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BRUKHIM HA'BAIM – WELCOME TO JYEP 5776

We're all super excited to welcome you and your new/returning students to our 5776 JYEP school year. We hope to continue our partnership in helping our next generation grow up with a strong and loving Jewish identity in a safe and nurturing Jewish environment. We hope to see you around our portables quad, which we will occupy at least through December (likely longer).

Our 5776 Teaching Staff

A warm welcome to all our returning teachers, as well as some new faces:

- Morah Davida Adelberg (12 years)*
Alef & Gimel Jewish studies, Jewel
- Morah Ora Avidan Antonir (3 years):*
Kita Alef, Gimel Hebrew, Jewel
- Morah Hemy Beer (28 years):* Kita Bet, Jewel
- Morah Barbara Biran (11 years):*
Kita Vav, Jewel, Trope, Youth Congregation
- Morah Leslie Drori (12 years):* Art, Jewel
- Morah Donna Frankel (2 years):* Rikud (dance *Morah*)
- Hindy Ganeles (11 years):* JGan and Gan
- Moreh Amir Guy (NEW!):** Kita Zayin
- Rabbi Philip Ohriner (6 years):*
Family Ed, Jewel, JET
- Morah Sandy Shapiro (NEW):** Kita Dalet
- Morah Robyn Siegel (2 years):* Kita Hey
- Morah Irene Swedroe (12 years)*
JCore Netivot Coordinator, Jewel
- JET/TMT Coordinator & teacher
- Sivan Yahdav (NEW):** USY/Kadima Advisor

MAZAL TOV TO OUR BNEI MITZVAH!

- 30 Av – Ilana Tenberg/Jessica Drabkin Aug 15
- 7 Elul – Rachel Pfalzer Aug 22
- 14 Elul – Rona Graubart Aug 29
- 21 Elul – Nicholas Gotlib Sept 5

HODESH HAPPENINGS

Haverim (11:00- 12:00)

Sept. 12, 26

Youth Congregation (10:30 – 12:00)

Sept. 12, 19, 26

Shabbat School

Sept 12

Back to School !

Sunday, Aug. 23

9:30 – 10 Parent Breakfast/Minyan

10 -11 Parent meeting in Sanctuary

9:45 – 10:50 Students in Class

10:50 -11:05 Student Break

11:15 – 12 Parents in Class/Student meeting

12 – 12:30 All together.

Weds School begins in Sept!

9/2 and 9/9 JCore on Weds.

9/16 Jewel Begins

Youth Selihot Event on Sept. 5

Kadima (6th-8th)/USY Opening event

Includes Social Action/Pudding Bar Social

Vav-Zayin Geniza Field Trip

9/9 Details TBD

Holiday Experiences

(Missing school keeps the Jewish voice heard)

9/13 & 9/23 Youth Services 6:30 to End

9/14 - 9/15 - 9/23

Youth Services (K-7th) 10:30 – Noon

Teen Experience (8-12th) 11:15 – 12:45

Activities (K-6) Noon-End

Other Events

Sept. 20: Cantor Levy Singalong and Tashlikh Event

Sept. 27: Sukkah Decorating (instead of school)

Enjoy a morning of sunshine and art!

Why NewCAJE Rocks by *Davida Adelberg*

When my cousin saw on Facebook a picture posted by Barbara Biran of Iris, Barbara, and me in front of the NewCAJE6 sign at this summer's Conference for the Advancement of Jewish Education at the University of Hartford in West Hartford, CT, she wrote, "Davida, is this a new Rock group?" While I patiently explained about this annual Jewish educators' conference, I realized that, well, yes, CAJE's mission is for teachers and others to go back home, hopefully refreshed and invigorated, so that they can then "rock" their students with creativity and enthusiasm. How would I describe the ways that CAJE (now NewCAJE) does this? Here are my top 5 e-responses:



educational – gives new and creative ideas for our teaching – for lesson plans, curriculum, books, music, art projects, use of technology, and more.

enriching – adds to our professional and personal understanding of Judaism;

gives us exposure to veteran and up-and-coming Jewish culture – musicians, authors, storytellers; offers an impressive array of Jewish vendors selling teaching supplies, books, art, jewelry, crafts, ritual items.

encouraging – provides the opportunity to be part of a caring community of like-minded teachers/clergy/artists, which is both inspiring and comforting. It makes us feel we are, as Cherie Koller-Fox, Director of NewCAJE, said, contributing to the continuity and future of Judaism.

empowering – gives us the feeling that we are not alone at our own synagogue or school or JCC, alone in our own city, alone in our own state, or even alone in our own country. We are connected to the world Jewishly, and this gives us confidence and meaning in what we do.

enlightening – fosters spiritual growth – through prayer, yoga, chanting, drumming, discussing, eating kosher, and more – all a means to help us recognize the "divine light" within.

If teachers feel NewCAJE encompasses all of these 5 "e's" - educational, enriching, encouraging, empowering, and enlightening - and if they can then come back with enthusiasm to their students, then yes, I would say NewCAJE could definitely be considered a Rock group.

Its time for the Teshuvah RAP!

The month of Elul is upon us and it's daily shofar call to action. The 3 sounds of the shofar parallel the 3 steps in the Teshuvah RAP – my mnemonic for the task the shofar is calling us to do. Use this mnemonic with your kids too! There is even a song, which is on the song page of the WIKI. R- Reflect (first you need to realize what you've done wrong). A – Apologize. P- Prevent (no apology is worthy if you've not thought about how to prevent yourself from getting in this boat in the first place)! Visit the Mitzvah of the Month BBIL board in Portable 3 for more Teshuvah insight.

The school WIKI site is the place to get all info! You can reach the site directly at cbdshulschool.wikispaces.org or through www.beth-david.org>learning>JEP. Bookmark it!

Lets Rock the Shabbat Welcome with Thank God its Shabbat or TGIU

Returning students may have noticed a new set of worksheets in their Black Hole packets this summer. A worksheet corresponding to one of 7 prayers from Shabbat Mishpaha Service which has now been renamed TGI"Shabbat" (Shin – the first letter of Shabbat). Why the name change?? We've had so many adults complement the upbeat service, that we'd like to make sure everyone feels welcome – its for anyone who likes kids! In addition the associated potluck will now have a theme (such as Chinese, Israeli, etc), in hopes that others will enjoy joining us. Why the worksheets?? Now each grade will be introduced to one of the 7 prayers, perhaps over the years, the students will become more familiar and enjoy coming and really leading them from the Shulkhan (the torah table in the sanctuary) – though they're welcome up there whether they know the prayer or not! Want to learn them or help your student? Check out the [TGIU](#) page on the WIKI for all melodies! TGIU occurs on most first Fridays of each month during the school year. Our first TGIU service will follow the Sukkah dinner, the first potluck will occur in November with our SIGD celebration, and the Siddur presentation to Kita Gimel.