



# Religious School News

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

Friends,

There was so much positive energy and **joy** during this first week of regular classes! We're thrilled to be engaging with our beautiful new blackboard as we welcome each new week. Be sure to stop by anytime to see new pictures and add your own thoughts of gratitude.

Our Pre-K class immediately got into the swing of learning, literally jumping for **joy** inside in Hebrew through Movement and outside in the garden. Check in with your children to see how many Hebrew words they remember. They've learned at least 5 already!

Our Kindergarteners created their own Sammy Spiders to learn with them about the holidays all year long. So many of your children were eager to bring a Sammy home. If you made a Sammy at home, would you please send us pictures?

1st and 2nd graders got up close and personal with the Torah. Rabbi Paley gave them a Torah tour in the chapel. Be sure to ask them what they saw and what they touched.

3rd-6th grade explored the concept of Homeland and what does it mean that Israel is the Homeland of the Jewish people. I have had the opportunity to review several of their journals and am impressed by their thoughtfulness. Be sure to ask them to share what they wrote with you.

I think most 7th grade parents know your kids helped harvest basil this week! I hope you enjoyed our bounty. Each week, in addition to their classroom studies they will be engaging in hands-on mitzvah projects. Once a month they will be in the garden, once a month they will be with their Pre-K and K buddies, and each month they will be creating a tzedakah campaign to promote our tzedakah collection and highlight the beautiful gift from last year's 7th graders. If you don't know what I'm referring to, be sure to visit our offices and see their amazing art work on the wall. Be sure to ask them about what they are enjoying so far.

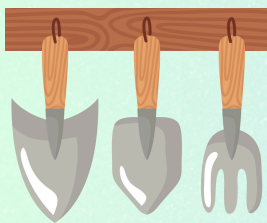
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**Drop off:** At the RELIGIOUS SCHOOL entrance. The driveway will be blocked in the morning. If you are not dropping your children at the end of the driveway, please park and walk them to the portico.

**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.



In the garden: Check out these great photos from the garden this week. PreK and 7th grade spent time learning about the many areas of work in our justice garden. With the 7th graders help we harvested nearly 100 pounds of basil, cucumbers, okra and eggplant! Watch this spot each week for garden updates and to see if you children will be headed to the garden so you can make sure they are dressed appropriately.



**TEMPLE SHALOM**

## High Holy Day Family Services



- Erev Rosh Hashanah Family Service - Ages 0-5**  
Wednesday, October 2 5pm
- Rosh Hashanah Family Service - Ages 5+**  
Thursday, October 3 3pm
- Kol Nidre Family Service - Ages 0-5**  
Friday, October 11 5pm
- Yom Kippur Family Service - Ages 5+**  
Saturday, October 12 3pm

**Open To the Community!**

### Pizza in the Hut and Pesto Party



### Family Sukkot Celebration

**Sunday, October 20 Noon**

**A pizza picnic**  
Fresh pesto from basil harvested from our garden  
Games and activities in the Sukkah

**\$18/Family**  
(Includes pizza, drinks, dessert and annual garden pesto party)

