



Welcome to **Temple Emanu-El's Religious School.**

We are so happy to have you join us this **2017-2018** school year!

Our first day is **Sunday, September 10th at 9:00 AM** where parents will go with their children to the classrooms to meet the teachers. Afterwards please join us at our Back to School Breakfast in the courtyard, we are looking forward to seeing you then!

Meet Your Gimel (3rd Grade) Teachers



YIFAT STERN

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Yifat was born and raised in Israel. As a child of two teachers education was always regarded as high priority growing up.

In Israel she was involved in National Serving (sherut leumi) for two years at a school for underprivileged children. In New York she has over 10 years of teaching experience in Jewish day schools and Hebrew school. Yifat worked at Reuben Gittelman Hebrew day school and is currently working at Rockland Jewish Academy as a Hebrew/ Judaic teacher. This is her 3rd year at Temple Emanu-El as a Hebrew teacher in third grade, which she loves!

Yifat is the proud mother of a lovely daughter and son who were born and raised in New York and made aliya to Israel to serve in the IDF. She currently lives in Pomona New York.

In her free time she enjoys Israeli dancing, reading, listening to music, traveling (especially to Israel), zumba and exercise.



JULIE THALER

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Julie has 25 years of experience in formal and informal Jewish educational experiences. Julie received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Exceptional Education and Early Childhood/Elementary Education from Buffalo State where she minored in Judaic studies. She completed a year of Masters graduate work in Early Childhood Special Education at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. She has been working at Carmel Academy program for the past three years. Prior to that she lived in New Jersey and worked at the Solomon Schechter Day School of Bergen County.

"Teaching is my passion. It is my hope to transmit my Ru'ach (SPIRIT) and love for our rich Jewish heritage to my students.

Temple Emanu-El Religious School 2017-2018

Updated 9/5/2017

September 2017						
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10	1st Day for Gan-Hei (K-5th) & Back to School Breakfast for Parents/Meet the Teachers					
12	1st Day for Vav-Zayin (6th-7th)					
12	Parents Back to School 5:30 PM					
20	Erev Rosh Hashana					
21-22	Rosh Hashana					
29	Kol Nidre					
30	Yom Kippur					

December 2017						
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2	Gimel Book Ceremony					
2	Shabbat with Suzy at 10:15 AM					
12	Erev Hanukkah/First Candle					
13-20	Hanukah					
15	Shem Tov					
15	Shabbat Shabang at 6 PM					
15	Family Kabbalat Shabbat at 7 PM					
17	Hanukah Bash at 5 PM					
17	families 11:15 AM					
19-1	Winter Break					

March 2018						
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1	Purim					
3	Hei Siddur Ceremony					
3	Shabbat with Suzy at 10:15 AM					
10	Dinner Dance					
11	Spring Ahead					
13	Vav Heritage Fair at 5:15 PM					
16	Shabbat Shabang at 6 PM					
16	Family Kabbalat Shabbat at 7 PM					
17	Shabbat with Suzy at 10:15 AM					
18	Dalet B'nai Mitzvah Workshop					
24	Vav B'nai Mitzvah book ceremony					
30	Erev Pesach -1st Seder					
31	Pesach-Second Seder					

October 2017						
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4	Erev Sukkot					
5-6	Sukkot					
8	Sukka Visit Gan-Hei (K-5th)					
11	No Religious School					
12	Erev Simchat Torah/Dancing with the Torah					
13	Simchat Torah					
20	Shabbat Shabang at 6 PM					
20	Family Kabbalat Shabbat at 7 PM					
21	Bet Siddur Ceremony					
22	Mitzvah Day Required for 6th & 7th					
24	Keshet Olam Expo					
24	B'nai Mitzvah Workshop for 6th & 7th Grade Families					
28	Shabbat with Suzy at 10:15 AM					

January 2018						
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14-15	MLK Weekend					
19	Shabbat Shabang at 6 PM					
19	Family Kabbalat Shabbat at 7 PM					
20	COOL'anu Shabbat at 10:15 AM					
20	1st, 2nd & 3rd Grades					
20	Shabbat with Suzy at 10:15 AM					
27	Shabbat with Suzy at 10:15 AM					
28	Tu B'shvat Celebrations					
31	Tu B'shvat					

April 2018						
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1-15	Passover and RS Spring Break					
12	Yom Hashoah					
18	Israeli Yom Hazikaron -Memorial Day					
18	Yom Ha'Atzmaut -Israel Independence Day -Israel is 70 years old!					
19	Shabbat Shabang at 6 PM					
20	Family Kabbalat Shabbat at 7 PM					
21	COOL'anu Shabbat at 10:15 AM					
21	2nd-6th Grades					
22	Mitzvah Day -Earth Day Required for 6th & 7th Grades at 11:15 AM					
22	Blue & White Sunday					
28	Shabbat with Suzy at 10:15 AM					
29	Early Registration					

November 2017						
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4	Shabbat with Suzy at 10:15 AM					
5	Bully Movie & Discussion PROMENADE, Fall Back (Daylight Savings End)					
9-12	NJ Teachers' Convention					
17	Shabbat Shabang at 6 PM					
17	Family Kabbalat Shabbat at 7 PM					
18	COOL'anu Shabbat at 10:15 AM					
18	4th, 5th & 6th Grades					
18	Shabbat with Suzy at 10:15 AM					
22-27	Thanksgiving Break					

February 2018						
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3	Dalet Torah Ceremony					
3	Shabbat with Suzy at 10:15 AM					
4	World Wide Wrap & RS Mitzvah Day Required Sunday for Vav-Zayin (6th-7th Grades) at 9 AM					
4	Come in your favorite team jersey!					
10	Shabbat with Suzy at 10:15 AM					
16	Shabbat Shabang at 6 PM					
16	Family Kabbalat Shabbat at 7 PM					
18-25	Mid Winter Break					
19	Presidents' Day					
28	* Erev Purim Palooza RS at 6:30 PM					

May 2018						
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1, 6, 8, 13	Early Registration					
3	Lag Ba'omer					
4	Blue Jeans & BBQ					
5	Shabbat with Suzy at 10:15 AM					
11	Zayin Moving Up & Dinner at 7 PM					
13	Last Day of School					
19	Erev Shavuot					
20-21	Shavuot					

 School Vacation
▲ First & Last Day of School

CLASS SCHEDULE: Gan and Aleph (K and 1st): Sundays from 9:00 AM-11:15 AM, Vav and Zayin (6th and 7th): Tuesdays from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM, Bet, Gimel, Dalet, Hei (2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th): Sundays from 9:00 AM-11:15 AM & Wednesdays from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM.

Shabbat Services for Gimel (3rd Grade) Families

Friday Evening Services

Family Kabbalat Shabbat: On the third Friday of every month at 7 PM, join us with the whole family for an engaging musical Kabbalat Shabbat and Friday Services.

Upcoming Dates: 10/20, 11/17, 12/15, 1/19, 2/16, 3/16, 4/20

Saturday Morning Services

Shabbat Havurah Book Ceremony: On scheduled Saturdays from 10:15– 11:15 AM, families are invited to join us for a lively grade level book ceremony and a “learning family service” led by Naama Heymann.

Upcoming Dates:

3rd Grade Book: 12/2

COOL’anu Shabbat: On scheduled Saturdays at 10:15 – 11:30 AM, join us for an engaging and interactive family service for all, led by Rabbi Alex Freedman and Naama Heymann.

Upcoming Dates:

1/20 -1st, 2nd & 3rd Grades

4/21 -2nd-6th Grades

Our Interactive Shabbat Services Are Led By:



Rabbi Alex Freedman



Naama Heymann



Suzy Rosenberg

Questions, Comments, Concerns? We're here to help!

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Temple Emanu-El Religious School Curriculum

Gimel (3rd Grade)

Learning Hebrew:

We will begin by reviewing the words and concepts we learned during previous years. In Gimel, we will use the book *Read Hebrew Primer*.

This year, our key words and sentences will be: Yesh Lee/Ein Lee; Kehilah; Yehudi; Yehudia; Yehudeem Mitzvah; Savta; Sabba; Ach; Achot; Ani Rotzei Le'echol Gleeda/Pizza; Ani Rotzei/Rotza Lalechet Lasheruteem; Ani Tzamey; Ani Ra'ev; Yom; Laila; Or; Choshech; Oheb; Ohevet; and Ahava. We will continue reviewing numbers 1-10, and learn numbers 11-20.

By the end of the year, students will be able to read Hebrew words with one to two syllables.

Teaching Israel:

Building on our past lessons about Israel, students will learn about and sample Israeli foods, and we will introduce Yom HaZikaron.

Music with Morah Suzy

For a half hour each week, Morah Suzy will visit our class and lead us in song. Throughout the year and during the holidays, she will teach primarily Hebrew songs.

Special Programs:

Throughout the year, our class will have special on-site programs to complement our lessons. Activities include a Siddur Ceremony, a communal candle-lighting for Hanukah, in-class Seder and Matzah Factory for Passover, planting parsley for Tu B'Shvat and learning about Israeli trees, and a Lag Ba'Omer Field Day. We will have three school-wide Mitzvah days that will be open to families. Throughout the year, we will incorporate singalongs in our classes as a way to learn through music. We will collect Tzedakah through the year.

Clergy Involvement

Throughout the year, our clergy – Rabbi David-Seth Kirshner, Rabbi Alex Freedman, and Cantor Israel Singer – will visit the class. Rabbi Kirshner will participate in “Ask the Rabbi” sessions, and Rabbi Freedman will teach Parasha/Chamash portions.

Teaching Torah/“Humash”:

In our study of the Torah, we will focus on stories from the books of Genesis and Exodus, including the story of Creation and Adam and Eve; Noah and the Ark; the Patriarchs and Abraham and the near sacrifice of his son, Isaac (Akeidah); Jacob and the beginnings of the 12 tribes of Israel; Joseph and his rise to becoming a leader in Egypt; Moses, the Ten Commandments, the Golden Calf, and the wandering in the wilderness; and the belief in Shma Yisrael – ‘G-d is One.’ We will also portions of the Tanach, such as Jonah and the Whale, and David and Goliath, and the Megillat for the story of Esther.

Teaching Mitzvot/Values:

Teaching mitzvot/values is an important component of our study at Religious School. Concepts we will focus on include: Hachnasat Orchim; Kashrut; Tzedakah; Lulav V'Etrog; Sukkah; Shofar; blessings for food; lighting Hanukah candles; Shabbat; belief in G-d; holiness of Torah; Chesed; Prayer; Israel as Jewish homeland; honoring one's parents; Vahavta LReiecha Kamocho; and Tikun Olam.

Teaching Holidays

As we celebrate Jewish holidays throughout the year, our guiding focus word will be "explain." Building on our past lessons on "identifying," through special programs and fun class activities, we will teach the concepts of each holiday so that the students will be to confidently explain the holiday, and why and how we celebrate. As students grow older, we will begin to shift our focus to "apply" as a guiding concept. This year, we will also begin to learn about the Jewish calendar and how it is based on the moon.

Teaching Shabbat

Complimented by special services, like Shabbat Shabang at 6 PM on the first Friday of the month, TGIS (Thank God It's Shabbat), and Family Services, we will learn about Shabbat as our holy day. We will discuss the customs and foods associated with the day. We will continue to review songs we learned previously, including "Shalom Aleichem," "Lechu Neranena," and "Adon Olam."

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