:30pm - Grades K-2**

Remember: No in-person or Online religious school or Hebrew on Sunday, February 28th.

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.

Havdallah service - reflect on the sacred nature of the day & together say farewell to Shabbat outside on the Temple Shalom lawn.

**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.

**Use your Purim bag for our virtual celebrations!**

- 1:30-2:30pm - Hamantaschen Community Bake
- 4-5pm - Family Escape Room Event sponsored by #Partnership GFC

Event for Temple Shalom members only. RSVP required by 2/15 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
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