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Kedusha Holiness

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MAZAL TOV TEVET-SHVAT BNEI MITZVAH

12 Jared Weinstock Bar Mitzvah – Jan 3

19 Derron Mendel – Jan 10

4 Nadav Ben-David – Jan 24



Groundbreaking! A Kedusha moment for us

Its fitting that this month our Mitzvah is Kedusha – holiness. The word holy (root - kadosh) probably conjures up a variety of images, yet in Judaism we 'do holy' a lot; we make Kiddush, recite the Kedusha, do Kiddushin, and say Kaddish – all from the same root. What we're really doing is separating out a moment in time and elevating it by using a special action to highlight that moment. So we highlight Shabbat by making Kiddush; we elevate a moment of remembering one who has died with a Kaddish etc. This month we will have the opportunity to highlight and make holy a special moment for our congregation. On Jan 25 we will be holding a groundbreaking ceremony as we officially begin the remodel of our building. What's Kadosh about this? Its important we remember to look beyond the planning, the packing (we're at 250 boxes and counting just in the school wing), the fundraising, the scheduling, and the inconveniences that will lie ahead this year, and highlight that this project is about our community. **Our** Jewish community. This is an opportunity for us to come together to elevate this moment in time and to embrace the possibilities that this new home will bring to our lives and the lives of our children. This building already houses our Kehilla Kedosha – holy community: we formulate ideas here, we learn together, we pray together, we celebrate together, we do tikkun olam together – *Groundbreaking* will elevate and make holy our renewed commitment to these Jewish values in our new space. We'll be asking the students to participate in several ways (see next page) and as we will not have much in-class prep time, we will need parent help to make sure they are ready for this special Kedusha moment.

HODESH HAPPENINGS

Haverim (11:00- 12:00)

Jan 10

Youth Congregation (10:30 – 12:00)

Jan 10, Jan 24

Zayin Shabbat School

Jan 3, 10, 24

SME - Shabbat Mishpaha Experience

Feb 6 6:30; Potluck 7:30

Torah Reader's Club Induction

Scout Shabbat

All School Shabbat School – Jan 10

PLEASE COME ON TIME – 9:30!

Mitzvah Day – Jan 18

During Regular School Hours

Parent Ed Hr at 11:30

Transition to portables – Jan 19

Be sure to note drop off/pick up routes. Check LaDaat/Wiki for latest info as we know it.

Groundbreaking Ceremony– Jan 25

Please see articles for details

Artist in Residence with students

Artist Mordechai Rosenstein

1/28 4th-7th During School hours

2/1 PreK-3rd During School hours/brunch

FEH: Family Ed Hours

1/18 11:30 All Parents

2/1 11:30 Zayin students/parents

2/8 11:30 Dalet students/parents

President's Day Break

2/14-2/22

MITZVAH OF THE MONTH - KEDUSHA - HOLINESS MANY WAYS TO DO "HOLY" at CBD!

Kedusha for Groundbreaking and Beyond

Its not everyday that your synagogue gets remodeled, and we'd like your help to be sure your student knows that they are an important part of the CBD community. Ultimately, "Next 50" is for them; they should take their participation seriously, and take caring for our new building to heart. For January 25 help them

1. Dress Holy -elevate the event and dress nicely with nice white shirts, and dark skirt/pants.
2. Think Holy – students will be asked to write/draw a prayer or thought for their community for the Next 50, and return it by the 18th. The best few will be read out loud at the ceremony; all will be displayed in a poster.
3. Act Holy - With good will, in class, students will select one person from each class to represent the class to shovel a scoop of soil at the site.
4. Sing Holy - We'll sing "Am Ehad Lev Ehad" (one people, one heart), at the ceremony. We will begin practicing when we return; especially preK-2 should learn the chorus at home (see "Songs" page of WIKI) as there won't be enough school days to learn it, yet we want the message to sink in.

Doing Kedusha at Mitzvah Day

Engaging in SATO – Social Action and Tikkun Olam – is a prime Jewish directive, and goes far to elevate seemingly simply opportunities for social community gathering to the level of kedusha. Our 'prime directive' is to actually "be holy because I [God] am holy". So beyond elevating moments with special actions, we are to elevate our life with special actions. In the past Beth David engaged in a huge community Mitzvah Day which was truly an inspiring day of both community and service. It was discontinued mostly because its difficult to find a super-volunteer who could put such an endeavor into action. For me it was a loss of a wonderful hands-on 'elevate our life with special action' day for our students. So after attempting to go to off-site mitzvah days with limited success I decided we'd try our own. Last year worked out wonderfully and we hope that this year's mitzvah day will also impart on the students the feeling of Kedusha that engaging in SATO is. Parent help is always welcomed, and then at 11:30 please attend the Parent Education Hour.

Doing the Kedusha at services!

In the Heshvan issue we discussed how Tefilla, prayer, helps us JAM (Judge our actions, come closer to Adonai, and, Mingle with Jews). The structure (matbeah) of the Jewish service, helps us humans tune in to the power of the words we are to repeat so often but take time for us to 'get'. An important part of the structure is the recitation of the Kedusha part of the Amidah. The action of reciting the Kedusha specifically is to state that "We will sanctify God's Name in the world", and it is recited in full only when praying with a minyan. During the recitation we rise up on to our toes, symbolically bringing us closer to God in the heavens. Stating 'kadosh, kadosh, kadosh' is a triple-strengthened call for us to act as a Kehilla Kedoshah – Holy Community – and sanctify God's name in the world by performing the commandments in the world. Feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, lifting the fallen, celebrating Shabbat – are some of the many ways we can heed the call of Kedusha to bring Kedusha to the world. Catch the spirit of Kedusha - come to services, learn to JAM, and be part of our dor l'dor (generation to generation) *Next 50* link to Kedusha.

PURIM Kedusha!

Believe it or not Purim is almost upon us. We do kedusha at Purim by giving Mishloah Manot. Look for forms in next D'var. This fundraiser is a crucial source of funds for our school programming, especially Myuhad, our program for Special Needs. In fact, February is Jewish Special Needs awareness month.



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Happy Purim

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