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 students 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.

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.

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.
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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, RJ, Director of Religious School and Young Family Programming at dniederman@templeshalomdallas.org.

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

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 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/

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**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/tZEqfuCvpz0rGrVkJ_SHe8W8l_GNJfMwfaDR3q

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**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

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**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.

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http://Pharaohs.givemart.com
Contact Steve Weizmann with questions at steve@weizmann.com
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**: