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December 2018		
Fri Sat Sun Dec 7-9	Regional Kadima Konvention at Perlstein (6th-8th Grade): http://www.chusy.org	
Fri Dec 7	Shabbat Family Programming (SFP) & Chanukah	6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Sun Dec 16	Last Day of Sunday SJS classes before Winter Break	9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Sun Dec 16	**Dalet (4th) and Hei (5th) Chanukah Sing and Bingo at Lieberman Center NOTE: Carpools will leave Am Yisrael @ 9:15 a.m. or you can meet at Lieberman Center in Skokie @ 9:45 a.m.**	**9:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.**
Sun Dec 16	**Shalom Club and Ruach (K-5th Grade) with Morah Sandra smielikamm@amyisrael.org PLEASE NOTE: This event was originally scheduled for Sun Dec 2**	**12:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.**
Wed Dec 19	Last Day of Wednesday SJS classes before Winter Break	4:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m.
Sun Dec 23-Sat Dec 30	**Family Promise Volunteering at Opportunities at Am Yisrael**	**5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. plus overnight options**
Sun-Thu Dec 23-27	International USY Convention, Orlando, Florida (9th-12th Grade): http://usy.org/ic/ic2018/	

January 2019		
Sat Jan 5	**Gan (3.5-6 years old) Families Havdalah and Potluck Dinner at the Rabbi's Home. NOTE: This event was originally scheduled as a get-together at the Rabbi's sukkah.**	**6:00 p.m.-7:15 p.m.**
Sun Jan 6	SJS Sunday classes resume	9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Wed Jan 9	SJS Wednesday classes resume	4:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m.
Fri Jan 11	**PJ Shabbat (Newborns through 3rd Grade with Families) NOTE: Includes Dinner**	**5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.**
Wed Jan 16	No SJS Classes — Parent Teacher Conferences (AlephBet through Zayin Classes)	3:45 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Sat Jan 19	Shabbat Family Programming (SFP) (Includes Youth Torah Readings)	9:30 a.m. with kiddish lunch to follow
Fri Jan 25	Friday Night Live (FNL)	6:00 p.m.-6:40 p.m.

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January 2019		
Fri-Sat Jan 25-26	Regional Midwinter Convention (8th-12th Grades) http://www.chusy.org	
Sat Jan 26	AlefBet (1st/2nd) Havdalah in Sanctuary	5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m.

February 2019		
Sun Feb 3	Dalet (4th) Brunch & Family Ed with Rabbi Newman Kamin	9:50 a.m.-11:25 a.m.
Sun Feb 3	**Family Cradles to Crayons Mitzvah Program. NOTE: This event was originally scheduled for Jan 13**	**Immediately Following SJS: Details to follow**
Fri Feb 8	Shabbat Family Programming (SFP)	6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Sun Feb 10	Hei (5th) Brunch & Family Ed with Rabbi Newman Kamin	9:50 a.m.-11:25 a.m.
Sun Feb 17	No SJS Classes — President's Weekend	
Feb 17-25	Ta'am Yisrael 8th Grade Trip to Israel https://www.juf.org/cfje/taam_yisrael_about.aspx	
Sun Feb 24	Zayin (7th) B'nai Mitzvah Projects Presentation (Group A: 1st half B'nai Mitzvah of the class)	9:50 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

March 2019		
Fri Mar 1	Vav (6th) & Zayin (7th) help lead services	6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Sun Mar 3	JUF Brunch	9:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Fri Mar 8	Dalet (4th) & Hei (5th) help lead services followed by singing Israel-themed songs	6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Sat Mar 9	**SJS Family Havdalah and Potluck Dinner at the Feig Home. NOTE: This event was originally scheduled for Nov 10**	**6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**
Sun Mar 10	Vav (6th) Brunch & Family Ed with Rabbi Newman Kamin	9:50 a.m.-11:25 a.m.
Sun Mar 10	Regional Kadima Day (5th-8th Grades) http://www.chusy.org	
Sat Mar 16	Shabbat Family Programming (SFP) (Includes Youth Torah Readings)	9:30 a.m. with kiddish lunch to follow
Sun Mar 17	Purim Carnival begins after Sunday Morning Minyan	9:50 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Wed Mar 20	Purim Megillah Reading & Festivities (Includes Youth Megillah Readings)	5:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

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Sun Mar 24	No SJS Classes — Spring Break	
Mar 24-Apr 1	Ta'am Yisrael 8th Grade Trip to Israel https://www.juf.org/cfje/taam_yisrael_about.aspx	
Wed Mar 27	No SJS Classes — Spring Break	
Sun Mar 31	No SJS Classes — Spring Break	

April 2019		
Wed Apr 3	Wed SJS resumes	4:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m.
Fri Sat Sun Apr 5-7	Regional Kinnus (8th-12th Grades) http://www.chusy.org	
Sun Apr 7	Sun SJS resumes	9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Sun Apr 7	**Dalet (4th) Brunch & Family Ed with Rabbi Newman Kamin. NOTE: This event was originally scheduled for Sun Feb 3**	**9:50 a.m.-11:25 a.m.**
Fri Apr 12	Gan (3.5-6 yr) & AlefBet (1st/2nd) help lead services	6:00 p.m.-6:40 p.m.
Sun Apr 14	Zayin (7th) B'nai Mitzvah Projects Presentation (Group B: 2nd half B'nai Mitzvah of the class)	9:50 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
Sun Apr 14	Maot Chitim Pesach Delivery to our assigned building	9:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
Fri Apr 19 & Sat Apr 20	Pesach Seders	
Sun Apr 21	No SJS Classes — Pesach Break	
Wed Apr 24	Wed SJS resumes — Chol HaMoed Pesach	4:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m.
Sat Apr 27	Intergenerational Torah Reading	9:30 a.m. with kiddish lunch to follow
Sun Apr 28	Sun SJS resumes	9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Sun Apr 28	Zayin (7th) Field Trip to Holocaust Museum in Skokie	SJS begins for Zayin at regular time; pick up is at the museum in Skokie at 2:00 p.m.
Sun Apr 28	**Rabbi Newman Kamin reads a story to Camp Am Yisrael**	**10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.**
Sun Apr 28	**High School Session with Rabbi Newman Kamin**	**10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**

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May/June 2019		
Fri May 3	Gimel (3rd) helps lead services and receives *Siddur Lev Shalem*	6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Sun May 5	Yom HaShoah Commemoration for 6th-12th Grades. Parents of all SJS students are encouraged to attend	10:30 a.m.-11:25 a.m.
Fri, May 10	**Honor High School SJS Madrichim Completing 12th Grade**	**6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**
Sat May 11	Shabbat Family Programming (SFP) (Includes Youth Torah Readings)	9:30 a.m. with kiddish lunch to follow
Sun May 12	Yom HaZikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut Class Commemorations and Celebrations during SJS	
Wed May 15	Musical Drama Chug Presentation in Sanctuary	5:45 p.m.-6:15 p.m.
Wed May 15	Last day of Wednesday Classes for SJS	4:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m.
Wed May 15	Closing Teacher Meeting & Dinner	6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Fri May 17	Friday Night Live (FNL)	6:00 p.m.-6:40 p.m.
Sun May 19	Last day of Sunday Classes for SJS: Regular Hours: Includes Chugim Open House, Prozdor & Pardes Presentations and All School Assembly	10:30 a.m. Open House; 11:00 a.m. Prozdor & Pardes Presentations; 11:50 a.m. All School Assembly
Sun Jun 9	Shavuot Student and Madrichim Torah Readings	9:30 a.m. with kiddish lunch to follow