



# Youth Education Calendar

## 2023-2024/5784

September 2023	October 2023	November 2023
7 Hebrew School First Day 10 Family School First Day High School Kick Off 17 Family Apple Picking Trip 14 Hebrew School 21 Hebrew School	1 Family School 6 Simply Simchat Torah 8 Family School High School 12 Hebrew School 19 Hebrew School 22 Family School 26 Hebrew School	2 Hebrew School 3 Simply Shabbat 5 Family School High School 9 Hebrew School 12 Family School 16 Hebrew School 30 Hebrew School
December 2023	January 2024	February 2024
1-3 Family Retreat 3 Family School High School 7 Hebrew School 8 Simply Chanukah Shabbat 14 Hebrew School 17 Family School 21 Hebrew School	11 Hebrew School 12 Simply Shabbat 14 Family School High School 18 Hebrew School 25 Hebrew School 28 Family School	1 Hebrew School 8 Hebrew School 9 Simply Shabbat 11 Family School High School 15 Hebrew School 25 Family School
March 2024	April 2024	May 2024
3 Family School High School 7 Hebrew School 8 Simply Shabbat 14 Hebrew School 17 Family School 21 Hebrew School	4 Hebrew School 7 Family School High School 11 Hebrew School 12 Simply Shabbat 18 Hebrew School Last Day 21 Family School	5 Family School High School 10 Simply Shabbat 19 Family School Last Day

Green indicates Family School sessions where students have class and parents have Caffeine for the Brain.  
Blue indicates Family School sessions where families stay together for holiday celebrations or other activities.

*More details on the next page!*  
*If you have any questions, contact Missy Bell, RJE, Director of Education, [mbell@sukkatshalom.org](mailto:mbell@sukkatshalom.org).*

# Family School

Family School meets approximately twice a month, engaging all members of the family in meaningful and relevant education and community-building. The entire community begins together in the Sanctuary for musical tefilah and communal learning. Then, students go to class while parents have Caffeine for the Brain with a speaker. Some weeks, families stay together for holiday celebrations and other activities. Over the first half of the year, you can look forward to:

- September 10: Opening Assembly and Tefilah, followed by RoshElla, our Rosh Hashanah Festival
- October 1: Caffeine for the Brain with Rabbi Brian Immerman
- October 8: Caffeine for the Brain with Rabbi Ally Tick Brill
- October 22: Caffeine for the Brain with Sharsheret
- November 5: Caffeine for the Brain with Rabbi Diana Fersko
- November 12: Caffeine for the Brain with Rabbi Joe Black
- December 3: Family Tikkun Olam Day
- December 17: Caffeine for the Brain with Rabbi Mark Rothschild

# Simply Shabbat

Simply Shabbat is our family Shabbat service, usually (but not always) held at 6pm on the second Friday of the month, October – May. Join us at 5:15pm for a family activity and dinner before the service! Family activities will include crafts, holiday preparation, and social justice projects. Simply Shabbat is on the following dates:

- October 6 (1<sup>st</sup> Friday): Simply Simchat Torah
- November 3 (1<sup>st</sup> Friday): Simply Shabbat
- December 8: Chanukah Celebration and Consecration – all new Family School students in Kindergarten and older will be honored during the service; on this date, dinner will follow the service.
- January 12: Simply Shabbat
- February 9: Simply Shabbat
- March 8: Simply Shabbat - Challahpalooza
- April 12: Simply Shabbat
- May 10: Simply Shabbat

# Special Events

## Family Apple Picking Trip

On Sunday, September 17, meet us at Stade's Farm and Market in McHenry, IL for apple picking! We'll meet there at 10am and head into the apple orchard together. Please note a minimum \$10 apple purchase per person is required to enter the apple orchard (kids ages two and under are free). Then, we'll enjoy a picnic lunch together. Stade's also has a Fall Festival on weekends with rides and attractions. You can visit their [website](#) to learn more about pricing and all of their offerings.

## Family Retreat

We are so excited to bring back our Family Retreat after several years! Join us December 1-3 at the beautiful Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin for a weekend of community-building, learning, praying, and playing. We'll spend some of our time in our Sukkat Shalom community, and some of our time with other congregations from around the Midwest. Registration information will be available soon.