

Congregation Ohev Shalom Youth and Family Update 2/1/2018



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Wonderfully busy is what this past week was at COS! COSUSY was by far the largest delegation with 28 USY'ers at last week's Mercaz Subregional Mid Winter convention. Olim and Kadima enjoyed a Saturday night out at COS with Havdallah, movies, make your own pizza and crafts. Kitah Gan/K families said goodbye to Shabbat at the annual Kindergarten Family Pajama Havdallah, We made Havdallah kits and Shema Pillow cases, of course had milk and cookies and heard a story before we went home.

On Sunday, everyone wore green for Tu B'Shevat. One of the words for tree in Hebrew is Elan or Elanot. The word El which is a name for God is in the word. This reminds us that trees are important and we need to take care of the world that God created. We refer to the Torah as Etz Chaim, tree of life. The Torah tells us how to live our Jewish life. I suggested that the color green serve as a reminder of our responsibility to follow the Mitzvot. Our Middah of the week was "Vikuach" which means debate or discuss. When we debate and discuss with respect we learn new ideas and perspectives .

Kitah Hay/5th grade visited residents at Brookdale in Longwood and did a Tu B'Shevat program with them. Kitah Zayeen/7th grade had a speaker from the Islamic

Center answer questions and talk about Islam as part of their World Religions class. We had our first K'Ton ton class with Penny Goldstein for families with Young Children on Sunday. The theme was Tu B'Shevat and included art, making a Tu B'Shevat parfait, story and singing with Rabbi Kay. The weather did not allow us to go Strawberry picking but our Pomegranate Tree sale netted \$400 for our youth and family programs.

Yesterday our Madrichim planned a school wide Tu B'Shevat program under the direction of their teacher Rachel Slavkin. We planted seeds, Hebrew fruit relay, Nature art, recycled 3 s flower mural, Human Boggle, Kahoot and paper bag trees where we wrote how trees help us. The day ended with singing with Cantor Robuck. Todah Rabbah and Yashir Kochachem to the Madrichim and Rachel Slavkin.

This weekend will be just as busy!

Tomorrow night is Shirei Shabbat with Rabbi Kay. Saturday night our 8th and 9th graders will enjoy SAK comedy lab. Sunday Kitah Bet/2nd grade has a family program about Joseph and his coat, MACHANEH OHEV Lite will have a Super bowl party and of course play practice. Sunday is also our Men's Club World Wide Wrap. Men and Women are welcome to come and learn how to wrap tefillin and stay for brunch!

Next up is Purim! February 28 will be our Carnival and Game Show Megillah reading. The Carnival will feature a Bungy jump, bowling, bounce house, facepainter, Purim Escape Room sponsored by USY, Hamantaschen baking sponsored by Sisterhood, games, prizes and food!! The carnival will be from 4-6:30. Megillah reading begins at 6:45. Fourth graders and older are invited to read a verse from the Megullah. Contact Rabbi Kay rabbikay@ohevshalom.org to receive a verse.

Due to conflicts we have had to cancel the family Shabbaton for this year BUT, we look forward to scheduling it for next year!

Wishing everyone a restful Shabbat!

Amy



Mazel Tov to Lou Tauber and his family on his Bar Mitzvah this Shabbat

Happy Birthday to Vicky Countess, Kibbutz Ohev Family Edition teacher

Todah Rabbah to Shannon Melnick, Stacy Kalmanson, Barry Stern, Brian Horowitz and Benito Encinias for driving for the 5th Grade Mitzvah Trip.

Todah Rabbah to the Siegel, Encinias, Gotlib, Gold, Golden, Zimmon, Melnick and Scheinberg families for their donation to the 4th & 5th grade shabbaton.

Family programs are underwritten, in part, by a generous donation from Nancy & Dean Faracchio in memory of Nancy's father, Bart Hecht

CALENDAR in a NUTSHELL

February 2nd - Shirei Shabbat - 5:30 p.m.

February 3rd - 8th/9th grade COSUSY event out of the building

February 4th - Kitah Bet/2nd Grade family program - 11 a.m.

February 4th - MACHENEH OHEV lite - 12:30 p.m.

February 7th - Kibbutz Ohev Family Edition - 5 p.m.

February 7th - USY "100" years - 6:30 p.m.
February 10th - Shabbatlettes - 10 a.m.
February 11th - DDD - 4-6 p.m. - Location to be determined
February 16th - Challahballoo - 10 a.m.
February 16th - USY Kabbalat & Kibbitz
February 18th - No Hebrew School President's Weekend
February 18th - Kadima & USY Yom Universal
February 23rd & 24th - 4th & 5th Grade Shabbaton
February 25th - Oys & Joys of Jewish Parenting - 11 a.m.
February 25th - K'Ton Ton
February 25th - Kitah Gimel / 3rd Grade Family Munch & Minyan and Siddur
Cover Making - 9:15 a.m.
February 25th - Oys & Joys of Jewish Parenting - 11 a.m.
February 25th - Olim event for 3rd graders
February 25th - DDD 4-6 p.m. - Location TBD
February 28th - Purim Carnival during school and Megillah reading
March 2nd - Kitah Gimel / 3rd Grade Siddur Dedication - 7 p.m.
March 3rd - Shabbat morning Family Experience "Dr. Seuss" themed - 9:30 a.m.
March 4th - Kitah Gimel/3rd Grade Family Siddur Cover Making program - 11 a.m.
March 4th - COSUSY Event out of the building
March 7th - Kibbutz Ohev Family Edition

HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS



*Wear Green this Sunday
for Tu B'Shevat!*

February 4th - Kitah Bet/2nd Grade Family Program - 11 a.m.

February 18th - NO School - President's Weekend

February 23rd & 24th - 4th & 5th Grade Shabbaton

February 25th - Kitah Gimel / 3rd Grade Family Siddur Cover Making Program at 11 a.m.
and Munch and Minyan

March 2nd - Kitah Gimel / 3rd Grade Siddur Dedication. Service at 7 p.m. followed by
dessert

**AROUND THE JEWISH FAMILY
COOKING**



Families & Individuals join Ellen Zollman to cook fun recipes around Jewish holidays & themes. The following Sundays from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Mar. 11th.

\$5 per family for COS Members

\$15 per family for non-COS Members

Online registration is now open! Click [here](#) !

SHABBAT MORNING FAMILY EXPERIENCE



Families with K-5th graders join Marla Rosen for an interactive Shabbat morning experience that includes prayer led by the children, story, game, songs & continental breakfast.

Begins at 9:30 for breakfast and service - 10-11.

NEXT ONE IS Dr. Suess Shabbat -
April 21st
No charge but RSVP [here](#)

FAMILY SHABBATON

**CANCELLED THIS YEAR DUE TO CONFLICTS. WE LOOK
FORWARD TO SCHEDULING IT FOR NEXT YEAR!**

YOUNG FAMILIES (ALL AGES WELCOME) SHIREI SHABBAT WITH RABBI KAY



5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Welcome Shabbat through music and movement at 6 p.m. with a nosh prior at 5:30.

Open to the community and no charge!

Other dates: Feb. 2nd, Apr. 20th

[RSVP at this link](#) .

NEW PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN... Toddlers & preschoolers

Kton Ton

the following Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
February 25th - Purim March 25th - Passover

join Penny Goldstein for a morning of art and cooking around a Jewish theme.

No charge for COS Members, \$10 per family for NON-COS Members

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Shabbatlettlles

February 10th, March 3rd, & April 14th.

join Amy Geboff for Torah story, songs, movement, and prayer to celebrate Shabbat.
11 a.m.

No charge and open to the community regardless of COS membership

[Register Here!](#)

Challahballoo!

Join Penny Goldstein to make Challah for Shabbat with your Toddler/Preschooler

9:30 a.m.

Friday, February 16th & March 16th

\$5 per family for COS Members, \$10 per family for non-COS members

[Register here](#)

MISHPACHA SHELI FOR TODDLERS THROUGH PRESCHOOL



Toddlers through preschoolers and an adult join Nina Fine
every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

a fun morning of singing, movement, story, crafts, and more...all around a Jewish
theme.

No charge for COS Members, \$7 per session for non-COS Members.

Online registration is now available by clicking [here](#) .

OYS AND JOYS of Jewish Parenting is BACK!



JOIN SHOSHANA VIGORITO TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF PARENTING THROUGH A JEWISH LENS.

Other Dates: Feb. 25th., & Apr. 8th at 11 a.m.

[RSVP here !](#)

DDD DINNER, DABER(TALK) & DVAR (STUDY)



COS formal Jewish education for all Jewish teens in grades 8-12 regardless of COS Membership. NEW TIMES for January -

Some Classes will be held on SUNDAYS from 4-6 p.m. at different homes.

This year we will use "Pirkei Avot", the ethics of Our Fathers as our framework for understanding through a Jewish lens of how we should behave and treat each other. Once a month, interactive learning at COS and the other date in the month will be hands-on activities to practice what we learn.

Pirkei Avot is one of the best known and most cited Jewish texts. Even those who claim they don't know much about Jewish text are familiar with "if I am only for myself who am I?", "Say little and do much". Popular Hebrew songs take their lyrics from Pirkei Avot including "Al Shlosa Devarim" and "Lo Alechal".

NEXT SESSION: February 12th - 6-8 p.m. WITH DESI ROTENBERG

February 25th - 4-6 p.m. at the Treibitz's

March 12th - Village on the Green - 6 p.m.

March 26th - Location TBD

April 9th -

April 23rd - Village on the Green

May 6th - Final class - 4-6 p.m.

Register [here](#) !

COS YOUTH THEATRE PERFORMANCE "COS YOUTH PLAYERS"



This year's play is
Feathers in the Wind
a Comedy/Musical based on the stories of the
Wise Men of Chelm
to be performed: April 15th & 18th
Open to all 4th-12th graders
Auditions for first and second timers: December 13th & 17th

For those who will be in the play for their 3rd year or more you need not audition but let
Amy know you plan to be in it!

KIBBUTZ OHEV FAMILY EDITION



[RSVP HERE](#) for families with toddlers through 2nd grade. Join Sharon Weil and Vicky Countess one Wednesday a month from 5-6:30 p.m. as we learn about taking care of our bodies, the earth, each other, & Israel. Activities include cooking, gardening, art

and dinner each time!

Cost is \$10 per family for COS Members and \$18 per family for non-COS Members.

Dates: Feb. 7th, Mar. 7th, Apr. 11th

[RSVP HERE!](#)

MACHANEH OHEV 2018 IS NOW OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY



"Celebrating a Century"

Registration for MACHANEH OHEV is for children entering Pre-K - 7th Grade in the fall. Rising 8th graders will be in Keshet which will be for COS members only and include the fun activities of camp but also leadership training. Strongly encouraged for those who want to do Madrichim in the fall.

**NOTE: Scholarships for Jewish
summer overnight programs due
February 15th to Amy Geboff. Family
must be in good standing at COS**

YOUTH GROUPS

**USY - COSUSY is open to all Jewish 9th-12th Graders.
COSUSY events RSVP to cosusycats@gmail.com**

**February 3rd - 8th/9th Grade Event
February 7th - 6:30 p.m. - USY 100 years
February 16th - Kabbalat & Kibbitz
February 18th - Yom Universal
February 21st - Purim Prep**

KADIMA - 6TH-8TH GRADERS

February 18th - Yom Universal
March 11th - SATO Day with Park Clean Up & Picnic
March 16th-18th - 8th Grade Gesher convention
April 22nd - Kadima Adventure Island Water Park

OLIM FOR COS 3RD - 5TH GRADERS

**February 23rd & 24th - 4th and 5th grade Shabbaton
February 25th - 3rd grade event only
March 11th
April 22nd - End of the Year Event**

MACHANEH OHEV Lite for K-2nd graders

**THIS SUNDAY is a SUPERBOWL PARTY
February 4th & April 8th**

12:30-2:30 p.m.

Have an afternoon of fun with Jewish friends. Games, Crafts, and other activities.

\$6 per event.

Register [here](#)