

SCHOOL NEWS
January 2010
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Tevet is the third month of the Hebrew calendar and started on the last day of Chanukah. By now, you know that every Hebrew Rosh Chodesh (new month), we change our Mitzvah Project. So although we were on vacation, the new Mitzvah, "Keeping Kosher For A Week" already started. To perform this Mitzvah, you can choose any of the activities according to your family's observance level. We encourage the whole family to participate, not just the children. Here are activities that you can do:

- 1) For one full week, bring only kosher snacks (child-oriented) to public school.
- 2) For one week, try to keep food (family-oriented) kosher in the home. Parents and children should write a diary about it. Eat only on paper plates with plastic ware. Buy only kosher products (cold or hot from kosher places).
- 3) Visit someone who keeps a kosher kitchen. Write down what you saw that was different in their kitchen.
- 4) If you keep a kosher home, but usually don't wait after a meat meal to have dairy, try for one week to wait 3 hours before you have dairy.
- 5) If you keep a kosher home but outside eat everything, try to avoid shellfish, pork products or mixing dairy and meat.

* Each child needs to bring a written note from their parents describing what they have done.

Toward the end of January, we will have Parent/Teacher Conferences. On Sunday, 1/24 Kindergarten/Sunday School will not have regular school. Instead, parents will have time to speak with the teacher. Mechina & Gimel conferences will take place on Tuesday, 1/26 from 6:30-9:30 pm. Alef, Bet, Daled and Hey will take place on Wednesday, 1/27 from 6:30-9:30 pm. There will be no regular classes on that day.

On the last day of January, Sunday 1/31, we will have the Alef Consecration in the Main Sanctuary from 10:00-11:00 am. This day is also Tu B'Shevat (New Year for the Trees). The Mitzvah of "Don't Destroy the Environment" will start on January 16 because that's when Rosh Chodesh starts. You will receive an email describing the monthly Mitzvah and activities that you can do.

SCHOOL CALENDAR – JANUARY 2010

- Jan. 4 (Mon) School resumes
- 8 (Fri) Family Friendly Service – 7:00 - 8:00 PM
- 10 (Sun) Tallit & Tefillah Group A Session 6 – for both Daled & Hey
9:00 AM-11:00 AM in the Kirschner Room
Hey students must bring tefillin to Tallit & Tefillah Services
Daled 209 – 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
It's A Girl Thing – 4:30 PM
- 11 (Mon) School Committee Meeting – 8:15 PM in Library

- 15-18 (Fri-Mon) Martin L. King Vacation – No school or Jr. Congregation
- 24 (Sun) Tallit & Tefillah Group B Session 6 – for both Daled & Hey
9:00 AM-11:00 AM in the Kirschner Room
Hey students must bring tefillin to Tallit & Tefillah Services
Daled 209 – 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Parent-Teacher Conferences for Kind/Sunday School only –
All other Sunday classes have regular school
- 26-27 (Tue-Wed) Parent-Teacher Conferences – 6:30 - 9:30 PM - No regular school
- 29 (Fri) Family Friendly Service – 7:00 – 8:00 PM
- 31 (Sun) Tallit & Tefillah Groups A & B Session 7 – for both Daled & Hey
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM in the Kirschner Room
Hey students must bring tefillin to Tallit & Tefillah Services
Daled 209 – 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Alef Consecration – 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – Tu B'Shevat Day