

מה חדש? (What's new?)

The Newsletter of the Temple Beth David Religious School

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TBD Services

Friday nights--7:30pm

4th Friday night at the JCC—6:00pm

Saturday mornings—9:00pm

Sunday morning minyan—9:30 am

Family Services

Dec. 4

Jan. 15—3rd/4th/5th grade service

Feb. 5—6th will lead the Amidah/ 7th will lead the Torah Service

March 5

April 2

May 7

Family Service will meet at 10:30 in the small sanctuary. It is a great opportunity for kids to be actively involved with a service and to practice and put into context what they are learning in the classroom.

Dates to Remember

Sunday, 12/5: Chanukah Assembly, 11:15- 12:00. This year's Chanukah Assembly will feature skits that the classes have been preparing to communicate values that Judaism teaches us—tikkun olam, hachnassat orchim (hospitality), kedushah (holiness), Talmud Torah (study of Torah), derech eretz (roughly translated as "good manners" but it's really treating others decently), lashon ha'ra (not gossiping) and klal Israel (the unity of the Jewish people). Students in all of the classes are excited to share what they have been working on.

Saturday, 12/18: The Blessings of the Golden Age of Spain. There will be a special Kiddush after Shabbat services showcasing Spanish food with a study session to follow.

Sunday, 12/19: Hineni fieldtrip to Britton Road Cemetery and the mikvah

Sunday, 12/19: TBD's Tikkun Olam committee is sponsoring a sock hop, 12:00- 1:30 in the social hall. Come eat, dance and be merry! Price of admission is a pair of warm socks, mittens or gloves to be donated to #50 School.

Tuesday, 12/21- Sunday, 1/2: Hebrew School is closed. Enjoy the break!

Tuesday, 1/4: Hebrew School re-opens.

Don't Forget

Spread the Light—the JERNY Hanukah Project is underway. There is a barrel in the Hebrew School where you can drop off items that are needed by families in the Jewish community: mittens and gloves, winter hats and scarves, warm socks, sweaters and hoodies, winter Coats for both adults and children, layette items, baby bottles, teddy bears, general toiletry items, and school supplies. The barrel will be collected on Sunday, 12/5.

Thank you!

Thank you to Marci Snider, Keith Freedman, Elizabeth Wasserman, Amy Gravitz and Susan Meynadasy for their help with Challah baking!



Keith's first braided challah

K/1/2



By Audriel Winder



3rd grade



Keta Gimel learned so many things this year. We learned about Abraham and Sarah and stories going back generations. We also do lots of fun activities with Miss A. Also we're learning Hebrew words and the meanings of them. Our newest sounds are "oo" and "ooey." Miss A. calls them "ooey gooey vowels!" We also have wonderful Israeli dancing and music. In those activities we learn new amazing dances and songs! Miss A. and Mr. A. put up a tent, and it's called "Sarah's and Avraham's tent!" In there can have wonderful snacks from Israel and we say the blessings for them too! Keta Gimmel has been so fun for us and Miss A. is a great teacher! We all hope that we will have a great future here!

By Abby Feldman

4th grade



Kita Daled has been learning the Friday night Shabbat blessing and Havdalah. By Shaylah Winder

5th grade



In 5th grade we have been practicing our skit about Talmud Torah. We are still working on Ahavat Olam. We are discussing the special meaning of Hanukah. We also read and wrote about a book from our library.

By Elena Davis

6/7th grade



In 6th grade we have been learning about Jewish History. We are learning about Ashkenazic and Sephardic Jews and The Golden Age of Spain. We have also been doing Jewish dancing with Mr. Anderson. That has been really fun because we are out of our seats and moving around. 6th grade is really fun and Moshe is a great teacher!

By Jacob Snider

Hineni



In the teen group, we have been working on finding a way to help out our community as a part of our tzedakah project for the year. After two classes of ideas and debating, we finally narrowed it down to volunteering to read to inner city children at a Head Start facility. Head Start is a program that helps to prepare children to enter kindergarten, and we thought it would be both fun and rewarding to interact with these kids.

By Hanna Kielar

From the Conservative Movement:

Enjoy this article from the current Voices of Conservative/ Masorti Judaism magazine:

http://www.uscj.org/Why_I_Am_A_Conservat8491.html

Principal's Message

During this Chanukah may light shine on your blessings and may you see the light at the end of the tunnel of your struggles.