

**Gimel Class (Third Grade) Session II
Special Events/Family Programs Calendar
5769/2008-2009**

Please note: This is a special events/ family programs calendar only, and NOT a listing of all Religious School dates. Sunday Family Programs take place at a special time, 9:00-11:00am, unless otherwise noted.

Date	Activities and Events	Time
Sunday, September 7	“Meet Your Teachers” Open House	Drop in between 12 noon – 1:00 pm
Sunday, September 14	First Day of Sunday Classes Opening Day Assembly	9:00 – 10:30 am Parents join us at 10:35am
	New Members Orientation #1 w/ Rabbi Jaffe: <i>New members only, childcare available w/ advance sign-up</i>	9:15 -10:30am
	“Follow Me To Israel” Trip Presentation <i>with Jodi Kaufman</i>	Session I : 10:00am Session II: 12:15pm
Sunday, September 21	New Members Orientation #2 w/ Rabbi Brown: <i>New members only, childcare available w/ advance sign-up</i>	9:15-10:15am
	Religious School Orientation for New Members <i>Childcare available w/ advance sign-up</i>	10:20-11:00am
Sunday, September 28	3rd Grade Parent Orientation and Classroom Visit <i>Parent orientation and study session with Rabbi Brown and Erica Fox, followed by a visit to your child’s classroom</i>	11:15am-1:15pm
Tuesday, September 30	Rosh Hashanah Services <i>and activities for 3rd-6th grade students</i>	11:30am

Thursday, October 9	Yom Kippur Services and activities <i>for 3rd-6th grade students</i>	11:30 am
	Neilah (Closing) Service <i>Young children are invited to participate in a special procession at the end of Yom Kippur</i>	6:15pm
Sunday , October 12	NO School Columbus Day Weekend	
Monday October 13	Family Picnic in the Sukkah <i>(3rd grade and younger)</i>	5:30 pm
	Erev Sukkot Family Service	7:00 pm
Sunday, October 19	3rd Grade Family Program <i>“Lunch in the Sukkah” held offsite at Third Grade families’ homes, in lieu of religious school for 3rd graders</i>	12 noon* Note special time
Monday October 20	Simchat Torah Family Service	7:00pm
Saturday November 8	Simchat Shabbat Family Service	11:00am
Sunday, November 9	Family Shabbat Dinner	6:15-7:30 pm
Sunday, November 30	NO School Thanksgiving Weekend	11:00am
Saturday, December 6	Simchat Shabbat Family Service	11:00am
Saturday, December 13 to Sunday, December 14	3rd Grade Kallah Family Overnight Retreat <i>(in lieu of religious school)</i>	Arrival Saturday 9- 9:30 am Departure Sunday 12 noon
Sunday, December 21	NO School Parent Teacher Conferences	9:00 – 11:00 am
	Hanukkah Family Concert with Joe Black	3:00pm
Wednesday December 24 to Sunday January 4	NO School Winter Break	

Sunday, January 18	NO School Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend	
Saturday, January 24	Simchat Shabbat Family Service <i>3rd Grade helps lead service, followed by Brunch</i>	10:00am* Note special time
Sunday February 1	Tzedakah Fair	During Religious School
Sunday, February 8	Religious School Parent Council Forum <i>Share ideas, feedback and coffee!</i>	11:15am
Sunday February 15 to Sunday February 22	NO School February Break	
Saturday, March 7	Simchat Shabbat Family Service	11:00 am
Monday, March 9	Special Time for Young Children and their Parents to Visit Purim Carnival Purim Carnival Purim Megillah Reading and Spiel	3:30-4:00 4:00 – 6:30 pm 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Wednesday March 18	NO School 3-6 Staff Meeting	
Sunday, March 22	3rd Grade Family Program with Erica Fox and Rabbi Brown: “Passover: A Freedom Festival Around the Jewish World”	9:00 – 11:00am* Note special time
Wednesday April 8	NO School First Seder	
Wednesday April 15	NO School Passover Last Day	
Sunday April 19 to Sunday April 26	NO School Spring Break	
Saturday, May 2	Simchat Shabbat Family Service	11:00 am
Sunday, May 3	Mitzvah Day for the entire family, in lieu of Religious School	9:00am

Thursday, May 7	“Yom Ha’Atzmaut” Israel Independence Day Celebration <i>special</i> <i>Israel activities, parents welcome</i>	3:30-5:30pm
Sunday, May 10	Religious School Parent Council Forum <i>Share ideas, feedback and coffee!</i>	9:00
Wednesday, May 13	NO Wednesday Classes for 3rd Grade ONLY	
Thursday, May 14	Siyyum HaSefer Ceremony <i>All Third Grade Families are invited to this milestone event in honor of the children’s Hebrew reading accomplishments.</i>	5:30pm Pizza for 3 rd graders 6:00 pm Final Rehearsal 7:00 pm Ceremony
Sunday, May 17	Closing Activities and Marshall Derby Concert	TBD

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, unless otherwise noted. 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.