

SCHOOL NEWS

January 2012

January is usually a quiet month, but this year we will offer a very special experience. The Express Innovation Team has created a Havdalah program, with the cooperation of the Men's Club and Sisterhood, which will appeal to all ages and cater to all of our senses.

The program will take place on Saturday evening, January 28th (there will be a flyer at a later date with more information). What is so unique about this? The program was created to build a sense of community and belonging. It was created to give you skills, knowledge and speaks to your heart. A few weeks before the event, we will send an email message with a link to YouTube, where you can watch our Rabbi and Cantor conducting a Havdalah service.

On the evening of the program, we will have a special seating arrangement where different age groups of adults and families will be assigned to sit together. During the evening, each table will create a craft project together. There will also be a discussion among the participants about their past week and wishes for the coming week. Each table will have a captain who will assist the participants with their activities. We will have the Havdalah service itself, where participants will receive their own Havdalah set of ritual objects at the door. We will also provide nice refreshments and a DJ will get us dancing and having fun.

The week after the Havdalah program, we will have Parent/Teacher Conferences for Mechina through Hey students. On Tuesday, January 24th from 6:30-9:30 pm, conferences will take place for Mechina and Gimel classes. On Wednesday, January 25th, conferences will take place for Alef, Bet, Daled and Hey classes from 6:30-9:30 pm. There will be no school on January 24th or 25th. On Sunday, January 29th, the last Parent/Teacher Conference day will take place for Kindergarten and Sunday School, and there will be no school for these grades. All other grades will have regular classes.

On Sunday, January 29th, we will celebrate the Alef Consecration in the Main Sanctuary. All parents of Alef students are invited to attend this milestone event as their children receive their first Siddurim.

I hope it will be a great month for all of our children, parents and teachers.