



Religious School News

DECEMBER 13, 2023

Dear Religious School Families:

From the poem, *Miracles* by Yehuda Amichai

*"From a distance everything looks like a miracle
but up close even a miracle doesn't look like that.
Even someone who crossed the Red Sea when it split
saw only the sweating back
of the man in front of him
and the swaying of his big thighs,
or at best, in a hasty glance to one side,
fish in a riot of colors inside the wall of water,
as in a marine observatory behind panels of glass."*



I hope this weekend you were able to take in the many miraculous moments celebrated in our holy community.

Sunday was a great morning of **joy**, **wonder**, **friendship** and **holy community**. We celebrated with a school-wide Maccabiah day of games and learning. Congratulations to the Green Team on their victory and to the Snowflake Donuts, White Team for being the best behaved. We loved being together, learning about and celebrating Chanukah!

It was an entire weekend of celebrating and of Chanukah dedication. After Consecration on Friday, we ended the weekend with the ribbon cutting for our Justice Garden. We look forward to many more opportunities for celebrating and for working together to create a more just world.

I hope your family has been feeling the warmth of this festival of lights and is enjoying this holiday season.

Debbie

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Director of Lifelong Learning

Upcoming events for December:

- **December 17** - Tots Academy
 - Parents Stay and Schmooze
 - Sundaes with the Rabbi
- **December 20** - Midweek Hebrew classes and Next Dor
- **December 22 - January 8** - Winter Break
 - NO Sunday Classes January 7 and 14**
- **January 6** - Munchkin Minyan - **note special time 5PM**
- **January 21** - Sunday Classes resume
- **January 26** - GFC Camp Shabbat
- **January 28** - 7th grade Mitzvah Day
 - Pizza, Paint and Pour Party with GFC

<h3>Parent Stay & Schmooze</h3>		
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		
<h3>Friendship, Joy & Wonder</h3>		

HELP BRING JOY TO KIDS IN NEED

TEMPLE SHALOM

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

DONATE
NEW & UNWRAPPED TOYS
FOR INFANTS - TEENS

High Demand Items:

- markers
- individual play-doh (not sets)
- teen arts and crafts sets
- individual glue
- girl playsets
- stuffed animals

children'shealth

Brighten the lives of children at Children's Medical Center

Collection boxes inside Temple Shalom Religious School Entrance between December 3 & December 17

Toys

TEMPLE SHALOM

MUNCHKIN MINYAN

Joanie Leeds Concert

January 6, 2024
5-7pm
Temple Shalom

Enjoy fun stations! Crafts, photo booth & snacks!

Members: \$36 per family, \$10 individual
Non-Members: \$50 per family, \$15 individual

Wear your pajamas for this pj party/concert!

RSVP by 1/3 at <https://templeshalomdallas.org/munchkin-minyan/>

