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**Adar II 5774**

**Mar 3 – Mar 31**

**Monthly M&M:**

**Shabbat**

***A day of Rest***



**A Monthly  
Newsletter**

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## **HAPPENINGS**

### **Youth Services**

**Shabbat Mishpaha ( First Friday 6:30) - SME**

Apr 4– Tanakh Ceremony and Potluck

**Tot Shabbat 11:15 -12:00**

Mar 8, 22

**Haverim (11:00- 12:00)**

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**Youth Congregation (10:30 – 12:00)**

Mar 8, 15, 22, 29

### **Events**

**Next Family Ed Hours - FEH**

Mar 23 – Hey

Mar 30 – Dalet

Apr 6 – Zayin (part of DIWhy)

**Next Shabbat School and Ruah Rally**

Mar. 8 – 9:30 and 12:00

### **Jewel News**

Session 5 begins Mar 26

**PURIM - Mar 15-16**

Gantze Megillah/HamenScotchen (adults)

Megillah/Purimspiel 9:30

Carnival 10:30 – 2:00

### **SHADOW DAY**

*March 30 9:30 – 12:30*

**PASSOVER DI"Why" - April 6**

Tot/Jgan Passover Party

K-6 TorahQuest

7<sup>th</sup>-Teens Crypto-Seder

Adult Seder Workshops

### **Upcoming Kadima Events**

Next Board meeting Mar. 5 6:15

## **LETS COME ON TIME!!**

**9:30 on Sunday and Saturday and 4:00 on Weds.**

**TODAH!! It's a Kavod thing!**

## **PURIM DAY NEED TO KNOWS!**

We hope parents decide to celebrate Purim with their kids; there will be lots of activities!

**9:30 – 10:30 Family Megillah Reading including Purimspiel presented by our PurimSpielkes JEM participants.**

**10:30 Crazy Hair or Costume Contest!**

**11:00 – 2:00 Carnival**

**12:30 All students not accompanied by parents must be picked up by 12:30. Carnival is free to attend, however, students will need money if they wish to play carnival games and purchase food.**

## **SHADOW DAY**

**March 30 9:30 -12:30**

If you have friends interested in checking out our school, have them sign up for Shadow Day. They will be able to shadow classes of their choice, as well as attend a Q&A session.

**MARCH 12 – Last Day to participate in Mishloah Manot Fundraiser!! Todah to all who have.**

**Mazal Tov! Adar II Bat Mitzvah:**

**27 – Molly Vainish– March 29**

Consider putting a blurb in the Simcha section of the Silicon Valley Jewish News, contact Andrea Grayber at [agrayber@yahoo.com](mailto:agrayber@yahoo.com); 408-377-6224. (It's good for CBD!)

## ADAR BBILS - Bulletin Board Learning

*Sage Page (PAQ):* "Lo Alekha Ha'mlakha ligmor" – you don't need to complete a job, but neither are you free to avoid it!  
*Hageinu* (Our Holidays): Purim; **Mitzvah: Shabbat – its time to take advantage of this gift and put some 'Rest' into our hectic lives!** Hadashot News – always changing!  
**NEW BBIL FORMS at each bulletin board!**

## PASSOVER DI'WHY'!

**April 6 9:30 – 12:30**

This year's mishpaha (family) program for Passover is on April 6. All the activities for tots, kids, teens and adults are focused on Seder DIY (do it yourself) as well as answering some of your 'whys?'. Passover is a time for family and community, so plan to spend the morning learning together with your students! We will culminate with a Moroccan Mimouna feast!!

**SAVE THE DATE: SHABBAT - JUNE 7**

**Students honor Rabbi Pressman's Retirement**  
**June 7, also graduation Shabbat, is the Religious School's opp to honor Rabbi Pressman - we're planning a special presentation which can involve everyone!**

## Assessing Our Inclusivity

(excerpts from article which will appear in April Dvar)

Recently, Irene and I attended the opening session of a series of 4 workshops entitled "Navigating Difference, Embracing Inclusion: Opening Your Synagogue Door even Wider". The workshop was attended by both leaders and members of a variety of synagogues throughout the peninsula all keen on gleaning ideas to navigate a rather rocky road to being *truly inclusive*. The scope of what "Inclusion" means is daunting. A look at the facilitators of the conference reflects the wide range of people true *Inclusion* encompasses. David Robinson represents KESHET (rainbow), an organization that works towards 'equality and inclusion of the LGBTQ community into Jewish life' in the Bay Area. Diane Tobin represents B'Chol Lashon (in every tongue), an organization that helps embrace multi-culturalism in the Jewish community; Jews today are not just Ashkenazi, Sephardi and Mizrahi, but of every race and mix. Marilyn Wacks represents InterfaithFamily, an organization that supports Interfaith families exploring Jewish life. One attendee expanded this idea further as she related her rough experiences being from an entire family that converted together. Finally, David Neufeld represents INCLUDE, a division of JewishLearningWorks (formally known as the Bureau of Jewish Education in San Francisco), that focuses on making sure that families with members with special needs (learning, developmental, physical, medical, social) are also welcomed and embraced.

With regards to tolerance, we Jews should understand better than most that the time for patience has past. Here humanity has evolved and societal norms have already changed. For Judaism to flourish, we must be true to its most basic concept mentioned about 36 times in the torah (especially at Passover): remember that we were once strangers in a strange land and thus act with compassion and justice towards the stranger. Whether the 'strangers' to our Jewish communities represent these distinct groups (LGBTQ, multicultural, interfaith, special needs) or not, our mandate is to be respectful to all by learning to be mindful of our language and our actions.

On Passover we relive our coming out of Egypt, the narrow place, to become the new Jewish nation. In the Korekh step of our Seder, in honor of our sage Hillel, we eat matzah and maror (bitter herbs) together (rather than separately) in a sandwich. Together then, let's all open our doors and our minds wider, and live God's message by reaching out *to receive, come closer, respect = include* all those who wish to enter our sanctuary.