

## Gimel (Grade 3) Special Events Calendar - 5770/2009 - 2010

**\*\*Please note that this is a special events calendar and NOT a complete list of all Religious School dates\*\***

The Third Grade Family Education Program is a parent and child learning experience which is an integral part of the third grade curriculum. Sessions take place on Sundays during Religious School hours (please note times) with the exception of the Kallah, our family Retreat weekend. Parents (one or both) are asked to attend and participate with their third grade children on the designated dates/times listed in *Italics* below.

| <u>DATE</u>   | <u>SPECIAL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES</u>  | <u>TIME</u>   |
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| <b>Sunday, September 13</b>                                   | <b>First Day of Religious School<br/>Opening Day Assembly!</b><br>Session 1: Parents please join us!<br>Session 2: Parents please join us!  | 10:35 am<br>12:50 pm  |
| <b>Wednesday, September 16</b>                                | <b>First Day of Wednesday classes</b>   |   |
| <b>Saturday, September 19</b>                                 | <b>Rosh Hashanah – Services at 8:30 and 11:30 am*</b><br>*For 11:30 am only - Services and Activities for 3 <sup>rd</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> grade students<br>Pre-registration required – see temple website                                   |   |
| <b>Sunday, September 20</b>                                   | <b>NO SCHOOL – Rosh Hashanah</b>  |   |
| <b>Thursday, September 24</b>                                 | <b>First Day of Thursday classes</b>  |   |
| <b>Sunday September 27</b>                                    | <b>NO SCHOOL – Yom Kippur</b>   |   |
| <b>Monday, September 28</b>                                   | <b>Yom Kippur – Services at 8:30 and 11:30 am*</b><br>*For 11:30 am only - Services and Activities for 3 <sup>rd</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> grade students<br>Pre-registration required – see temple website                                      |   |
| <i>Sunday, October 4</i>                                      | <i><b>Gimel (Grade 3) Family Program (with Rabbi Brown and Jodi Jarvis)</b><br/><b>Parent Orientation, Classroom Visit and Snack in the Sukkah</b></i><br><i>Session 1:</i><br><i>Session 2:</i><br><i>Snack and Song in the Sukkah for all</i> | <i>9:00 – 11:30 am<br/>11:00 – 1:15 pm<br/>11:00 – 11:30 am</i> |
| <b>Friday, October 9</b>                                      | <b>Erev Simchat Torah – Services at 7:30 pm – Come dance with the Torah!</b>  |   |
| <b>Sunday, October 11</b>                                     | <b>NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day</b>   |   |
| <b>Wednesday, November 11<br/>and Thursday, November 12</b>   | <b>NO SCHOOL – Veteran’s Day</b>  |   |
| <i>Sunday, November 15</i>                                    | <i><b>Gimel (Grade 3) Family Program</b><br/><b>A Family Exploration of Shabbat</b><br/>(with Rabbi Brown and Jodi Jarvis)</i>  | <i>9:00 – 11:00 am</i>  |
| <b>Sunday, November 22</b>                                    | <b>Adult Learning Classes Begin</b>   |   |
| <b>Wednesday, November 25<br/>through Sunday, November 29</b> | <b>NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving</b>   |   |
| <b>Sunday, December 6</b>                                     | <b>Musical Jubilee Concert for Religious School-<br/>Parents Invited</b>  | 10:30 – 11:30 am  |
| <i>Saturday, December 12 and<br/>Sunday, December 13</i>      | <i><b>Gimel (Grade 3) Kallah (Community of Learners) Arrive Saturday 9 – 9:30 am</b><br/><b>Family Overnight Retreat (in lieu of Religious School) Depart Sunday at 12 noon</b><br/>(With Clergy, Education and Support Staff)</i>              | <i>(OVER)</i>   |

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| <b>Wednesday, December 23<br/>through Sunday, January 3</b> | <b>NO SCHOOL – Winter Break</b>  |                           |
| <b>Wednesday, January 6</b>                                 | <b>School Resumes</b>  |                           |
| <b>Sunday, January 17</b>                                   | <b>NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday</b>   |                           |
| <b>Sunday, January 31</b>                                   | <b><i>Gimel (Grade 3) Family Connection<br/>Tu B'Shevat Seder and Passport to Israel Program<br/>(with Rabbi Brown and Jodi Jarvis)</i></b>      | <b>11:15 am – 1:15 pm</b> |
| <b>Sunday, February 7</b>                                   | <b>Gimel (Grade 3) Parent Mitkadem (Hebrew) Orientation</b>  |                           |
|   | Session 1:   | 10:15 – 11:00 am          |
|   | Session 2:   | 11:15 – 12 noon           |
| <b>Sunday, February 14<br/>through Sunday February 21</b>   | <b>NO SCHOOL – February vacation</b>   |                           |
| <b>Sunday, February 28</b>                                  | <b><i>Purim Carnival and Spiel<br/>In lieu of Religious School</i></b>   | <b>9:00 am – 1:00 pm</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday, March 17<br/>and Thursday, March 18</b>       | <b>NO SCHOOL – Staff Meetings<br/>Or Snow Day Make-up Day</b>  |                           |
| <b>Sunday, March 28</b>                                     | <b><i>Gimel (Grade 3) Family Connection:<br/>Passover: A Freedom Festival Around the Jewish World<br/>(with Rabbi Brown and Jodi Jarvis)</i></b> | <b>9:00 – 11:00 am</b>    |
| <b>Sunday, April 18<br/>through Sunday April 25</b>         | <b>NO SCHOOL – Spring Vacation</b>   |                           |
| <b>Sunday, May 2</b>  | All 3 <sup>rd</sup> graders participate in Special LEGO program!<br>A fun and interactive Jewish History Project!                                | 9:00 -11:00 am            |
| <b>Sunday, May 16</b>                                       | <b>Closing Activities</b><br>In lieu of Religious School Classes   | 10:00 am – 12 noon        |
| <b>Sunday, May 23</b>                                       | <b>Mitzvah Day</b>   |                           |

**Shabbat Services (appropriate for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students and families)**

**Shir Shabbat Family Services followed by JYGI events ( Junior Youth Group of Isaiah)\***

Shir Shabbat (Song of Shabbat) are Shabbat morning services designed especially for families with children in fifth grade and under. The family-friendly services are full of joyful song and prayer (11:00 a.m.-12 noon including a “bagel oneg”),

The Saturday dates for Shir Shabbat are: **November 21, December 19, January 23, February 6, March 27, and May 1.**

**On January 23, Gimel students (Grade 3 ) help lead services. Note: Special time 10:00 a.m (followed by brunch)**

\*All students in 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> are encouraged to participate in JYGI. Most months, there is a JYGI event scheduled following Shir Shabbat Services. Watch for details and sign-up information for these fun- filled activities.

**Kabbalat Shabbat Services**

Our congregational Erev Shabbat services offered at 6:15 pm last about 1 hour, and are appropriate for families and children of all ages. The Friday dates for Kabbalat Shabbat Services are: **September 25, October 23, November 6, December 25, January 1, January 22, February 26, April 2, April 16, May 7.** Complimentary Child Care (sponsored by our clergy) is available for Kabbalat Shabbat Services. Please RSVP to [arusso@templeisiah.net](mailto:arusso@templeisiah.net) with your name, your child’s name and age, to reserve a space for your younger child.

In addition, please join us for a wonderful Chanukah Shabbat Service on **Friday, December 11 as we light the 1<sup>st</sup> candle – services at 7:30 pm**