



Religious School News

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Dear Religious School Families:

This week your children learned about Shabbat, about creation, about Shalom Bayit, about fighting discrimination. They created codes of behavior to promote peace, made boxes to hold Shabbat items, made books of creation and so much more! Be sure to ask:

- K-1 Grade about their Shabbat Box
- 2nd Grade about Creation
- 3rd-6th grade about what Shalom Bayit means and what they can do to promote peace in YOUR home
- 7th grade about propaganda and how we can be critical readers of the news



I am so grateful to be able to share smiles of joy and friendship with your children each week. I cannot tell you how much they mean to me in terms of my own personal growth and spiritual healing in these difficult times. It is a gift to learn with and from your children each week. This week, I want to share a gift of text that I learned while participating in a Think Tank in New York City earlier in the week from, the Babylonian Talmud , Eruvin 54a

Rabbi Yehoshua ben Levi said: One who is walking along the way without a companion and is afraid should engage in Torah study, as it is stated with regard to the words of Torah: "For they shall be a graceful wreath [livyat hen] for your head, and chains about your neck" (Proverbs 1:9). The word livyat is understood here as a reference to levaya, accompaniment, so that the verse is interpreted to mean that Torah is a graceful accompaniment to one who is traveling.

The text teaches that Torah can be our companion when we are alone and afraid. As a Jewish educator from Texas, this spoke to me so deeply. It's a reminder, that when we have Torah in our hearts, we are never truly alone. I pray your children's hearts are filled with Torah each week we learn together and that knowledge provides comfort and sustenance when we are apart.

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HEBREW

WORD OF THE WEEK

Hebrew words of the week (We focused on 3 of our 4 core values)

פֶּלֶח Peleh Wonder

יְדִידוּת yedidut Friendship

קְהִילָה קְדוּשָׁה kehillah kedosha Holy Community

Upcoming events:

- Oct 29th – Next Dor Sundaes with the Rabbi (note date change)
- Nov 1st – Cooking and Conversation
- Nov 4th – Munchkin Minyan
- Nov 5th – Munchkin Music
- Nov 5th – Stay and Schmooze - Brotherhood Bingo and Bagels
- Nov 12th Special Learning Events:
 - Tots Academy
 - K-1 Family Challah Bake and Shabbat Learning
 - 2nd Grade Family Program
 - 7th Grade trip to the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum

DROP
OFF

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 (that we thought was complete) is reported to be completed by November 5th.

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!](#)

