



# Religious School News

OCTOBER 11, 2023

Dear Religious School Families:

There was so much joy / simcha שמחה and emphasis on holy community / kehillah kedoshah קהילה קדושה this Sunday. Our Pre-K, kindergarten, first and seventh graders had their first Buddy Day. Together they made caramel apples in celebration of Simchat Torah. Our 3rd-6th graders made a trip back in time and across the world to experience a moment of revelation at Sinai and everyone experienced a special Torah reading in the garden! Especially in moments when there is chaos in the world Temple Shalom is a place of Shalom, safety, and joy.



But, once again we find our world in chaos and our hearts broken by events unfolding in Israel. Here are some resources to help you discuss what is happening.

[How to Talk to Kids About What's Happening in Israel Right Now](#)

[Resources for Parents from the JECC](#) – this includes links to several Israeli news sources. I encourage you to use a variety of information sources to better understand what is happening.

This **Sunday, October 15th** we have **our first Stay and Schmooze for parents**. Stay awhile after you drop your children off and grab a bagel, make a new friend, learn something new. This week I will be talking about our 3rd-6th grade BIG Question for this semester. We will also take some time to process what is happening in Israel and offer more resources for parents talking to their children about the war.



Please join us at Shabbat services this Friday night, October 13th where we will add additional prayers of comfort and peace for Israel.

If you are looking for actions you can take with your children, we suggest a tzedaka donation.

Here are organizations that are recommended:

1. Friends of Israel Defense Forces ([www.FIDF.org](http://www.FIDF.org)). This is an organization that is non-political and non-military organization that provides for wellbeing of the soldiers of the Israel Defense Forces, veterans and family members. Established in 1981 by a group of Holocaust survivors, FIDF is a 501c3 not-for-profit corporation that operates 26 regional offices in the United States with headquarters in New York City.
2. American Friends of Magen David Adom ([www.afmda.org](http://www.afmda.org)), is Israel's national emergency medical, disaster, ambulance and blood bank service to everyone in Israel.
3. The American Jewish Committee ([www.ajc.org](http://www.ajc.org)), is the global advocacy organization for the Jewish people.

As always we are here, in sacred partnership with you, to support your family and children as you apply the teachings of our tradition to navigate this complex world.

זָקוּ וְאַמְצוּ אֶל־תִּירָאוֹ וְאֶל־תַּעֲרָצוֹ מִפְּנֵיהֶם כִּי ה' אֱלֹקֶיךָ הוּא הַהֹלֵךְ עִמָּךְ לֹא יִפֹּךְ וְלֹא יַעֲזֹבֶךָ

**Be strong and resolute. Do not fear or dread them; for indeed God marches with you and will not fail or forsake you.**

Deuteronomy 31:6

*Debbie*

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# HEBREW

## WORD OF THE WEEK

שמח sa-mayakh Happy

שמחה seem-kha Joy

חג שמח Khag sa-mayakh Happy Holiday

תורה Torah

### Upcoming events:

- Oct 15th - Munchkin Music
- Oct 15th - Stay and Schmooze
- Oct 15th - Blessing of the Pets - Special Tefila and Pet Blessing at 11:30
- Oct 22nd - First Tots Academy Session (Pre-K parents join their children and the rest of the Tots Academy class for a shared day of learning)
- Oct 25th - Next Dor - Cooking and Conversation
- Oct 28th - Munchkin Minyan North
- Oct 29th - Next Dor Sundaes with the Rabbi (note date change)

**Drop off:** At the RELIGIOUS SCHOOL entrance. The driveway will be blocked in the morning. If you are not dropping your children at the end of the driveway, please park and walk them to the portico.

**Pick-up:** At the RELIGIOUS SCHOOL entrance. Children will remain INSIDE the building until parents come to the door either in person, or in your car. Children will NOT be permitted to walk through the parking lot to their cars.

**REMINDER:** the City of Dallas is currently conducting construction on Alpha Road. Alpha Road may be closed through Thanksgiving. When you bring your children for Religious School, please enter through the Hillcrest entrance. Traffic will be two-way coming in and out of Hillcrest. Please be extra cautious.

DROP  
OFF



# Parent & Family Learning

November 12  
K & 1st grades  
Challah Bake &  
Shabbat Learning



November 12  
2nd grade  
Family Traditions



December 3  
Pre-K - 3rd grade  
Hebrew Through  
Movement  
Parent Learning



February 4  
3rd-6th grades  
Parent Genealogy  
Learning



April 28  
3rd-6th grades  
Family Food  
Festival



November 12  
7th grade  
Family Trip  
Holocaust & Human  
Rights Museum



April 14  
All Families



May 5  
All Families  
Annual Meeting  
&  
End of School  
Celebration

Pre-K/Tots Academy  
Sessions:  
Oct. 22, Nov. 12,  
Dec. 17, Jan. 28,  
Feb. 25, Mar. 31,  
Apr. 21 & May 5

pink: family learning  
blue: parent learning

TEMPLE SHALOM

Friendship, Joy & Wonder



## TEMPLE SHALOM BLESSING OF THE PETS

Sunday, October 15

TEMPLE SHALOM LAWN 11:30AM

Bring your pet for a special blessing from Rabbi Paley.

### MITZVAH PROJECT

WE ARE COLLECTING:

DOG TOYS - PUPPY PADS - COLLARS  
TREATS - LEASHES & BONES

Fun photo station for family photos



All dogs/cats must be leashed  
& other animals secured in cages

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Munchkin Minyan North  
Exciting Program-in Frisco  
October 28, 2023  
10:30am



Primrose School

333 W. Lebanon, Frisco TX

Open to the community!  
(Families with children 7 and under)  
RSVP by October 25

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

Program generously funded by the Sylvan T. Baer Foundation

[www.TempleShalomDallas.org](http://www.TempleShalomDallas.org)

Connecting Friends, Families & Futures

## Parent Stay & Schmoose

October 15

Learn about our  
BIG Question  
(Explore the 3rd-6th  
grade question  
& curriculum)

November 5

Bingo with  
Brotherhood



December 3

Chanukah Cookie  
Decorating &  
Traditions



December 17

Transliteration Game  
with Sisterhood



January 21

Rock Painting with  
Garden Committee



February 4

Ask BIG Questions  
Part 2



March 3

Learn about  
the work of  
Gateway House



April 21

Passover  
Recipe Exchange



All events  
begin at 9:45am -  
meet us in the main  
foyer

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Please be sure you are a member of our Facebook group so you can see ALL the joyful, wonder-filled photos posted each week and learn more about upcoming events and programs. [Click here](#) to join!

