



**W**elcome to **Temple Emanu-El's Religious School**.

We are so happy to have you join us this **2018-2019** school year!

Our first day is **Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



**JESSE STRULOWITZ**

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Jesse Strulowitz has been at Temple Emanu-El for two years now, working as a Teacher as well as Shadow. He has previously worked as a shadow in a Montessori school in East Brunswick, NJ.

He is currently enrolled at Middlesex County College as pursuing a degree in Education.

Prior to his interest in education, Jesse was an audio engineer for a comedy club in Manhattan, Stand Up NY. Jesse has worked with comedians such as Artie Lange, Jim Norton, Michael Che, Joe List and more.

Temple Emanu-El Religious School 2018-2019

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September 2018						
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9 Erev Rosh Hashanah  
 10 Rosh Hashanah I  
 11 Rosh Hashanah II  
 18 Kol Nidre  
 19 Yom Kippur  
 23 1st Day for Gan-Hei (K-5th) at 9 AM & Back to School Breakfast for Parents at  
 23 Erev Sukkot  
 24-25 Sukkot  
 30 Sukka Visit

October 2018						
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1 Simchat Torah Eve -Dancing with the Torah at 6:30 PM  
 2 Simchat Torah  
 6 Bet Siddur Ceremony at 10:15 AM  
 9 1st Day for Vav-Zayin (6th-7th) at 4 PM & Back to School for Parents at 5:30 PM  
 13 Shabbat with Suzy at 10:15 AM  
 19 Shabbat Shabang at 6 PM  
 19 Family Kabbalat Shabbat at 7 PM  
 30 B'nai Mitzvah Workshop for 6th & 7th Grade Families at 5:30 PM

November 2018						
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3 Gimel Book Ceremony at 10:15 AM  
 4 RS Mitzvah Day Required for 6th & 7th Graders  
 11 NJ Teachers' Convention  
 16 Shabbat Shabang at 6 PM  
 16 Family Kabbalat Shabbat at 7 PM  
 17 Shabbat with Suzy at 10:15 AM  
 17 COOL'anu Shabbat at 10:15 AM 4th, 5th & 6th Grades  
 21-25 Thanksgiving Weekend

School Vacation  
 First & Last Day of School

December 2018						
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1 Dalet Torah Ceremony at 10:15 AM  
 2 Rockleigh Hanukkah Sing Along for families at 11:15 AM  
 2 Erev Hanukah/ First Candle  
 3-10 Hanukah  
 8 Shabbat with Suzy at 10:15 AM  
 9 Hanukah Bash at 5:00 PM  
 15 Shabbat with Suzy at 10:15 AM  
 23-1 Winter Break

January 2019						
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5 Hei Siddur Ceremony at 10:15 AM  
 12 Shabbat with Suzy at 10:15 AM  
 13 Tu B'shvat Celebration  
 18 Shabbat Shabang at 6 PM  
 18 Family Kabbalat Shabbat at 7 PM  
 20 MLK Weekend  
 21 Tu B'Shvat  
 26 Shabbat with Suzy at 10:15 AM

February 2019						
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2 Shabbat with Suzy at 10:15 AM  
 3 World Wide Wrap & RS Mitzvah Day Required Sunday for Vav-Zayin (6th-7th Grades) at 9:00 AM  
 9 Shabbat with Suzy at 10:15 AM  
 9 COOL'anu Shabbat at 10:15 AM 1st, 2nd & 3rd Grades  
 17-24 Mid Winter Break

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2 Shabbat with Suzy at 10:15 AM  
 10 Dalet B'nai Mitzvah Meeting for Parents at 10:15 AM  
 15 Shabbat Shabang at 6 PM  
 15 Family Kabbalat Shabbat at 7 PM  
 \*NO CLASSES AT 4:00 PM, Come to our Purim Palooza at 6:30 PM  
 21 Purim  
 26 Vav Heritage Fair at 5:15 PM

April 2019						
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Vav B'nai Mitzvah Book Ceremony at 10:15 AM  
 6 Shabbat with Suzy at 10:15 AM  
 7 Grade Model Seders  
 14-21 Spring & Passover Break  
 19 Erev Pessach 1st Seder  
 20 Passover 2nd Seder  
 20-27 Passover  
 28, 30 Early Registration

May 2019						
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1, 5, 7, 8, 12 14, 15, 19 Early Registration  
 2 Holocaust Day -Yom HaShoah  
 4 Shabbat with Suzy at 10:15 AM  
 4 COOL'anu Shabbat at 10:15 AM 2nd-6th Grades  
 8 Israel's Memorial Day  
 9 Israel's Independence Day  
 11 Shabbat with Suzy at 10:15 AM  
 17 Zayin Moving Up & Dinner at 7 PM  
 19 Last Day of Religious School  
 23 Lag Ba'omer

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 (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade) Families

### Friday Evening Services

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

Upcoming Dates: 10/19, 11/16, 1/18, 3/15

### 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 Cantor Orna Green.

Upcoming Dates:

**3rd Grade Book:** 11/3

**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 Cantor Orna Green.

**Upcoming Dates:**

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

5/4 -2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grades

### Our Interactive Shabbat Services Are Led By:



**Rabbi David-Seth Kirshner**



**Cantor Israel Singer**



**Suzy Rosenberg**

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

### Administration

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# Temple Emanu-El Religious School Curriculum

## Gimel (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 and Cantor Israel Singer – will visit the class. Rabbi Kirshner will participate in “Ask the Rabbi” sessions, and 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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