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## Religious School Upcoming Dates

### Saturday, Jan 7th

7th Grade Kehillah-

Core Class 9:15-10:30

### Sunday, Jan. 8th

Sunday School(PreK-6th)

PreK-1st 9-11:00

3rd-6th 9-11:30

2nd Grade God Talk Parent  
Program

9-11:00am

*Parents plan on attending.*

## Notes from Liessa...

### Shalom and Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful "break" for their usual routines and now are enjoying getting back into the structure of the second semester of a school year. I was blessed during our break to spend some time with my husband and two children. I learn so much from Ellye and Micah and really enjoyed seeing the world thru their eyes during our time away from our usual daily rituals. During our time away we talked a lot about wants and needs. Hanukkah was a great jumping off point for some of these conversations. Our kids would tell us they "need" a present and we would talk about if it really was a "want" or a "need". We are wanting to really begin to help them understand the importance of Tzedakah and Gemilut Chassadim. We are consciously paying attention to this as we begin our new year. It is not a "new" resolution, but rather one that we are revisiting. As we get back into our usual routines, we are making the choice to pay more attention to how we participate in giving Tzedakah and performing acts of loving kindness. When my children come on a Sunday morning to Religious School we will try to not "just give them some money" or have them carry in a can of food...but rather help them understand WHY they are doing what they are doing and HOW it can help other people. I ask you to join my family in this commitment to making these acts part of your routine as well.



And...I want to remind everyone that our last day of Religious School this year will not only be one in which we recognize another year is coming to an end, but rather one that is also filled with many Mitzvot! **Save the Date for your entire family to participate in our final day on May 6<sup>th</sup> as our students, families, and classes will all come together to participate in Mitzvah Day!** You will be hearing more about this very soon. Your students will begin to learn in their classes about the organizations they will be working with on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

May this new year be filled with health, happiness...and many new beginnings..

8th Grade Kehillah  
Core Class 9-11:00am

9th Grade Kehillah  
Core Class 9-11:00am

10th Grade Kehillah  
Core Class 11:15am-12:30pm

Tues/Wed, Jan 10/11th

Midweek Program (3rd-6th)  
4:15-6:15pm

Sunday, January 15th

**NO SCHOOL**

Tues/Wed, Jan. 17/18th

Midweek Program (3rd-6th)  
4:15-6:00pm

Saturday, Jan. 21st

7th Grade Kehillah  
Core Class 9:15-10:30

Sunday, Jan 22nd

Sunday School (PreK-6th)

PreK-2nd 9-11:00

3rd-6th 9-11:30

8th Grade Kehillah

Core Class 9-11:00

9th Grade Kehillah

Core Class 9-11:00

10th Grade Kehillah

Core Class 11:15am-12:30pm

**Liessa**  
**Shalom,**

**This Weekend at Religious School...**

Saturday, January 7th:

- 7th Grade Kehillah- Core Class 9:15-10:30am

Sunday, January 8th:

- **Sunday School-**
  - PreK-1st Grade-- 9-11:00am
    - Chuggim Program 11-11:30am
  - 3rd-6th Grade- 9-11:30am
  - 2nd Grade God Talk Parent Program 9-11:00am
- 8th Grade Kehillah Program- Core Class 9-11:00am-
- 9th Grade Kehillah Program- Core Class- 9-11:00am
- 10th Grade Kehillah - Core Class 11:15-12:30pm

**Mark your Calendars....**

***For these special upcoming programs***

**2nd Grade God Talk Parent Program**

**THIS Sunday, January 8th**

9-11:00am Parents plan on attending

**8th Grade Poverty Simulation- Family Program**

Sunday, January 22nd **9:00-11:30am** \*Note Time

*Parents plan on attending*

**6th Grade B'nei Mitzvah Experience *During Religious School***

**Sunday, January 29th**

**Kabbalat Ha Siddur**

**Sunday, February 5th** During all-school Tefillah in the Lobby

*New Hebrew Students in 3rd-6th grade will receive their Siddur*

*(prayerbook) and have an opportunity to get them inscribed with their*

*Hebrew name.*

**3rd Grade Wedding Parent Program**

**Sunday, February 5th**

9-30-11:30am *Parents plan on attending*

## Tues/Wed, Jan. 24/25th

Midweek Program (3rd-6th)

4:15-6:00pm

## Sunday, Jan. 29th

Sunday School (PreK-6th)

PreK-2nd 9-11:00

3rd-5th 9-11:30

6th Grade B'nei Mitzvah

Experiance

9-11:30 during Religious

School

10th Grade Kehillah

Core Class 11:15am-12:30pm

## Tues/Wed. Jan 31st & Feb 1st

Midweek Program (3rd-6th)

4:15-6:00

## Friday Feb. 3rd

5th & 6th Grade Students at

Special Shabbat Service

6:00pm

## Saturday, Feb. 4th

7th Grade Kehillah

Core Class 9:15-10:30

## Sunday, Feb. 5th

Sunday School (PreK-6th)

PreK-2nd 9-11:00

4th-6th 9-11:30

Kabbalat Ha Siddur

3rd Grade Wedding Parent

Program

## **Upcoming Community Events**

### Shaare Emeth Winter Mitzvah Series

*Shimon ha-Tsaddik was one of the last men of the Great Assembly. He used to say, "The world stands upon three things: upon the Torah, upon the divine service, and upon the practice of loving kindness" (Avot 1:2).*

Our goal is to extend ourselves to others in need; please sign up for one of our Mitzvah Projects.

Ronald McDonald House

Just Guys (father and son program for 9-13 year olds) at Centenary Church - The Bridge Program. Walk in the shoes of a homeless person, help with projects around the church and have lunch with the guest who come to the homeless shelter for meals.

Date: Sunday, January 8th

Time: 8:30 a.m.

St. John's Hospital, Creve Coeur

Contact: Debbie Kramer 314-995-8587

[Dkramer1818@aol.com](mailto:Dkramer1818@aol.com)

Peter and Paul Community Services

Serve dinner to the men who come to this homeless shelter

February 1 and 22

Time: 6:30-9:00

Contact: Ronnie Brockman [rbrockman@shaare-emeth.org](mailto:rbrockman@shaare-emeth.org) ; 314-692-5308

[CLICK HERE](#) for a complete listing of the Winter Mitzvah Series.

### **B'nei Mitzvah Mitzvah CHAI Lights...**

Franklin County Humane Society-

My name is Amanda Kwiatek. I am a seventh grade student at Ladue Middle School. My mitzvah project is to help rescue dogs at the Franklin County Humane Society. This is a no kill, non-profit organization. As part of my project, I am collecting materials from friends, neighbors, and school-mates. Donations can be dropped off outside the Religious School office. Thank you for your contributions!

The supply list can be found at

[www.franklincountyhumanesociety.org](http://www.franklincountyhumanesociety.org)

***Sincerely,***

**Liessa Alperin, Director**

[lalperin@shaare-emeth.org](mailto:lalperin@shaare-emeth.org)

*Parens plan on attending*

8th Grade Kehillah

Core Class 9-11:00

9th Grade Kehillah

Core Class 9-11:00

10th Grade Kehillah

Core Class 11:15am-12:30pm

Tues/Wed, Feb 7/8th

Midweek Program (3rd-6th)

4:15-6:00pm

Saturday, Feb. 11th

7th Grade Kehillah

Core Class 9:15-10:30

Sunday, Feb. 12th

Sunday School (PreK-6th)

PreK-2nd 9-11:00

3rd-6th 9-11:30

9th Grade Kehillah

Core Class 9-11:00

10th Grade Kehillah

Core Class 1:15am-12:30pm

Tues/Wed, Feb. 14/15th

Midweek Program (3rd-6th)

4:15-6:00pm

Sunday, Feb. 19th

**NO SCHOOL**

Tues/Wed, Feb. 21/22nd

Midweek Program (3rd-6th)

4:15-6:00pm

**Tammy McNaughton, Administrative Assistant**  
[tmcnaughton@shaare-emeth.org](mailto:tmcnaughton@shaare-emeth.org)

## Sunday, Feb. 26th

Sunday School (PreK-6th)

PreK-2nd 9-11:00

3rd-6th 9-11:30

8th Grade Kehillah

Core Class 9-11:00

10th Grade Kehillah

Core Class 11:15am-12:30pm

## **Religious School Calendars**

### Sunday School

(PreK-6th)

### Tuesday Midweek

(3rd-6th)

### Wednesday Midweek

(3rd-6th)

### 7th Grade Kehillah

### 8th Grade Kehillah

### 9th Grade Kehillah

### 10th Grade Kehillah/Confirmation

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