

# Congregation Shaare Emeth Religious School *NEWSLETTER*

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## Religious School Upcoming Dates

### Saturday, Dec. 17th

7th Grade Kehillah

Core Class 9:15-10:30am

### Sunday, Dec. 18th

LATKE DAY! (PreK-6th)

9-11:00 (PreK-2nd)

9-11:30 (3rd-5th)

6th Grade B'nei Mitzvah Experience STUDENTS  
ONLY 11-11:30

8th Grade Kehillah

Core Class 9-11:00

Field Trip to Aldi's Grocery Store

9th Grade Kehillah

Core Class 9-11:00

10th Grade Kehillah

## Notes from Liessa...

### Shalom Everyone!

This Sunday, December 18th is **Latke Day** for our PreK - 6th grade students! It is that time of year again when the sweet smell of Latkes fill the air! Many of you have already offered to volunteer in your student's classrooms as Latke chefs! Thank you! Our day will begin with All School Tefillah for our PreK- 6th grade students at 9:05 in the lobby. Once tefillah is over the latke making will commence!



This Sunday, we will also be passing out **Hanukkah Candles** to each Religious School Family, they will be given to the youngest student in each family. If you do not receive a box, extra are available in the Religious School office.

This weekend our **8th graders** will go on a very **special field trip** to begin to understand the essence of poverty and what our role, as Reform Jews, can be in helping to support those in need.

As we celebrate the holiday of Hanukkah we think about dedication and rededication. This is a perfect time to say a special Todah Rabah, Thank you to our incredible teaching staff. Their dedication to providing a positive Jewish learning experience for the students of Shaare Emeth is what truly makes our school so special. Without them our students would not be able to learn, grow, laugh, and enjoy Religious School at Shaare Emeth. They give our students one of the greatest gifts of all; a positive Jewish education! Their time spent as teachers of our children truly is an act of Gemilut Chassadim, an Act of Loving Kindness... and a true example of dedication. There are many ways to say Thank you. I encourage our families to take some time on Sunday to say this to our teachers and Madrichim (assistant teachers).

If you would be interested in other ways to honor them, perhaps a donation to the Religious School Education Fund or another Scholarship Fund in their name would be a wonderful way to show

Core Class 9-11:00

Tues/Wed, Dec 20/21st

Midweek Program **CANCELLED**

Sunday, Dec. 25th

**NO SCHOOL**

Tues/Wed, Dec 27/28th

**NO SCHOOL**

Sunday, Jan. 1st

**NO SCHOOL**

Tues/Wed, Jan 3/4th

**NO SCHOOL**

## 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)

## Religious School Calendars

Sunday School

(PreK-6th)

Tuesday Midweek

(3rd-6th)

Wednesday Midweek (3rd-6th)

your appreciation.

**Shabbat Shalom,**

**Liessa**

## This Weekend at Religious School

Saturday, December 17th:

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

Sunday, December 18th:

- **Sunday School- LATKE DAY!**
  - PreK-2nd Grade-- 9-11:00am
    - Chuggim Program 11-11:30am
  - 3rd-5th Grade- 9-11:30am
  - 6th Grade
    - Regulsr Class from 9-11:00
    - B'Nei Mitzvah Program- STUDENTS ONLY- 11-11:30
- 8th Grade Kehillah Program- Core Class 9-11:00am- Field Trip to Aldi's Grocery Store.
- 9th Grade Kehillah Program- Core Class- 9-11:00am
- 10th Grade Kehillah - Core Class 11:15-12:30pm

## Upcoming Community Events

**PJ Library Kids Concert!**

**Rick Recht Live in Concert**

**Monday, December 19, 2011 5:00pm**

JCC Staenberg Family Complex

For more information please contact Jen Lotsoff at 314-442-3867 or [jlotsoff@jfedstl.org](mailto:jlotsoff@jfedstl.org)

**Shaare Emeth Chanukah Dinner**

*Celebrate Shabbat and Chanukah with Us!*

*Share in a multi-generational service, Shabbat dinner and holiday fun with family and friends.*

Friday, December 23, 2011

5:00 p.m. Dinner (note: dinner before service)

6:00 p.m. Chanukah service

7:15 p.m. Oneg

[7th Grade Kehillah](#)

[8th Grade Kehillah](#)

[9th Grade Kehillah](#)

[10th Grade Kehillah/Confirmation](#)

## Stay Connected!

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phone: 314-569-1273

web:  
<http://www.shaare-emeth.org>

## Cost:

Adults \$10

Children 4-12 years old \$6

Children 3 and under Free

(For late registrations, Adult cost is \$12)

Bring a Chanukah menorah and 5 candles

For questions, contact Ronnie Brockman, [rbrockman@shaare-emeth.org](mailto:rbrockman@shaare-emeth.org),

314.569.0010

## Celebrate Chaunkah at the Magic House!

Tuesday, December 27

Join families from our congregation . . .

Participate in a Family Scavenger Hunt around the Magic House . . .

Followed by a Chanukah Party, Treats & Eats for everyone

[CLICK HERE](#) for details!

## 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.

### Hanukah Hugs 2011

Help pack, sort or distribute gifts for the children in the Food Pantry

Date: mid -December

Time: 8:30 -4:30 p.m. Mon-Fri

Contact: Marsha Grazman, 314-576-1217

[mgrazman@yahoo.com](mailto:mgrazman@yahoo.com)

### Food Outreach

Work in grocery center filling orders, and stocking shelves.

Date: Thursday, December 22

Time: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Contact: Ronnie Brockman 314-692-5308

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

### CrownCenter

Help with Hanukah Party, entertainment and dinner

Date: December 22

Time: 5-8 p.m.

Contact: Nancy and Bob Taxman 636--536-0036

[nctaxman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nctaxman@sbcglobal.net)

### Jewish and Muslim Day of Service

A Community Mitzvah Day for 21 agencies in St. Louis

Date: Sunday, December 25

Time: Morning and Afternoon opportunities

9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Place: JCC Staenberg Complex A & E Building

Contact: Gail Wechsler 314-442-3894

[gwechsler@jrcstl.org](mailto:gwechsler@jrcstl.org) or sign up on line

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

Ronald McDonald House  
Prepare and serve breakfast for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House

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)

Faith Beyond Walls  
Deliver meals to the elderly

Saturday, TBD

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: Given on registration

Andy and Stan Shanker 636-532-2642

[Standy1234@gmail.com](mailto:Standy1234@gmail.com)

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

*Sincerely,*

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