

Religious School News

MARCH 8, 2021

This month our K-6th grade students begin exploring the value of Hesed/Kindness. Maimonides, the great rabbi, philosopher and theologian, defined it as an “excess of good.” When a person pays attention to acts of hesed, they remember to embrace their humanity and do more than is minimally expected, with the intention of benefiting those around them.

The study of this value provides additional tools for student to continue to explore our core text from Rabbi Hillel (Pirke Avot 1:14)

- * *If I am not for myself, who will be for me?*
- * *If I am only for myself, what am I?*
- * *If not now when?*

A person who acts toward others through the lens of hesed anticipates a better future for themselves and for others. When we have the strength to offer radical kindness to those around us, we open the door to hope of better days to come.

Today we studied week 1 of our final value: Hesed. Find the Challenge [here](#) and Family Schmooze [here](#).

We will not be together again until after Passover. Watch your email and our Religious School Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/178243039416847> for holiday learning and celebration ideas.

Debbie

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



Our religious school was invited to perform an act of hesed by making Passover cards for the Jewish seniors at Legacy Homes. Our in person students had a chance to make one card and our online student heard about the project. If your child would like to perform another act of hesed and share additional cards, feel free to email me, mail to the temple or drop off in the religious school. Every act of hesed makes our world a better, kinder place.

Upcoming Religious School Dates & Programs
LOTS of GREAT EVENTS coming up! See flyers below to RSVP!

- March 12: Shabbat Honoring Girl Scouts**
- March 13: Passover Munchkin Minyan**
- March 14-April 4: SPRING BREAK NO CLASSES**
- March 23: Virtual Matzah bake**
- March 24: Passover Prep**
- March 28: Congregational 2nd Night Seder (virtual)**
- April 5: Hebrew classes resume**



Shabbat Service

Honoring Girl Scouts

March 12, 2021

6:00pm

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/templeshalomdallas/>

Join us for this special Shabbat service as we celebrate Shabbat and honor our Girl Scout members.

Guest Speaker: Sarah Becker, Volunteer Experience Coordinator at Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas, Gold Award Girl Scout, & Temple Shalom member.



Current Girl Scouts who are Temple Shalom members, please RSVP by 3/9 to Halley Gottlieb at hgottlieb@templeshalomdallas.org.

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TEMPLE SHALOM

Temple Shalom Munchkin Minyan

Join us on the Temple Shalom Lawn at 10:30am
(Bring a picnic blanket to sit on. Masks & social distancing enforced.)

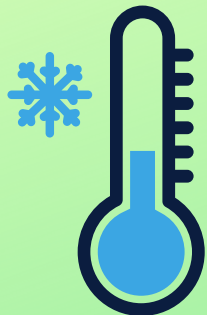


March 13
Families will create a seder plate & decorate a haggadah while Rabbi Paley tells the story of our Exodus.

RSVP by 3/9 at <https://templeshalomdallas.org/munchkin-minyan/>

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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.



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

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.**



Click [here](#) to view the 2020-2021
Religious School Calendar.

Temple Shalom Passover Events & Programs

Make-Your-Own Matzo with The Gefilteria!

**Tuesday, March 23
5: 30pm on Zoom**

Join Liz and Jeffrey, founders of The Gefilteria, and learn to bake handcrafted matzo at home!



All you need is water, flour & determination. Heat your oven and start the clock for a high energy virtual hands-on experience.

Online Zoom event open to the community. Invite your friends!

Questions? E-mail Deborah Niederman, RJE, Director of Religious School and Young Family Programming at dniederman@templeshalomdallas.org.

RSVP required by 3/21 at <https://templeshalomdallas.org/passover-2021/>



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Save The Date: Temple Shalom Passover Prep

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 6:00pm

Join Temple Shalom Clergy & Staff as we get ready for "Dayenu - Enough Already! - Preparing for Passover 2021."

Passover begins in just a few short weeks, & we look forward to learning with you & our Temple family as we:

**Sing Fun Passover Songs with Cantor Avery
Charoset Around the World with Debbie Niederman
Not your Zayde's Seder with Rabbi Andrew Paley**

RSVP by 3/21 at <https://templeshalomdallas.org/passover-prep/>
Zoom link broadcast to FB Live

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Temple Shalom Passover Events & Programs

TEMPLE SHALOM

Save The Date: Temple Shalom Community Seder

Sunday, March 28, 2021 6:00pm

Join Temple Shalom Clergy and guests as we celebrate together at our annual "Second Night Community Seder"

Enjoy a fun-filled virtual experience of music, trivia, storytelling, laughter, feasting & learning.

Must register by March 26th at
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEqfuCvpz0rGtVk_-SHeW8i_GNjMwfaDR3q

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TEMPLE SHALOM

Temple Shalom Passover Recipe Swap



Open your recipe box & share those special recipes handed down from generation to generation

Send your favorite Passover Recipes to passoverrecipes@templeshalomdallas.org

Check out the Temple Shalom website for new recipes!

<https://templeshalomdallas.org/passover-recipes/>



The Brotherhood and Sisterhood at Temple Shalom Present:

**A Joint Hood Production
Pha-Roast**

A not historically accurate evening lampooning Pharaoh

**SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021
5:00PM-6:30PM**

Silent Auction • Live Auction
50-50 with GiveSmart Technology

As Pharaoh • Cantor Don Croll
Cantor Emeritus at Temple Shalom, currently Senior Clergy at Congregation Beth El Binah

As Dr. Anthony Ouchy • Reverend Dr. Neil G. Thomas
Senior Pastor at Cathedral of Hope Dallas and Past Recipient of 2017 Brotherhood Shalom Award

As Moses • Rabbi Robert Haas
Past Associate Rabbi at Temple Shalom, currently Senior Rabbi at Mikveh Israel in Savannah, Georgia and part-time stand-up comic

Rabbi Andrew Paley
Senior Rabbi at Temple Shalom

Cantor Devorah Avery
Cantor at Temple Shalom

And Appearances by Goga and other surprise guests

<http://Pharoast.givesmart.com>
Contact Steve Weintraub with questions at steve@weintraub@gmail.com



Passover Coloring Contest

What Freedom Means To Me
Brighten the lives of
Legacy at Willow Bend residents.

Draw a picture of what freedom means to you & send a photo of the drawing to passovercoloring@templeshalomdallas.org. Include artist's name & age in the e-mail. One submission per child.

Winners will receive a special treat awarded during religious school. Winning artwork will be posted on the Temple Shalom Website.

Submissions due no later than March 22, 2021.

TEMPLE SHALOM



Yom HaShoah

Temple Shalom Brotherhood will be sending Yellow Candles to the congregation. These candles commemorate Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, remembering the six million Jews who perished during the Holocaust. This year the candle should be lit at sundown on Wednesday, April 7th. Along with the candle you will receive a prayer that should accompany your lighting.

To learn more visit:

- **PJ Library** for books to share with your family
- Yad Vashem, The **World Holocaust Remembrance Center**
- The United States Holocaust Memorial **Museum**
- Our Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum - **In Person** or **online**:

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.

April 23: Shabbat Service, 6:00pm-7:30pm - Grades K-2

April 24: Shabbat morning, 10:30am-Noon - Grades 3-4

April 24: Havdallah, 5:00pm-6:30pm - Grades 5-6

Remember: No In-person or Online religious school or Hebrew on Sunday, April 25th



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 4/20 to <https://templeshalomdallas.org/family-shabbat-experience/>

TEMPLE SHALOM & GREENE FAMILY CAMP
PRESENT

CLASSIC CAMP CRAFTS

Learn how to make Classic Camp Crafts like:
Lanyards, Friendship Bracelets, & Rock Painting!
Feel free to bring a friend! K-12th graders welcome!

Sunday, April 11th
3:30 - 5:00 PM at Temple Shalom
Snacks provided

Register by 4/7 at
<https://templeshalomdallas.org/youth-programming/>

