

## Gimel Class (Third Grade) Special Events & Family Connection Calendar

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### Session II

Please note: This is a special events/ family events calendar only. This is NOT a list of all religious school dates. Please note: On the four family activity days, second session families (parents and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders) will join us from 9:00 – 11:00 am in lieu of regular class. See details below.

Date	Activities and Events	Times and Location
<b>Sunday, September 9</b>	<b>“Meet Your Teachers” Open House</b>	Drop in between : 12 noon – 1:00 pm
<b>Thursday, September 13</b>	<b>Rosh Hashanah Services</b> and activities for 3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grade students	11:30 am
<b>Sunday, September 16</b>	<b>First day of Sunday classes</b>  <b>Opening Day Assembly</b>	Parents please join us at 12:55 pm
<b>Saturday, September 22</b>	<b>Yom Kippur Services</b> and activities for 3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grade students	11:30 am
<b>Wednesday, September 26</b>	<b>K-3 Family Picnic</b> in the Sukkah <b>Erev Sukkot Family Services</b>	5:30 pm 7:00 pm
<b>Sunday, September 30</b>	<b>New Members Orientation</b> w/ Rabbi Jaffe	9:00 – 10:30 am
<b>Sunday, October 14</b>	<b>Family Connection</b> Activity #1 “Exploring Genesis: B’tzelem Elohim – Reflecting God through our Actions” <i>Please plan to attend with your third grader</i> <b>New Members Orientation</b> w/ Rabbi Brown	<b>9:00 – 11:00 am</b>     11:15 am – 12:45 pm
<b>Sunday, October 21</b>	Parents join students in class for Hebrew  <b>New Members Orientation</b> (Education focus with Marilyn Stern and Jodi Kaufman)	12:15 – 1:15 pm  <b>9:00 – 10:00 am</b>
<b>Saturday, November 3</b>	<b>Simchat Shabbat Family Service</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> grade students are special participants in this service	11:00 am
<b>Sunday, November 11</b>	<b>Family Connection</b> Activity #2 “A Shabbat Journey” <i>Please plan to attend with your third grader</i>	<b>9:00 – 11:00 am</b>
<b>Saturday, December 1</b>	<b>Simchat Shabbat Family Service</b> Kindergarten students are special participants in this service	11:00 am
<b>Sunday, December 2</b>	<b>Chanukiyah Contest</b>	To be determined
<b>Saturday, December 8</b> <b>Sunday, December 9</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Kallah</b> – Family Overnight Retreat (in lieu of religious school)	Arrival Saturday 9- 9:30 am Departure Sunday 12 noon
<b>Sunday, December 16</b>	<b>No School:</b> Parent – Teacher Conferences	11:15 am – 1:15 pm

<b>Saturday, January 5</b>	<b>K – 3 Simchat Shabbat Family Service</b> <b>Lunch follows</b> Shabbat Activity 11:00-11:30. Service begins at 11:30 followed by lunch	11:00 am
<b>Sunday, January 13</b>	<b>Family Connection Activity #3</b> “A Tu B’ Shevat Seder: What Judaism and Dr. Seuss Teach us about being Guardians of the Earth” <i>Please plan to attend with your third grader</i>	<b>9:00 - 11:00 am</b>
<b>Saturday, February 9</b>	<b>Simchat Shabbat Service</b> 3rd grade students help lead services	11:00 am
<b>Saturday, March 15</b>	<b>Simchat Shabbat Family Service</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade students help lead services	11:00 am
<b>Sunday, March 16</b>	Learning about the Hebrew Program (Mitkadem)	<b>12:35 pm</b> parents join Students in class
<b>Thursday, March 20</b>	<b>Purim Carnival</b> <b>Megillah Reading and Purim Spiel</b>	4:00 – 6:30 pm 6:30 – 7:30 pm
<b>Sunday, March 30</b>	<b>Family Connection Activity #4</b> “Passover Freedom Fest around the Jewish World” <i>Please plan to attend with your third grader</i>	<b>9:00 - 11:00 am</b>
<b>Friday, April 4</b>	<b>Erev Shabbat dinner for families with young children</b> (grade 3 and younger)	6:15 pm (following Tot Shabbat)
<b>Sunday, May 4</b>	<b>Mitzvah Day</b> in lieu of Religious School (pre-registration required)	
<b>Saturday, May 10</b>	<b>Simchat Shabbat Family Service</b>	11:00 am
<b>Wednesday, May 14</b>	<b>No Wednesday Classes for 3rd Grade classes only</b>	
<b>Thursday, May 15</b>	<b>Siyyum HaSefer Ceremony</b> All Third Grade Families are invited to this milestone event in honor of the children’s Hebrew reading accomplishments. No THURSDAY classes for 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade only	6:00 pm final rehearsal 7:00 pm Ceremony
<b>Sunday, May 18</b>	<b>Closing Class Activities and Religious School Celebration</b>	

### **Simchat Shabbat Family Services for K-3**

Simchat Shabbat Family Services are monthly Shabbat morning services for families with children in grades K-3. These joyful, family-friendly services, led by Rabbi Brown and a song leader, include music, stories, and interactive learning about Jewish prayer. Services will take place 11:00 am -12:00 pm Services are followed by a “bagel oneg.” Simchat Shabbat Family Services are participatory experiences and our hope is that as students take on roles in the service they will better be able to participate and find meaning in the service experience. (see February 9th above).

