



# Religious School News

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

Friends,

There was so much sweetness and joy this week, from honey, to birthday of the world cupcakes, to buddies, beautiful artwork and more!

This week we leaned into our value of holy community/kehillah kedosha with our first monthly buddy session between 7th graders and their Pre-K and K buddies. Please encourage your children to fill those beautiful tzedakah boxes they made and bring the funds to our beautiful tzedakah box outside the Lifelong Learning office. Each month 7th grade will be encouraging us to donate funds to a specific organization. Ask your 7th graders about the conversation they had about tzedakah.



Our 1st and 2nd graders began their study of creation. Be sure to ask them about what was created each day!

3rd-6th grade focused on why we orient our bodies and hearts towards Jerusalem. Some special artwork came home this week, 5th and 6th grade parents can expect to see that artwork next week – they got so carried away in conversation they didn't have time to finish! Be sure to ask them about the Hebrew word for East and why we want to remember which direction is East.

This week we look forward to welcoming parents and even more young learners for our first Tots Academy class! Feel free to stay after class to attend Hebrew through Movement or a special pre-reader worship service.

K through 2nd grade will be focusing on the High Holy Days, 3rd-6th grade will be learning about Israel in our prayers and 7th grade will be preparing to LEAD High Holy Day worship and engaging in new mitzvot. Each week our 7th graders perform at least one mitzvah of gemilut chasadim/loving kindness. Please check in with them each week to see what they have been up to!

*Debbie*

Deborah Niederman, RJE  
Director of Lifelong Learning

**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.

How to help your kids succeed at online Hebrew:

- Consider setting up a regular place at home for their sessions – a quiet place that encourages focus.
- Make sure they have their books or materials
- If they can't be at home, please make sure they are in a quiet place without distractions.



**Reverse Tashlich**  
September 29  
4:30-6:00pm  
Cottonwood Park in Richardson



At Tashlich we throw breadcrumbs into the water; please join us in a reverse Tashlich as we cleanse our spirits by cleaning our parks.

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**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!

### In the garden:

- **Our garden volunteers continue to harvest and prepare for the next round of planting. Munchkin Minyan helped to plant in our education garden and more than 50 MORE pounds of vegetables were harvested!**
- **Kindergarten will be working in the garden this week. Please make sure your children are dressed appropriately.**

### Upcoming dates and events:

September 29 - Tots Academy

October 2 - Erev Rosh HaShana Services for Families with Young Children (5pm in the chapel)

October 3 - Family Rosh HaShana Services led by our 7th graders (3pm in the chapel)  
Tashlich Service 4pm at Valley View Park

October 6 - Munchkin Music

Stay and Schmooze – An opportunity for parents to hear about what is happening in Israel one year on, and ask their difficult questions about Israel  
Special Service of Remembrance – stay for bagels and come hear from Debbie about our unique approach to Jewish learning.



**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)