

Religious School News

NOVEMBER 8, 2023

Dear Religious School Families:

Every week we try to make time to experience each of our core values; **Joy**, **Wonder**, **Friendship** and **Holy Community**. This week we especially leaned into our values of **Friendship** and **Holy Community**. We had our second Buddy Day, where PreK-1st grade learners get to participate in a special activity with 7th grade buddies. This week they made Havdalah spice bags. I hope these made it home to you! Inside the bag should be a word or two about something they wanted to remember from their time this week or their time with their Buddy.

Each week this year we begin our time together with Havdalah, the ceremony that ends the Shabbat day. It is a moment to mark separations and one last moment to hang onto the specialness of Shabbat. Be sure to ask your children about what they wrote on the paper in their spice bag, and perhaps take a moment to smell those spices at the end of the day on Saturday to experience a moment of Shabbat sweetness.

Our 3rd-6th grade learners focused on kindness, learning about one story of kindness from the Torah (Genesis 24) when Abraham sends his servant to find a wife for Isaac. The servant seeks to find someone kind. Learners discussed the Torah definition of kindness and how it compares to their own. They also created their own Kindness Campaign, building on Rabbi Paley's teachings from the High Holidays: Everyday People Making Every Day Better. Ask your children about their ideas for spreading kindness, to help enrich our **Holy Community**.

You can also help spread kindness by donating to our World Kindness Day Collection in memory of Shayna Vincent. Please bring stuffed animals to donate on Sunday to make every day better by helping Dallas Police Officers bring comfort to children.



Debbie

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HEBREW

WORD OF THE WEEK

Hebrew words of the week:

מורה Moreh/Morah Teacher

Upcoming events:

- Nov 12th Special Learning Events:

Tots Academy

Torah Covers Project for Consecration / Kindergarten Parents

K-1st Family Challah Bake and Shabbat Learning

2nd Grade Family Program

Kindness Day Collection in Memory of Shayna Vincent

7th Grade trip to the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum

Consecration/Kindergarten Parents: Materials for making Torah covers for your children will be laid out in the RS entrance on November 5th and 12th and on December 3rd. Please check your email for more information and be sure to stop by on one of these days to create this special gift for your child.



Thanksgiving Break - November 19th -26th.

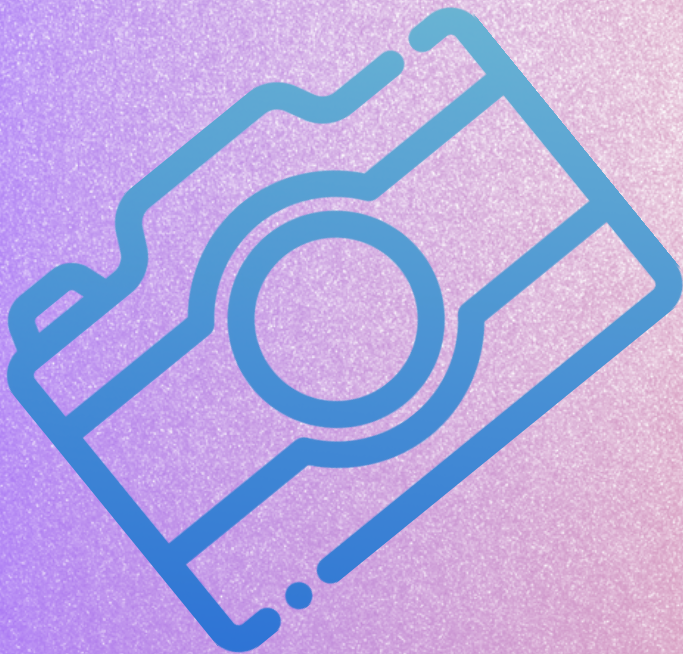
We WILL have midweek Hebrew and online Hebrew classes the week of November 27th.

We return to Sunday classes on December 3rd.

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.



Parents - remember that we are taking Consecration Torah photos this Sunday, so get your kiddos ready for Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat or just your regular family photo opportunity!!!



Kindness Day

November 12
In memory of Shayna Vincent

Stuffie Drive

Help us collect stuffed animals for the Dallas Police Department! Bring new stuffies to fill our donation box at the Religious School entrance from November 4-12.

(Stuffies are kept in police cars, and when an officer encounters a child who has been traumatized due to tragedy or victimization, the child is given a bear. The child is comforted by the stuffie in an unfortunate or unfamiliar surrounding.)

TEMPLE SHALOM
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



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

Parent Stay & Schmooze

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

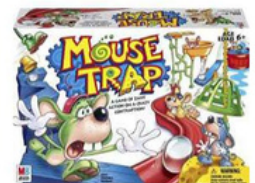
Passover
Recipe Exchange



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

TEMPLE SHALOM

Chanukah Shop the Swap!



Sunday, November 12

11 am - 1 pm



Reduce, Reuse, Give Love!

Consume less, share more, and reduce environmental impacts this holiday season.

Shomrei Adamah ["Guardians of the Earth"] invites you to our FREE Chanukah gift swap! Bring your clean, gently used toys, games, kids' books, and other kids' gifts. Drop off at the Temple Shalom turnaround on Nov. 12th starting at 9:30 am. Bring as much as you like and take as much as you like. Any leftover items will be donated to Jewish Family Services.

- ✓ Gently Used Toys (no teethers)
- ✓ Puzzles and Games (with box and all pieces)
- ✓ Kids Books (all ages)
- ✓ Arts and Crafts Supplies
- ✓ Hobbies
- ✓ Cute Fashion Jewelry and Collectibles
- ✓ Chanukah Gift Wrap, Ribbons, Bows, and Bags



Friendship, Joy & Wonder