



Religious School News

OCTOBER 2, 2024

Friends,

On Sunday, we had our first Tots Academy session and the room was **OVERFLOWING** with **joy** and exploration as families prepared for the New Year!

This week was filled with so much **wonder** and so many good questions. Our kindergartners had their first tefilah/worship service and asked the **BEST** God Questions. Check in with your children to hear what they learned about seeing God and seeing God's footprint in the world.

3rd-6th grade focused on Israel as the Promised Land and spent time asking about the promises God made to our people. Be sure to ask your children about what promises were "revealed" by God.

7th Graders continue to be excellent role models for our younger learners as they prepare to lead Family High Holy Day Services with Rabbi Paley. Please join us on Thursday at 3pm. Ask your children about the mitzvah they did this week and what they like about performing acts of gemilut chasadim/acts of loving kindness.

This week we prepare to welcome in the New Year of 5785, hoping this will be a year of goodness and sweetness for all. We also prepare to mark the one-year anniversary of October 7th. Please join us for our first Stay and Schmooze to learn more about our unique approach to Jewish education and how we are empowering our 3rd-6th grade learners to ask hard questions about Israel. There will be time for parents to ask their hard questions as well.

All parents are invited to join us for a special service of remembrance and hope during our 11:30 tefilah/worship in the chapel. Families will be creating another collaborative art piece, "Building Hope".

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.



Overheard in Religious School this week: Because each of us is created in the image of God, when we see ourselves in the mirror, we can see God.
(Kindergartner)



In the garden: Kindergartners helped to harvest sweet potatoes!

Pre-K and 7th graders will be in the garden on Sunday - please dress appropriately.



Parent Ed & Stay & Schmooze

<p>October 6 A Pedagogy of Wonder & Big Questions About Israel</p>	<p>October 27 Stay & Schmooze Making Blankets</p>	<p>December 1 Stay & Schmooze Gift Wrapping</p>
<p>December 8 A Pedagogy of Wonder & Big Questions About Israel- Part 2</p>	<p>March 2 Stay & Schmooze Cookie Decorating</p>	<p>Family Shabbats Service & Dinner November 15 February 28</p>
<p>Becoming An Artist Revealing Beauty Building Hope</p>	<p>April 6 All Families</p>	<p>May 5 All Families Annual Meeting & End of School Celebration</p>

Friendship, Joy & Wonder

A Banquet in Thyme
Adult Sukkot Celebration and Dinner (21+)
Saturday, October 19
7pm Justice Garden

A Celebration of Sukkot
The time of our rejoicing
The thyme of our harvest
A Garden to Table Meal
With food harvested from
Our Temple Shalom Justice Garden

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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)

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Letter of the week: This week at tekes boker (our weekly morning gathering) we are sharing a letter of the week. I'm a bit behind sharing those letters with parents, sorry! The letter this week was dalet the 4th letter of the aleph-bet which is the first letter in the words dag - fish and dov - bear.



Be sure to ask your children about:

- Aleph - the first letter of the aleph-bet that makes no sound, but is the first letter in the words Abba - father and Ima - mother.
- Bet and vet - the 2nd letter of the aleph-bet that is the first letter in the words boker - morning and bayeet - house
- Gimel - the 3rd letter that is the first letter in the words gamal - camel and gadole - big
- WRITE in HEBREW if I now have DAVKA

