



Ma Nishma... What's up?

Temple Sinai Religious School

January 2012 Tevet Shevat/ 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.

Grade 6 Pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah Workshops Begin on Tuesday, January 10

These lively and important workshops kick-off the Bar/Bat Mitzvah experience for families, with discussion led by Rabbi Vogel & Cantor Toubes. The programs will take place from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on the following Tuesdays - January 10, 17 and 24. Students will have religious school on those afternoons, as usual. Prior to the workshops, they will be served a pizza dinner in class. *Students should attend with at least one parent.*

Parent Feedback and Conversation Meetings - Sundays, January 8th and 15th

What do you like about Temple Sinai Religious School? How would you enhance the school experience? Come and share your thoughts and ideas with other parents, Heidi and the Education Committee, from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in Weintraub Auditorium. Last year's parent meeting resulted in new initiatives for parent participation in the classroom, and in increased Hebrew conversation in the younger grades. We hope to continue this tradition! Come join us for one (or both) meetings. Coffee and bagels will be served.

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 3B families (Talya's class) are especially encouraged to contribute this month.*

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Mazal Tov to Anna Neumann, who will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, January 28. May you go from strength to strength!

January Calendar

Tot Shabbat - 1/6

Grade 4 to Participate in Shabbat Service - 1/7

Kindergarten Family Program - 1/8

Parent Feedback and Conversation Meetings - 1/8 and 1/15

Grade 6 Pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah Workshops - 1/10, 1/17, 1/24 and 5/1

Shabbat @ Six! - 1/13

Grade 3 Performs at Shabbat @ Six! Services - 1/13

Mitzvah Day Meeting - 1/15

Grade 7 Visits the West End House- 1/17

All-School Tefillah - 1/22

Grade 4 Family Program - 1/22

K'tonton Pre-School - 1/22

Rosh Hodesh Session for Grade 6 Girls - 1/22

Grade 1 Family Program - 1/29

Grade 8 - 11 High School Class - 1/29

Grade 7 Visits the West End House- 1/31

JANUARY 2012

Tot Shabbat - Friday, January 6

Join Rabbi Vogel 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 to Participate in Shabbat Service - Saturday, January 7

Grade 4 families are invited to participate in this Shabbat morning service, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The students, led by teachers Becca and Rafi Spiewak, will discuss the Torah portion of the week, and share their thoughts on selected prayers.

Kindergarten Family Program - Sunday, January 8

Kindergarten families will enjoy a special program with Rabbi Vogel and Family Educator, Andrea Katz. 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.

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Grade 6 Pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah Workshops - January 10, 17, 24 and May 1

These workshops kick-off the Bar/Bat Mitzvah experience for families, with discussion led by Rabbi Vogel & Cantor Toubes. The programs will take place from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. *Students should attend with at least one parent.*

Shabbat @ Six! - Friday, January 13

Join us for our monthly "Shabbat @ Six!" service. The service will last about one hour, and a "nosh" will be served beforehand.

Grade 3 Performs at Shabbat @ Six! Services - Friday, January 13

The Grade 3 students of Eliane Dreyfuss and Talya Silver will perform two songs at this Shabbat service, led by music teacher, Daniel Ruben.

Mitzvah Day Meeting - Sunday, January 15

The Mitzvah Day task force, led by Family Educator, Andrea Katz, will meet at 10:00 a.m. to plan for Mitzvah Day 2012, taking place on Sunday, April 1st. New members are welcome!

Grade 7 Visits the West End House - Tuesday, January 17

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 reading buddies for young children. Afterwards the students will return to Temple Sinai for their evening class.

All-School Tefillah - Sunday, January 22

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.

Grade 4 Family Program - Sunday, January 22

Grade 4 families will enjoy a special program with Rabbi Vogel and Family Educator, Andrea Katz. 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.

K'tonton Pre-School - Sunday, January 22

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? Tu B' Shevat, the New Year of the Trees!

Rosh Hodesh Session for Grade 6 Girls - Sunday, January 22

Come celebrate the New Moon with Jessica! This festive gathering for Grade 6 girls will take place after school, at the home of Felicia Rosen. More details to follow.

Grade 1 Family Program - Sunday, January 29

Grade 1 families will enjoy a special program with Family Educator, Andrea Katz and Rabbi Vogel. 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 teachers.

Grade 8 - 11 High School Class - Sunday, January 29

The Sunday evening high school class will convene again this month, led by Rabbi Vogel and Avi Strausberg. Grade 8,9 students will meet from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., and Grade 9, 10 students will meet from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. There will be two guest speakers that evening.

Grade 7 Visits the West End House - Tuesday, January 31

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 reading buddies for young children. Afterwards the students will return to Temple Sinai for their evening class.

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