



Ma Nishma... What's up? Temple Sinai Religious School

December 2011 Kislev Tevet/ 5772

Snow Cancellations

In the event we have to cancel school due to inclement weather, we will post an announcement on the religious school answering machine. You may also tune in to WBZ News Radio 1030, CBS 4, WRKO AM/680 and Channel 7 News. Please note that when Brookline Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, then Temple Sinai is also closed. This applies to the evening Grade 7 program, as well.

Pre-Chanukah Shabbat Dinner on Friday, December 16

Get in the Chanukah spirit with your friends from Temple Sinai. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a brief Shabbat service, followed by a catered dinner in Ehrenfried Hall. The Junior Choir will be performing at services that evening, under the direction of Cantor Rosalie Toubes. The cost of the dinner is \$14.00 per adult and \$8.00 per child, with a family maximum of \$44.00. Funding is available to reduce the cost of the dinner for individuals who request it. Registration forms can be found on the website at <http://www.sinaibrookline.org/wp2/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/Chanukah-Shabbat-Dinner-2011.pdf>. Registration forms are due by December 10.

Family Table

The number of families that rely on Family Table for food and other necessities has grown to over 200. This year Temple Sinai is responsible for providing **raisins** and **canned tuna**. Please leave your donations in the blue bin outside Heidi's office. It's a mitzvah! *Grade 3A families (Eliane's class) are especially encouraged to contribute this month.*

Mazal Tov to Jonathan Jacobson, who will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, January 17.
May you go from strength to strength!

December Calendar

Tot Shabbat - 12/2

Grade 4 Family Program - 12/4

Grades K - 3 Parents' Visiting Day - 12/4

SCRAPPY Youth Group - 12/4

Grades 8 - 11 High School Sessions - 12/4, 12/11, and 12/18

Grade 6A Visits the Mason School - 12/6

Grade 5 to Participate in Shabbat Service - 12/10

Grades 4 - 6 Parents' Visiting Day - 12/11

Grade 6B Visits the Mason School - 12/13

Grade 7 Visits the West End House - 12/13

Pre-Chanukah Shabbat Dinner - 12/16

All-School Tefillah with Rabbi Vogel - 12/18

K'tonton Pre-School - 12/18

Grade 5 Family Program - 12/18

No Religious School on 12/25 and 12/27 - Winter Break



Happy Chanukah!!!

December 2011

Tot Shabbat - Friday, December 2

Join Rabbi Vogel or Cantor Toubes at 6:30 p.m. for a joyful and engaging service designed for children ages 0 - 8. Families will sing, hear a Shabbat story and enjoy challah and juice.

Grade 4 Family Program - Sunday, December 4

Grade Four families will enjoy a special program with Andrea Katz, our new Family Educator. The event will take place in Ehrenfried Hall from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., and afterwards the students will return to class with their teacher.

Grades K - 3 Parents' Visiting Day - Sunday, December 4

K - 3 parents are invited to visit their child's classroom from 12:00 p.m. until 12:30 p.m. to meet the teachers and learn more about the curriculum.

SCRAPPY Youth Group - Sunday, December 4

From 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m., students in Grades 3 - 5 will enjoy a Chanukah craft and cooking project, led by teacher, Talya Silver. Lunch will be served. Cost is \$5.00.

Grades 8 - 11 High School Sessions - Sundays, December 4, 11, and 18

Join Rabbi Vogel and rabbinical student, Avi Strausberg, for the new Sunday evening high school program, "Being Jewish in Coolidge Corner." Grades 8,9 will meet in Weintraub Auditorium from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Grades 10,11 students will meet from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Dinner will be served.

Grade 6A Visits the Mason School - Tuesday, December 6

As part of their B'nai TELEM program, Grade 6A students will visit the Mason Elementary School in Boston to read to children in an afterschool program. The trip will take place during regular religious school hours. If you are interested in chaperoning the trip, contact Heidi at school@sinaibrookline.org.

Grade 5 to Participate in Shabbat Service - Saturday, December 10

Grade 5 families are invited to participate in the Shabbat morning service on December 10, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The students, led by teacher Jessica Lowenthal, will discuss the Torah portion of the week, and share their thoughts on selected prayers.

Grades 4 - 6 Parents' Visiting Day - Sunday, December 11

Grades 4 - 6 parents are invited to visit their child's classroom from 12:00 p.m. until 12:30 p.m. to meet the teachers and learn more about the curriculum.

Grade 6B Visits the Mason School - Tuesday, December 13

As part of their B'nai TELEM program, Grade 6B students will visit the Mason Elementary School in Boston to read to children in an afterschool program. The trip will take place during regular religious school hours. If you are interested in chaperoning the trip, contact Heidi at school@sinaibrookline.org.

Grade 7 Visits the West End House - Tuesday, December 13

From 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., a group of seventh grade volunteers will visit the West End House in Allston and serve as homework

buddies for young children.

Afterwards the students will return to Temple Sinai for their evening class.

Pre-Chanukah Shabbat Dinner - Friday, December 16

Come and enjoy a catered Shabbat meal with your friends at Temple Sinai. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a brief Shabbat service (featuring the Junior Choir) followed by dinner in Ehrenfried Hall, singing with Daniel, and lots of chocolate gelt. Remember to submit your dinner registration form!

All-School Tefillah with Rabbi Vogel - Sunday, December 18

Beginning this year, Rabbi Vogel and Cantor Toubes will lead monthly All-School Tefillah, for students in Grades 1 - 6. Parents are welcome to join us in the sanctuary for this service, from 9:40 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

K'tonton Pre-School - Sunday, December 18

Three and four-year olds will delight in Karen Halfon's monthly holiday program, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Early drop-off and late pick-up are available. Free and open to the community. Bring a friend! The topic? Chanukah!

Grade 5 Family Program - Sunday, December 18

Grade 5 families will enjoy a special program with Rabbi Vogel and Andrea Katz, our new Family Educator. The event will take place in Ehrenfried Hall from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., and afterwards the students will return to class with their teachers for the last thirty minutes of school.

For more information, please contact:
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