# Religious School News December 6, 2023

Dear Religious School Families:

It was a GREAT day on Sunday. In fact, so great, we learned the word great! Check out the Hebrew words of the week to learn more.

There was so much activity and focus on joy, wonder, friendship and our holy community on Sunday.

There is always Joy when our Munchkin Music friends are here!

In Hebrew Through Movement everyone learned the Hebrew names for Chanukah items and colors, too!

There was lots of dreidel fun! In Pre-K they made Chanukah cards with dreidels and in K-1st grade they made edible dreidels and played dreidel.

In 2nd grade they focused on the story of Abraham and they were GREAT teachers of Hebrew!

In 3rd-6th grade they spent time with Rabbi P learning about angels in Jewish tradition. They studied the text Genesis chapter 28 about Jacob's encounter with the angels. Be sure to ask your children about angels and the conversation they had with Rabbi P about how to treat angels or those who MIGHT be angels.

After spending time thinking about verse 28:15 (Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely יהוה is present in this place, and I did not know it!"), the 3rd and 4th graders went on a God Hunt to find God, like Jacob. See the pictures below to discover what they found. Be sure to ask any 3rd or 4th graders you know about the picture with the rock pillows.

In addition to studying about 1000 years of Jewish history in ONE DAY, the 7th graders began planning their Mitzvah Day. We will be collecting a few items to support their project. Be on the lookout for more details soon!

This week we begin the Festival of Chanukah. On Sunday we will have our Maccabiah event – a day filled with competition, laughter and fun! See the flyers below for details and RSVP's for many more Chanukah events this week.

AFTERSCHOOL Sunday our congregation is celebrating a VERY special event, the dedication of our Justice Garden. Please plan to bring a picnic lunch and to stay for the festivities that begin at 12:30.

#### *Pebbie* Deborah Niederman, RJE Director of Lifelong Learning



#### **Upcoming events for** December:

- December 7 First light of Chanukah
- December 8 Consecration and Congregational Chanukah Service and Dinner
- December 9 Munchkin Minyan
- December 10 Chanukah Maccabiah event during Religious School
  Dedication of our Temple Garden
- December 17 Tots Academy
- December 21 January 20 Winter Break





### HEBREW WORD OF THE WEEK

As we prepare for Chanukah, we shared the words from the dreidel

נס גָּדוֹל הָיָה שָׁם Nes gadole ha-yah sham A GREAT miracle happened there

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#### **Chanukah Shabbat Service**

Join us on December 8

6:00pm Special Holiday Oneg **6:30pm** Shabbat Service Consecration Hanukkiah lighting **Glow Sticks** Kol Shalom Youth Choir performance

> 7:30pm Chanukah dinner (RSVP Required)

https://templeshalomdallas.org/chanukah-2023/

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# MUNCHKIN MINYAN



Chanukah Saturday, December 9 10:30am

RSVP by 12/6 at https://templeshalomdallas.org/munchkin-minyan/

## Temple Shalom

Justice Garden Dedication

Join us as we dedicate our new Justice Garden, a People's Garden site, and celebrate with friends, fun and garden activities.

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10** 12:30PM









