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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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- K'tanim Photo
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**WE ARE IN NEED OF TEEN (GRADES 7 AND ABOVE) VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH YOUNG CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES FOR SECOND DAY OF ROSH HASHANAH. PLEASE CONTACT AL TREIDEL RIGHT AWAY AT [TREIDAD@AOL.COM](mailto:TREIDAD@AOL.COM)**

Dear Parents,

On pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter is an article about our upcoming Shabbaton for 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders on October 21 and 22. Without a doubt, it is the single most important activity that these youngsters should be attending. I have already spent significant planning time with both the Camp Ramah staff and our 4 young Israeli Emissaries. Incredible amounts of work and effort are being put into this event to ensure that every youngster has the most meaningful and fun experience of his/her life.

Being a very strong proponent of experiential learning, I know how critical it is for youngsters to be immersed in Shabbat. We cannot teach it in the classroom alone. Youngsters have to be a part of it. Our goal is for them to develop special bonds with one another and to realize how important it is to spend time enjoying activities with each other sans electronics, pencil and paper assignments and every day pressures.

We encourage your youngster to invite one or more Jewish friends to also join us for the Shabbaton. Please duplicate the application materials that are attached to this email. By having the Shabbaton in October, we have opportunities to have some activities outside and have the added bonus of observing Sukkot. We are quickly approaching the High Holiday season and things will become hectic. Please send in your youngster's registration today.

Kol tuv,

Al Treidel

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Sat., Sept. 24: Grade 6 Pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah 10:00am-Noon  
Sun., Sept. 25: Grade 8 Tichon Session 12:15pm  
Fri-Sat, Oct. 21& 22: Shabbaton for Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8  
Sun., Oct. 24 : Special Camp Ramah activities for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders & Ramah film for grades 3-7 followed by Pizza in the Hut at 11:45 am



## GRADE 6 PRE-BAR/BATMITZVAH BEGINS SATURDAY, SEPT 24



We are beginning our third year of Grade 6 Pre-Bar/Bat on Shabbat Morning, September 24 at 10:00am in the Beth El Sanctuary. Students are expected to dress appropriately for Shabbat (no jeans or t-shirts etc.). Students will sit with Mr. Treidel in back rows. He will explain portions of the service to them and how they will pertain to their Bar/Bat Mitzvah. After the completion of the second Torah reading, the students will be taken into Mr. Treidel's office for a light snack and mini-lesson and will return to the Sanctuary for Musaf. Students are expected to stay until the close of services at 12:00noon. Attendance will be taken.

## GRADE 8 TICHON MEETS THIS SUNDAY SEPT. 25 at 12:15PM

We are very excited to note that the next session of our Grade 8 Tichon will meet this coming Sunday, September 25 starting at 12:15pm with a pizza lunch. We will then take off for our first trip to The Conservative Synagogue in Westport to learn more about Conservative Judaism. The first half of our year will be spent studying about comparative Judaism (the three main movements). We will then proceed to learn about the religions of many of our non-Jewish friends by visiting a Protestant Church, A Catholic Church, a Muslim Mosque and a Hindu Temple.



## **K'tanim Youngsters learning High Holiday Music with**



**our New Assistant Director/Music Teacher**  
**Niema Hirsch**

## **THE BIGGEST AND BEST CAMP RAMAH STYLE** **SHABBATON OCT. 21 and 22**

We are very excited to announce that Beth El is sponsoring another amazing Shabbat Camp-Style experience on Friday and Saturday, October 21 and 22 right here at Beth El. The Shabbaton is open to our Navasky and day school students and their friends in grades 5 through 8. In addition, invites are being extended to students at the following synagogues: Temple Beth El, Stamford, the Conservative Synagogue in Westport, Congregation Beth El in Fairfield and B'nai Torah in Trumbull. Staff includes three Camp Ramah Counselors, four Young Israeli Emissaries and education professionals and volunteers from various congregations. In addition to the Shabbaton for 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Graders on Friday and Saturday, we will have special Camp Ramah activities for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders on Sunday morning, October 23 just prior to our annual Pizza in the Hut festivities. The cost for the Shabbaton is \$ 45.00 per student. Letters and registration forms were mailed out the homes of 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders. If you did not receive one or need another copy, please



contact Al Treidel at [treidad@aol.com](mailto:treidad@aol.com) . Reserve the dates and join us for the best Shabbaton ever



## **IMPORTANT HIGH HOLIDAY YOUTH ACTIVITIES INFORMATION**



**Times of Activities:** Rosh Hashanah 1 and 2: 10:00am-12:30pm  
Yom Kippur: 10:30am-1:00pm

**Locations:**

<b>Babysitting (ages 1-3)</b>	<b>Classroom 3</b>
<b>Ages 3, 4 and 5</b>	<b>Classrooms 1&amp;2</b>
<b>Grades 1, 2 and 3</b>	<b>Library</b>
<b>Grades 4, 5 and 6</b>	<b>Church across the Street</b>

### **INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF Children ages 1 to 5:**

- 1. Your child must arrive each morning wearing a name tag with both the child's name and parent's name on it.**
- 2. We ask parents of children below the age of 4 to please check in every 45 minutes to ensure that your child is ok without you there. Our volunteers are not permitted to change diapers, so parents need to sit in the rear area of the Sanctuary so we can locate you in case a diaper change is required .Children age 5 and below should arrive with a favorite toy to play with**

**3. WE ARE IN NEED OF TEEN VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH YOUTH ACTIVITIES ON ALL THREE DAYS. WE ESPECIALLY RELY UPON EACH PARENT IN THE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE 45 MINUTES ON ONE OF THE THREE DAYS TO SERVE AS A HALL MONITOR AND/OR TO HELP WITH THE PREPARATION AND/OR SERVING OF SNACKS. IF YOU OR A TEEN IN YOUR FAMILY IS/ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP, PLEASE EMAIL AL TREIDEL AT [treidad@aol.com](mailto:treidad@aol.com) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

L' Shanah Tovah  
Have a sweet year!

