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HODESH HAPPENINGS

Youth Services

Shabbat Mishpaha

Hagigat Noar – 2/1

Haverim (10:30 -11:30)

Feb. 9

Youth Congregation (10 – 11:30)

Jan 26, Feb 9

Events

PRESIDENT'S DAY BREAK

Feb. 16 – Feb 23

RETURN SUNDAY, FEB 24 - PURIM

UP COMING FAMILY ED HOURS

Jan 27 – Gan/Alef

Jan 27 – Dalet

Feb. 3- Vav

Feb 10 – Gimel

MITZVAH DAY AT OFJCC

Monday, Jan 21

TU BISHVAT SEDERS

Shabbat, Jan 26 11:30 -12:15

KITA ZAYIN JCC TRIP

Jan 27, meet at JCC at 9:30.

SAVE THE DATE! 50th Anniversary!

NEW DATE – April 7

Upcoming Kadima Events

Jan. 20– Petroglyphs

VACATION PLANNING!

PURIM

Please be sure you note that Purim is during President's Day break this year. Try to be back by the weekend so you can enjoy Edward Tischler's Bar Mitzvah on 2/23, Megillah Reading, Zayin Purimspiel and Carnival on 2/24.

PASSOVER

Note that Passover is early this year and thus our Spring break is split into two. Passover break from Sunday 3/24 – Sunday 3/31. We then return to school for 4/3 and 4/7 and are back on break from 4/10 -4/21.

Such is the Jewish lunar-solar cycle!

REMINDER FROM IRENE!

Please keep us informed with updated IEP/504 plans. Also be sure we know about any newly found allergies or changes in medical status!

FEBRUARY IS JEWISH DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

The mission of Jewish Disability Awareness Month is to unite Jewish communities and organizations for the purpose of raising awareness and supporting meaningful inclusion of people with disabilities and their families in every aspect of Jewish life. You can help by making sure to teach your children to be tolerant and patient of people with disabilities. We are all made in God's image.

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WHAT IS TU B'SHVAT? (Based on article "a Taste of Tu B'Shvat" by Lisa Tuttle).

Tu B'Shvat, the fifteenth of *Shvat*, the fourth month of the Jewish calendar, is one of the four New Years in Jewish tradition. Originally it was a day to mark the legal age of fruit-bearing trees for the collection of tithes; fruits are not to be eaten until after the 3rd year. Over time, *Tu B'Shvat* evolved into a Jewish Earth Day. With tree planting is a core custom, it also a logically a time to also increase our awareness of environmental and ethical issues dealing with consumption and sustainability. For instance, at the Annual Hazon Food Conference, participants shared four days with leaders and innovators in the new Jewish food movement exploring the connection between food justice and the choices we make about food. *Tu B'Shvat* is a fitting time to learn about *mitzvot* relating to *Bal tashhit*: protecting the earth, reflected in the Torah's prohibition against cutting down the fruit trees of an enemy in war time. This is extended to protect all aspects of nature from the 3 R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) to objects in which human labor is intertwined with the products of the earth. *Sh'mirat haguf*: the protection of one's own body, which could be understood to prohibit eating unhealthy foods and those that contain artificial chemicals;

Tzedakah: the sharing of our resources with the poor;

Brakha: showing gratitude and blessing, and *Kedushah*: infusing our actions with holiness.

The kabbalists of 16th century T'zfat in Northern Israel created a mystical *seder* for Tu B'Shvat, modeled on the Passover *seder*. The *Tu B'Shvat seder* involves drinking four cups of wine or grape juice, as in the Passover *seder*, and eating up to fifteen different fruits, which include the seven fruits mentioned in the Torah: wheat, barley, dates, figs, grapes, olives, and pomegranates. Prayers are said that enhance our appreciation for trees and fruits and, often, the four mystical worlds of the *kabbalah* are invoked. **Join our Beth David Seders on January 26 at 11:30!!**

PEOPLE OF ISRAEL BOARD: **YEMENITE**

Check out the board outside Rm. 5 (starting in mid Jan) for a look at one of the distinctive cultures in Israel. Remember that our ISRAEL CULTURE FAIR IS ON MOTHER'S DAY; Kita Dalet will be teaching us about the Yemenite Jews.

Tevet Woman of Valor: Hannah Solomon (Woman of Valor for Shvat)

Hannah Greenebaum Solomon was the celebrated founder of the National Council of Jewish Women, the first national association of Jewish women and also an important force for reform in Chicago around the turn of the twentieth century.

2/6 *Shvat* Bnei Mitzvah:

Shir Shelef – 29 Shvat, Feb. 9