

Chadashot

Hakafa School News

Note from the Director of Education

The second half of the school year has started off with great *ruach* (spirit)! We, unfortunately, had to say *l'hitraot* to our 7th grade teacher, Laura Schulman, who will be missed. We are welcoming our new 7th grade teacher, Paula Debofsky, and wishing her a great second semester!

In addition, we have another new staff member to welcome: Matan Ring. Matan is our Israeli Dance Specialist who will be giving folk dancing instruction to the Preschool through 6th grade classes. He is a dance major at Northwestern University and has extensive teaching and leadership experience!

We are so blessed to have such a wonderful staff and volunteers who enrich our children's lives every Sunday and Tuesday. We are able to provide an exposure to music, art, and dance from a Jewish perspective. We are also very fortunate to have Julie Campbell, a Hakafa member, volunteer her time to give our students exposure to Jewish stories and literature. She spends 15-20 minutes with a class telling a story and engaging students in a productive and fun discussion.

That is the news and it is only the beginning of February!! Have a great month!

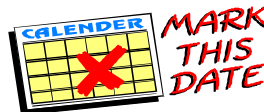
L'shalom, *Bibi*



Junior Choir and Purim Shpeil Performers



The Junior Choir and Purim Shpeil Performers will continue to practice and prepare for the Purim Shpeil immediately following Sunday bagels from 12:00 to 12:45 p.m. at the Glencoe Community Center when there is Religious School. Any child in second grade and up is invited to participate. Please contact Sara Goodman Atar (847-507-1454 or atarsara@yahoo.com) with any questions.



Special Religious School Schedule in February

Please note on your Hakafa Calendar (sent out at the start of the school year) that our schedule for the month of February is different than most months. Because many of the school districts that feed into our congregation do not have school from Friday, February 17 through Tuesday, February 21, we will follow the following schedule:

THERE WILL NOT BE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19.
(THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH)

THERE WILL BE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ON THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, FEBRUARY 26!

THERE WILL BE HEBREW SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21.



Religious Education Committee Meeting

Please join the Religious Education Committee during class on Sunday, February 26 at 10:30 a.m. at the Glencoe Community Center. We will continue working on curriculum changes for next year's program. This is your opportunity to have a significant voice in your child's religious education. Please contact Beth McCullough (847-419-1901 or MikeandBeth_60089@yahoo.com) with any questions.



Tu B'Shevat Parent Volunteers Needed



Tu B'Shevat, the Jewish New Year of the Trees, is coming this month! Parent volunteers are needed to help out on Sunday, February 12 at our Kindergarten through Sixth Grade Tu B'Shevat Seders. If you are willing and able to volunteer your time, please contact Beth McCullough (847-419-1901 or MikeandBeth_60089@yahoo.com). Your help is greatly needed and appreciated!

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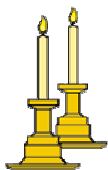
B'nai Mitzvah Workshop

Rabbi Elder's "Walk through the Shabbat Service" b'nai mitzvah workshop series will continue on Sunday, February 12 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE) at the North Shore United Methodist Church in Glencoe. At that time, Rabbi Elder will break down the *Amidah* and the Torah Service, explaining their themes and language. He will again provide an opportunity for families to look through various books and publications in order to continue thinking about how to personalize the service. This series is designed for families of students whose b'nai mitzvah celebrations will be taking place in the year after May 2006. By the end of the series, each family will have the tools to complete the Shabbat service for their upcoming celebration. The workshop series is geared toward students and their parents. All b'nai mitzvah candidates and families are welcome to attend, even if you missed the first two. If you have any questions, please contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or rabbi@hakafa.org).



Coffee Room

Our monthly "Coffee Room" will take place at Religious School on Sunday, February 5. Please stick around in the Community Room after services and enjoy coffee, donuts, and schmoozing with other Hakafa members.



Shabbat Services and Ice Cream Sundae Oneg



Please join us for Shabbat Services led by the Fifth and Sixth Grade Religious School Students and an Ice Cream Sundae Oneg in their honor on the evening of Friday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the Glencoe Community Center. Please RSVP to Rona Elder by February 26 (847-266-8834 or jjelder@sbcglobal.net). Cost for children up to age 13 is \$5. All children 13+ and adults are free!



Sunday Bagels

Todah Rabah (Thank you very much) to the 8th grade families who set-up and cleaned-up the Sunday bagels in January. The Sunday bagels in February will be organized by the families of the Kindergarten Class. Kindergarten families will be receiving calls/emails from your room parent (Debbie Charen) to help out. Please offer your time generously!

Youth Group Events

Two great youth group events are coming up! Save the following dates and watch for more information in the mail:

Saturday evening, February 25

All 6th - 8th graders are invited to join the Junior Youth Group for indoor miniature golf!

Sunday, February 26

All 9th - 12th graders are invited to join the Senior Youth Group for Whirlyball!

If you have any questions, please contact Gaby Siegal (847-494-6898 or gsiegal@cfje.org).



Dates to Note...

February 3 - 3rd and 4th Grade Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner (5:30 p.m.) and Service (7:00 p.m.), WCH
February 12 - Tu B'Shevat celebrated at Religious School
February 19 - No Religious School - Presidents' Day
February 21 - HEBREW SCHOOL IS IN SESSION!
February 25 - Junior Youth Group to Miniature Golf
February 26 - RELIGIOUS SCHOOL IS IN SESSION!
- Senior Youth Group to Whirlyball
March 3 - 5th and 6th Grade Shabbat Service and Ice Cream Sundae Oneg, 7:00 p.m., GCC