

K-2 (Gan-Bet) Special Events Calendar
for Thursday Families
5768/2007-2008

THIS IS ONLY A LISTING OF “TORAH TIME” DATES & SPECIAL EVENTS FOR K-2.
This is not a complete schedule of Thursday religious school dates.

- Sunday, September 9** **“Meet Your Teachers” Open House**
Drop in between 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday September 13** **Rosh Hashanah Family Service (2:30 p.m)**
- Saturday, September 15** **Shabbat Morning Gathering for Families with Young Children**
9:30 – 11:00 am mini service with Rachel Cole
followed Oneg nosh and New Year Activities
- Thursday, September 20** **First Day of Religious School**
Opening Day Assembly
(Parents please join us 5:10 – 5:30 p.m.)
- Saturday, September 22** **Yom Kippur Family Service (2:15 p.m.)**
- Wednesday, September 26** Celebrate the “**Season of Our Joy**” with your family at the Family Picnic in the Sukkah
for families with young children(5:30 p.m.); Followed by the joyous and musical **Sukkot**
Family Service (7:00 p.m)
- Thursday, September 27** **No classes – Sukkot**
- Sunday, September 30** **New Members Orientation** with Rabbi Jaffe
(9:00-10:30 a.m.)
(For new members only-childcare provided with advance sign-up)
- Wednesday, October 3** **Simchat Torah Festivities: (7:00 p.m.)**
Celebrate the Joy of Torah (featuring the TORAH and the TEMPLE ISAIAH KLEZMER
Band!)
- Thursday, October 4** **No classes – Simchat Torah**
- Sunday, October 14** **New Members Orientation** with Rabbi Brown
(11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m.)
(For new members only-childcare provided with advance sign-up)
- Sunday, October 21** **Religious School Orientation for New Members**
with Marilyn Stern and Jodi Kaufman
(9:00-10:00 a.m) *(childcare provided with advance sign-up)*
K-2 Curriculum overview for parents 10:00 – 11:00 am or 12:15 – 1:15 pm
- Thursday, October 25** **Torah Time** 3:30 – 3:50 pm Parents are encouraged to participate
1st and 2nd grade Family Activity 1st grade and 2nd grade parents please stay for the
remainder of the session with your child)
A Journey to Mitzvahland
- Sunday, October 28** **Consecration Service – 9:30-10:30 a.m.**
For all kindergarten & new first grade students & their families)

Saturday, November 3	Simchat Shabbat Family Services (11:00 a.m.) 1 st grade students are special participants in this service
Thursday, November 22	No Classes – Thanksgiving
Saturday, December 1	Simchat Shabbat Family Services (11:00 a.m.) Kindergarten students are special participants in this service
Thursday, December 13	Chanukah Celebration and Candlelighting Parents please join us from 5:00 - 5:30 pm
Thursday, December 20	No Classes: Parent/Teacher Conferences K-2 only
Thursday, December 27 & Thursday, January 3	No Classes: Winter Vacation
Saturday, January 5	Simchat Shabbat Family Services: 11:00 am Lunch follows Special schedule: 11:00-11:30 family activities to prepare for services Services at 11:30 am followed by lunch
Thursday, January 17	Tu B'Shevat Family Activity Parents please join us from 4:45 – 5:30 pm
Saturday, February 9	Simchat Shabbat Family Services (11:00 a.m.) 3 rd grade students help lead service
Thursday, February 14	Torah Time 3:30 – 3:50 pm Parents are encouraged to participate
Thursday, February 21	No School – February vacation
Sunday, March 2	Special schedule TBD- Storyteller Peninah Schram will be performing for the religious school families
Saturday, March 15	Simchat Shabbat Family Services (11:00 a.m.) 2 nd grade students help lead service
Thursday, March 20	Purim Carnival 4:00 – 6:30 pm Megillah Reading and Purim Spiel 6:30 – 7:30 pm (in lieu of classes)
Friday, April 4	Erev Shabbat dinner for families with young children (3 rd grade and younger) (6:15 pm following Tot Shabbat)
Thursday, April 24	No School – Passover/Spring Vacation
Sunday, May 4	Mitzvah Day for families Pre-registration required
Thursday, May 8	Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration Parents please join us from 4:30 – 5:30 pm
Saturday, May 10	Simchat Shabbat Family Services (11:00 a.m.)
Thursday, May 15	Closing Activities and Celebration

Simchat Shabbat Family Services

What are Simchat Shabbat Family Services?

Simchat Shabbat (the Joy of Shabbat) are Shabbat morning services for families with children in third grade and under. The family-friendly services are full of joyful song and prayer. Services are 11:00 a.m.-12 noon (followed by a “bagel oneg”), unless otherwise noted with *.

Simchat Shabbat Service Schedule

Saturday, November 3 (1st grade students are special participants)

Saturday, December 1 (Kindergarten students are special participants)

*Saturday, January 5 Special schedule: 11:00-11:30 am family activities to prepare for services

Service at 11:30 am followed by lunch

Saturday, February 9 (3rd grade helps to lead services)

Saturday, March 15 (2nd grade helps to lead services)

*Friday, April 4 Erev Shabbat dinner for families with young children – 6:15 pm following Tot Shabbat

Saturday, May 10

Torah Time and Family Holiday Programming on Thursdays

Torah Time

Occasionally, during the religious school hours, K-2nd grade students will come together with one of the Rabbis or educational staff members to hear a story from our tradition.

Holiday Programming

In addition, you will note in the above calendar that we have scheduled opportunities for families to join us during Chanukah, on Tu B'Shevat (Jewish New Year for trees) and on Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day).

Should I plan to attend with my child(ren)? Parents are invited and encouraged to join their children at Torah Time and for the family holiday programming. The programs are family-friendly and in a style that will be engaging both for parents and children. Siblings are welcome to join us. Teachers are available to be with students whose parents are unable to attend.

The Blessing of a Skinned Knee A Temple Isaiah Parenting Workshop for Parents of K – 2 Students

Cost \$50.00 – includes the cost of the book; stay tuned for registration information

Wendy Mogel's book, *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee*, will be used to guide a six-session book/discussion group focuses on how to use Jewish teachings to raise self-reliant children. This group will be facilitated by Sara M. Lane, Ed.M., with support from Temple Isaiah's clergy and family education staff.

Blessing of a Skinned Knee Workshops will be held on the following Sunday mornings from 9:15 - 11:00 am
The Workshop dates are as follows:

Sunday, January 6

Sunday, January 27

Sunday, February 3

Sunday, March 9

Sunday, March 16

Sunday, April 6

Friday, April 11 – Shabbat dinner for participants and their families