



תורה HOD-SHEET

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MITZVAT HaHODESH:

TESHUVAH

Returning (to the right path)

Event Highlighter

Youth Services

Shabbat Mishpaha (Friday 6:30)

9/4

Haverim (10:30 -11:30)

9/12

Youth Congregation (10 – 11:30)

9/12

Also check out Tot Shabbat, PJ Shabbat and Shir Shabbat times....

High Holiday Services

•Rosh HaShana Eve 9/18 6pm

(K-2; 3rd-4th; 5th-7th, babysitting)

•Rosh HaShana Day 1 9/19 10am

(K-2, 3rd-4th; 5th-7th, babysitting; tot service at 11)

•Rosh Hashana Family 9/11 10am

Family Service

•Kol Nidre 9/27 6pm

(K-2; 3rd-4th; 5th-7th, babysitting)

•Yom Kippur Day 9/28 10 am

(K-2, 3rd-4th; 5th-7th, babysitting; tot service at 11)

•Yom Kippur Neila 9/28 5 pm

Activities K-5th; babysitting

Events

Back to School

9/13 9:30 -12:30

Parents start after minyan at 10 am

Cantor Levy concert at 3 pm

Sukkot

Friday, 10/2 *Sukkah Supper* (RSVP)

Sunday, 10 /4 Kids Program 9:30 -12:30

Simhat Torah

Saturday, 10/10 – service 7:30 pm

Sunday, 10/11 Kids Program 9:30 -12:30

Presentations to new students

Ganon/Pizza & Prizes

Sunday, 10/18 Ganon starts, 10:45 -12:30

Sunday, 10/18 Pizza & Prizes, 12:30 -1:00

(for students who turned in completed Black Hole prevention program; all new students invited to join).

BRUKHIM HA'BAIM!

Welcome to our 5770 school year and Volume 7 of Hodsheet, our monthly Religious School newsletter. **Brukhim ha'baim – welcome** – to all our new student families and our returning families.

Hodsheet comes from the word Hodesh – month. A new issue of Hodsheets comes out at the beginning of every new Jewish month. In it you'll find Mitzvat HaHodesh (the monthly mitzvah) which will be highlighted on our M&M (Middot and Mitzvot) board in the hall and discussed in each class. We invite you to discuss this mitzvah (commandment) with your family.

Each month a hard copy of Hodsheets is distributed to each student, and can be found in the lobby. E-copies are sent with our weekly 'need to know' email (called La Daat, 'to know') and can also be found on our WIKI site (see back for details about our wiki). Please check Hodsheets each month for service details, event updates, reminders, B'nei mitzvah mazal tovs, and other articles.

מזל טוב

Elul Bnei Mitzvah

Heather Fils 8/22

Danielle Factor 8/29

Gorey Goldberg 9/5

Danielle Sigura 9/12

5770 USCJ CALENDAR

Those of you on the USCJ mailing list probably received the latest calendar with our tile mural in honor of Rabbi Pressman's 25th anniversary on the FRONT cover! Thank you to Morot Leslie and Hemy for coordinating and creating this beautiful tile mural honoring Rabbi Pressman's 25th anniversary at Beth David. Thank you to Rabbi Pressman for submitting the mural as an entry and to Howard Gannes for the amazing photo. We're so proud we made the cover! If you wish to order a copy, please call 1-800-574-2566

MILE SWING

Last year we introduced a new Hebrew Prayer program for grades 4-6 called MILE (Modular Individual Learning Exercises). Over the course of the year and summer we decided on some changes as follows:

1. Each grade will do their MILE hour in their own class, with their own teacher.
2. Students who are not at/near 'grade level' (either Nativ 1 or Nativ 2) will study Hebrew/tefilla separately with Morah Shirie and join the MILE class only if they reach 'grade level'.
PLEASE NOTE: Students who are in Nativ 2 because they are new get 1 year of 'free' tutoring in Shirie's class as long as they attend regularly and complete assignments. See the fee form (on the wiki) for the Nativ 1 & 2 fees.
3. The MILE teacher will devote half the time to a more traditional teaching approach using an 'average' learning timeline. This time will include discussion of the prayer and it's kavannah (meaning), learning of keywords, decoding and recitation practice. The homework schedule follows this 'average' timeline.
4. The other half of the hour will be devoted to learning independently in groups or individually at student pace. Students can either progress at a faster or slower pace than "average", teacher will either add or subtract modules accordingly.

MILE was introduced in order to give us the flexibility to mold the curriculum to each student's potential. Please let us know right away if you or your student have any questions or concerns.

CBD SHULSCHOOL – OUR WIKI

-What is a WIKI?

Like the famous Wikipedia, a wiki is an on-line site which allows anyone to edit, delete, or modify the contents. Our wiki is 'private' and so only school staff is able to modify its pages, and we can do so without having to wait for a webmaster to do so.

-Why should I visit the WIKI site?

The wiki is our eco-method of communication with you. On this one site you can find just about everything related to the Religious School. From photos, homework assignments, forms, music, updated calendar, and announcements to just for fun Jewish links; its all on our wiki! Our hope: if everyone starts going to the wiki for everything, we can go paperless thereby saving both money AND our planet!

-PLEASE wander the WIKI !

For now all you need to do is bookmark (add to favorites) this site for quick access!

www.cbdshulschool.wikispaces.com

However, we're very excited that when the new Beth David website comes on-line, you will be able to access the wiki directly from the Religious School page!

Hallway Learning – Check out our Bulletin Boards! They are informational and educational!

1. **Jews in the News:** often adult oriented news of interest
2. **Holiday Board** – Currently about the Shofar
3. **M&M** – Middot (virtues) and Mitzvot (commandments), Jewish month (Elul), mitzvah (teshuva) and Woman of Valor (Ray Frank) of the month. Class takes 'field trip' to this board.
4. **Ot HaShavua** - letter of week and associated mitzvah or middah; introduced in class.
5. **Milot HaShavua** – words of week. 5 Hebrew words and 1 Yiddish word; introduced in class and used.
6. **Our Mitzvah Projects** – our school projects; and your student's bar/bat mitzvah project (please send).
7. **Torah Board:** Parashat HaShavua and Pirket Avot.
8. **Holiday Board** – currently High Holiday traditions.
9. **Nurture Nature** – Eco tips.

Pinat Ivrit פינת עברית Hebrew Corner

Brukhim HaBa'im – welcome (pl)

Hodesh – month

Mitzvah – commandment

Madrikhim – teen aides (also TMT)

Teshuvah – repent; return to correct path

Transliterating CH (e.g. L'Chaim)

In Hebrew two letters make this guttural sound, which used to be transliterated as CH.

ח- "Het" = H (like Hodsheets)

כּ - "Khaf" is "kh" (like brukhim or madrikhim).