

Religious School News

SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

We had a wonderful opening day! Thank you to all for helping to create beautiful quilts that will remind us that each time we come together we are all blessed and we create a home and holy place.

For those who were not present today and would like to make a square for our quilt, please let me know and I will make sure you get the materials you need

For those who were present, you heard me say several times that our work on Opening Day was to build holy community and create sacred space. We did this by meeting new friends and reconnecting with those we already know, by creating our quilts and by connecting our ribbon and answering the question, "What will each of us do to help build holy community?" I encourage you to keep thinking about and discussing this question. Feel free to share your responses with our clergy each week!

A BIG thank you to the Sisterhood for their help with snacks and decorations. We only create holy community when we ALL work together! ♥

Speaking of working together, below is the Mi She-berach prayer many families helped to create. I encourage you to share this blessing at home and continue to add your needs, hopes and gratitudes.

Mi She-berach Avoteynu v'imoteynu - may the one who blessed our ancestors bless us - learners, teachers, Ozrim, families and this holy community as we enter into this new year of learning, 5782.

May we be blessed with all we need in order to be successful.

May we be blessed with: good companions, community and family; with encouragement, patience, and love; with students who are excited and ready to learn and good weather for our outdoor learning.

May we be blessed with prayers heard and granted. We pray for health and safety for family, friends and community; for calm, unity and kindness.

May we be blessed with hopes achieved.

We hope to be excited about learning new things and to continue to build our love for Jewish learning. We hope the world can heal from COVID. We hope for a fair and united country; and that a spirit of generosity, innovation and care prevails.

May we always be grateful for the abundance in our lives. As we enter into this New Year we are grateful for: this Temple Shalom holy community. We are grateful for family and friends, near and far and for their good health. We are grateful for the wonderful life we live. We are grateful for the love of pets, the care of doctors and nurses and all those on the front lines, and we are grateful for science and how much it has improved our lives in this past year. May it continue to bring light into the world.

Most of all, may we be blessed with friendship, love and holy community each week we enter this sacred space.

May we all be blessed with a wonder-filled new year!



Drop-off and pick-up information: Please enter the parking lot at the entrance nearest to the corner of Hillcrest and Alpha. You can choose to park your car and walk your children through our very special entry way at the religious school entrance or to drop them off and exit through the 2nd gate further from Hillcrest Rd.

Parents are ALWAYS welcome to stay for tefila/worship which begins our day from 9:30-10am.

Classes will be on east side of the building where it is quieter and more shaded.

Thank you all for your patience as we work to keep our community and its youngest members safe. We are working closely with doctors and our piku-ach nefesh task force to determine when and how we can safely move children in and out of our building.

A reminder about our value and tzedaka project for this month: This month's Value of the month is *tzedakah* – giving in order to create justice.

Our *tzedakah* organization for the month is **The Equal Justice Initiative** an organization committed to ending mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States, to challenging racial and economic injustice, and to protecting basic human rights for the most vulnerable in our society. Your *tzedakah* contributions to EJI enable groundbreaking research, the creation of films and other materials that explore our nation's history.

Tzedakah boxes will be out each week. We look forward to seeing them fill up. Feel free to share your money with any and all organizations regardless of the month!

Please remain at home if experiencing a fever, cough, or any symptoms associated with a Covid-19 infection, or if anyone in your party has been exposed to the virus.

Debbie

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

Upcoming events: -

- September 25th – Shake it Up for Sukkot Families with Young Children Event
- September 26th – Pizza in the Hut Family Event
- September 27th - Simchat Torah Services
- October 2nd – Munchkin Minyan
- October 3rd - Eat and Greet with Brotherhood and Sisterhood

For more information in upcoming dates and events, our calendar can be found here:

[Religious School Calendar](#)

REMINDER

A SPECIAL SUKKOT EVENT FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN (7 & UNDER)

A MORNING OF SINGING, DANCING & DECORATING THE SUKKAH!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
10:30AM
TEMPLE SHALOM LAWN

Dress in yellow & green so you can shake like an etrog & lulav!

RSVP by 9/22 at <https://templeshalomdallas.org/sukkot-simchat-torah-2021/>



Bring a blanket & 2+ years old must wear a mask. Covid protocols observed. Temple Shalom members only.



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for an event*



REMINDER

Come Join the Festival!
 Temple Shalom Youth Programming presents:

PIZZA IN THE HUT



A Sukkot celebration for the entire family!
 Yard games, pizza* & shmoozing.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021
NOON-1:30PM
IN THE TEMPLE SHALOM SUKKAH

Bring a blanket - all Temple Shalom members are welcome!
 Safety Protocols will be followed which call for masking & distancing, & no sharing of food or beverage. *1 pizza per registered family

Reservations have closed

TEMPLE SHALOM Event hosted by: **URJ greene family camp**



URJ greene family camp TEMPLE SHALOM

YOUTH PROGRAMS FOR 2021-2022

SEPT 26 - PIZZA IN THE HUT
 OCT 24 - TIE DYE
 NOV 13- GAME NIGHT
 DEC 20 - BOWLING

JAN 9 - FAMILY COOKING
 JAN 21-22 - 5TH/6TH GRADE LOCK-IN
 FEB 12 - HAVDALLAH/ MOVIE

MAR 6 - HAMENTASCHEN BAKE
 APR 2 - HAVDALLAH FAMILY COOKOUT
 APR 20 - VIRTUAL CHOCOLATE SEDER

For more information, please contact Debbie Niederman at dniederman@templeshalomdallas.org



TEMPLE SHALOM

TOTS ACADEMY

Temple Shalom Tots Academy is the perfect introduction to Jewish learning for 2-4 year olds & their parents. Enjoy classes filled with arts & crafts, music and more! Tots Academy is led by Temple Shalom member Julia Geffen Rogers.

Sundays:

October 10, November 7, December 5, January 9, February 13, March 6, April 10 & May 1

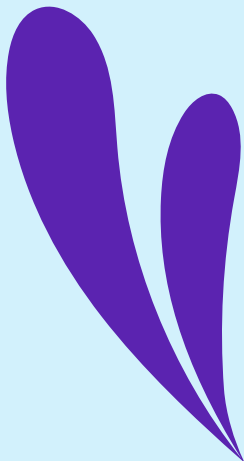
50.00 Registration Fee
<https://templeshalomdallas.org/religious-school/religious-school-registration/>
Participants must complete registration form prior to attending.

Questions? Contact dniederma@templeshalomdallas.org or 972-661-1362.

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TEMPLE SHALOM

Temple Shalom Munchkin Minyan

Families with children ages seven and under, join us at Temple Shalom these Saturdays at 10:30am and enjoy a morning of singing, stories and crafts.



- October 2
- November 6
- December 4
- January 15
- February 5
- March 12
- April 23
- May 7

RSVP <https://templeshalomdallas.org/munchkin-minyan/>

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✧ Opening Day ✧



