



# Religious School News

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Dear Religious School Families:

I read a post from a friend in Israel yesterday. She shared that on her grocery store receipt they had printed:

*"Together we will Prevail." B'yachad N'natzeach.*

These words exemplify the holy community we strive to create at Temple Shalom. We stand TOGETHER we will PREVAIL.

Because these are challenging times, we continue to lean into our core values of **joy, wonder, friendship** and holy community. We come together in difficulty and in joy to lift each other up and when necessary, to hold each other up. Your children seem to understand this instinctively and they model these values so clearly each time they are here.

This week we shared joy through our learning around this week's Torah portion, the story of Noah. We blessed animals, ate rainbows and sang together. Our Pre-K-3rd graders continue to enjoy the new Hebrew Through Movement sessions each week and are catching on to all new words and actions. See below for a great picture of the verb to jump/likhpotz.

Our 3rd-6th graders began discussing Abraham and trying to understand God's call to him and the covenant they created that is lived through us today. Here is some of what they had to say:

*I learned that Abraham was originally called Abram and after he entered the covenant with God his name changed to Abraham, father of many nations.*

*I learned that we are all basically related to each other through God's covenant with Abraham.*

*I learned that Abram believed in God and followed God's instructions to an unknown place and then made a covenant with God.*

In 7th grade, they discussed searching for facts and bias within resources, standing up for others around you, and setting a good example for the Jewish community through your actions. They took both a timely and historic perspective on these responsibilities. In preparation for the upcoming trip to the Holocaust and Human Rights Museum, they began discussing the Righteous Among the Nations as an example of helping others and standing up for what we know is right.





I hope the words of your children and their smiling faces each week bring you the same joy and comfort they bring to me. I know that navigating these challenging times can be overwhelming. We are here to help if you are struggling or are struggling with how to speak with your children about what is happening in Israel. I will continue to share resources and I am available to speak with you. Please don't hesitate to reach out.

Below are new resources which you may find helpful:

[PJ Library's Israel Hub | PJ Library](#)

[How to Talk to Children About the Conflict in Israel | Reform Judaism](#)

[Guidance for talking to our kids – eJewish Philanthropy](#)

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

בוקר טוב

Boker tov / Good morning

ברוך הבא

Barukh ha-bah / welcome

### Upcoming events:

- 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)
- Nov 5th - Stay and Schmooze - Brotherhood Bingo and Bagels

**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.

**UPDATE:** The street construction on Alpha Road will be completed by the end of the day on Friday, October 20th.

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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!

