



# תורה HOD-SHEET

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## שבט

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MITZVAT HaHODESH:

Shmirat HaTeva

Caring for Nature

**Featured Woman of Valor:**

**Justine Polier**

## Event Highlighter

### Youth Services

Haverim (10:30 -11:30)

1/9, 1/23

Youth Congregation (10 – 11:30)

1/9, 1/23

We invite you to join the Sisterhood Shabbat service on 1/16 and Rabbi's 50<sup>th</sup> Bar Mitzvah Anniversary on 1/30.

### Events

#### Jewbilee Day of Learning

1/24 1:00 – 8:00 at APJCC

#### Siddur Presentation Ceremony

1/31 at 11:00

Celebration follows for recipients (gimel and older new students) and their parents from 11:45 – 12:30

#### Up Coming Family Education Hours

Kita Bet – 1/24 at 11:30

Kita Zayin – 1/31 at 11:30

Kita Gan/Alef/Bet/Vav - 2/7 at 11:30

#### Hagigat Noar & Shabbat Supper

Feb. 5, 2010

Shabbat Mishpaha Service at 6:30 includes

Scout Shabbat

Scouts from any troop/pack invited to participate (parts are on the wiki).

Torah Reader's Club Induction

Students completing the Torah trope class

Humash Presentation

All member pre-bnei mitzvah 6<sup>th</sup> graders

Shabbat Supper at 7:30

\$30 max/family RSVP by 2/2 to

<http://beth-david.org/rsvp/>

#### Holiday Break

2/13 – 2/21 President's Day Break

### MISHLOAH MANOT NEWS!

Look for your Mishloah Manot forms in the mail; beginning of Shvat! Remember, without a successful fundraiser we will not be able to maintain our programming, so please participate! Big thanks to Irene Swedroe for continuing to coordinate this program.

Please don't miss out on events!

Read weekly La'daat

& Monthly Hodsheets!

**THANK YOU to the 25 families who passed "the test"!**

Question is how do I 'get' the rest of you to read!?

## מזל טוב

### Shvat B'nei Mitzvah

Ryan Hilleman 1/23

Edan & Liam Har-el 2/13

## Visit the Tu B'Shvat Museum at Jewbilee

Please check out the Jewbilee site for all the wonderful events, lectures and concerts scheduled from 1pm to 8 pm on Jan 24<sup>th</sup> at the Addison Penzak JCC (Los Gatos)

Bring the kids to the Tu B'Shvat hands-on museum between 2:30 -4:40.

<http://www.svjcc.org/jplace/jewbilee/>

Pinat Ivrit פינת עברית Hebrew  
Corner

Shmira – caring for, guarding

Teva – nature

Tu B'Shvat – Tu (Tet Vav) – 15<sup>th</sup> of Shvat

Support Nathan Zadkovsky's Bar Mitzvah  
Project!

Bring in you used athletic shoes to box in lobby.

Check out <http://www.nikereuseashoe.com/>  
to see what will happen to your shoes next!

Here is a reminder from last year's 'SHMIRAT HaTEVA' efforts –has your family reduced its carbon footprint?

### TevaTips for an Eco Me

Just a reminder that our school-wide assignment is to post these in our home and try as a family to incorporate as many as we can into our lives. "It's a matter of life and breath"! You can get the fancy version off the wiki – Social Actions page [yes, its still there!]:

**I WILL MAKE EVERY DAY EARTH DAY** – be environmentally aware about all you do.

**I WILL KNOW WHERE TO THROW** – recyclables (paper, glass, cans, re-plastic) go to the recyclable bin. Biodegradables should go into a green biodegradable bag (or no bag).

**I WILL SACK THE PLASTIC** – stop using plastic bags for shopping and take reusable bags when shopping. [And this year's motto: Be fantastic, stop using plastic].

**I WILL GO REFILLABLE** - Save money and the environment by drinking tap or home filtered water in reusable bottles and not plastic ones. "I will bring my own mug to Starbucks"!

**I WILL REPAIR THE AIR**- bike, walk, skate, use the bus. Make sure family drives smart too (e.g. use carpools when possible, combine errands).

**I WILL BE ELECTRICALLY LITE!** Turn off lights, TV, computers, appliances whenever not in use. Turn heat down and use a sweater! Make sure using CFL bulbs!

**I WILL STOP THE DROP** – Don't let water run unless you absolutely have to, and if so capture it for later use. Take short showers. Run dish and clothes washers only when full.

**I WILL PLANT A TREE** – trees absorb CO2 -we need more to counter global warming.

**I WILL REUSE, BUY LOCAL** – by choosing used DVD's, CD's, books (library) and buying locally made goods, less natural resources/energy is used.

**I WILL USE MY VOICE:** Encourage family and friends to be environmentally aware too!

#### About Our Woman of Valor for Shvat, Justine Polier:

*"Passionate concern may lead to errors of judgment, but the lack of passion in the face of human wrong leads to spiritual bankruptcy..."*

Justine Polier was a family court judge who had an unwavering commitment to uphold the rights of all people, especially the disempowered. Check out the Mitzvah board for more, starting on the first of Shvat - Jan 16<sup>th</sup>. Until then, you can still learn about Emma Lazarus, who's famous quote graces the Statue of Liberty ( "Give me your tired, your poor....")