



Sam and Jean Frankel Family Education Program Catalog

Welcome to the 2011-2012 Congregation Shir Tikvah School year!

We hope that you get as excited as we are about the coming year with its many new learning and family opportunities. Inside you will find this year's school calendar, Family Fun Programs, adult learning classes, and some exciting new opportunities.

Last year we celebrated being a Mensch. This year we will grapple with concepts of God and challenge our beliefs of ways to connect with and understand God. We look forward to having you join the journey with us!

The Family Education Team

2011-2012 Family Education Staff

Rabbi Arnie Sleutelberg

Wren Beaulieu-Hack, Director of Lifelong Learning

Tikvah Explorers: Faye Blatt

First Grade: Elaine Zold

Second Grade: Linnea Bassin

Third Grade: Judy Schreiber

Fourth Grade: Pam Spitzer*

Fifth Grade: Gayle Hirsch

Sixth Grade: Anne Costello

Music: Caitlin Klaper*

Opening the Doors: Debbie Migdal

7th Grade: Rabbi Arnie

8th Grade: Caitlin Klaper*

High School: Herschel Poger

Electives: Rick May

Michael Phillips

Office Support: Joyce Bayer

Adult Aides: Pennie Michelin

Jan Laurencelle

Family Educator: Gail Greenberg*

*** Also part of the Family Ed Leadership Team**

Congregation Shir Tikvah Family Education 2010-2011 School Year At A Glance

This year in Family Education we are focusing on the theme

ARE YOU THERE GOD? HINENI (I'm here)!

Where is God? What do we call God? How do people of all ages connect with God? Join us on a journey of exploration of God.

Sunday	September 11th	Sunday School Begins
Monday	September 12th	Monday Night School Begins
Tuesday	September 13th	Tuesday Night School Begins
Tuesday	September 27th	No Family Education
Thursday	September 29th	Rosh Hashana Youth Service (8-12 year olds) - 9:45 am
Thursday	September 29th	Rosh Hashana Family Service-4 pm
Friday	September 30th	Tashlich 11:00 am - Jaycee Park
Saturday	October 8	Yom Kippur Family Service-4pm
Sunday - Tuesday	October 9 - 11	No Family Education
Friday	October 14th	Sukkot at Rabbi Arnie's House 7:00 pm
Sunday	October 16th	Sunday School Resumes Pizza in the Hut - 12:00 noon after Family Ed.
Monday	October 17th	Monday Night School Resumes
Tuesday	October 18th	Tuesday Night School Resumes
Friday	October 21st	Simchat Torah Celebration! Dinner 5:30 Service/ 6:30 Consecration Service
Friday	October 28th	PJ Tot Shabbat 6:15 pm
Monday	October 31st	No Family Education
Thursday	November 3rd	Jewish Bookfair Begins
Sunday	November 6th	Kindergarten to JCC in Oak Park at 10:30 am for Bookfair program
Friday	November 11th	3rd-6th Grade Music Shabbat
Tuesday	November 22nd	No Family Education
Sunday	November 27th	No Family Education
Monday	November 28th	Family Education Resumes
Tuesday	November 29th	Tuesday Night School Resumes
Sunday	December 4th	Sunday School Resumes
Friday	December 9th	PJ Tot Shabbat 6:15 pm
Friday	December 16th	Latke Dinner and Music Shabbat
Saturday	December 17th	Family Hanukkah Celebration-Glow Bowling!
Sunday-Saturday	December 18th - January 7th	Winter Break

Sunday	January 8th	Sunday School Resumes
Monday	January 9th	Monday Night School Resumes
Tuesday	January 10th	Tuesday Night School Resumes
Sunday	January 15th	Family Education Tikkun Olam Day
Monday	January 16th	No Family Education - Martin Luther King Day
Friday	January 20th	PJ Tot Shabbat 6:15 pm
Saturday	January 28th	3rd-6th Grade Breakfast and Shabbat
Friday	February 3rd	Empty Bowls Shabbat 6:00 Dinner/ 7:15 Service
Sunday	February 12th	6th Grade Tzedakah Experience at Temple Israel
Sunday - Sunday	February 19 - 26th	No Family Education - February Break
Monday	February 27th	Monday Night School Resumes
Tuesday	February 28th	Tuesday Night School Resumes
		5:00 pm Tu B'Shevat Seven Species Celebration
Saturday	March 3rd	3rd-6th Grade Breakfast and Shabbat
Sunday	March 4th	Sunday School Resumes
Friday	March 9th	Congregational Purim Service
Sunday	March 11th	Family Purim Celebration and Purim Carnival
Friday	March 23rd	PJ Tot Shabbat 6:15 pm
Sunday	March 18th	Pre K-1st Grade Matzah Factory Field Trip
Sunday - Sunday	April 1st - 8th	No Family Education - Spring Break
Monday	April 9th	Monday Night School Resumes
Tuesday	April 10th	Tuesday Night School Resumes
Sunday	April 15th	Sunday School Resumes
Sunday	April 22nd	Community Wide Israel Fest
Friday	April 27th	PJ Tot Shabbat 6:15 pm
		Monday Night School Service 7:15 pm
Sunday	May 6th	Last Day of Family Education
		Teacher Appreciation Celebration
Friday	June 1st	Senior Send Off Service

**This calendar is current as of 9/2011.
Any changes made to the calendar will be
sent to families via email.**



**Inclement Weather: When in Doubt, Don't go out!
Check our website for school closings. Listen to
WWJ and WJR**



Fun Family Programs!



Pizza in the Hut!

Sunday, October 16 Noon...plus more!

Join together after Religious School for Pizza in the Hut...a celebration of Sukkot. Sit in the sukkah, share pizza, shake the lulav and etrog, and learn a little about the holiday.

Simchat Torah

Friday, October 21 Dinner 5:30 pm, Service 6:30 pm

Each time we study Torah we thank G'd for the opportunity to immerse ourselves in Torah. Join together to celebrate the reading of the ending and beginning of the Torah with song, dance, and stories. And then watch your children become "immersed" in Torah as the scroll is opened around them. A Consecration Service will be held to welcome our new Family Education students as part of the celebration.



Family Hanukkah Celebrations

Latke Dinner and Music Shabbat

Friday, December 16th

Join in Sisterhood's Annual Latke Dinner and stay for Music Shabbat.



Glow Bowling!

Saturday, December 17th

Hanukkah celebrates the miracle of light...what a better way to celebrate light than at Glow Bowling?! Join together for candle lighting, pizza, bowling, and fun!



Family Education Tikkun Olam Day

Sunday, January 15 10:00 am

Our annual Family Education Tikkun Olam Day brings us all together to help repair the world! Want to help the hungry? Help someone who is homeless or doesn't have enough to get by? Bring a smile to someone's face? Then this is the place to be!



ט"ו בשבט הגיע

Tu B'Shevat Seven Species Celebration 3rd – 6th Grades

Tuesday, February 28 5:00 pm



חג לאילנות

Families are invited to join our 3rd-6th grade students for a Tu B'Shevat Celebration! Explore Israeli customs, learn about Tu B'Shevat, and share tasty treats.

“Engaging the family, not just in how to light a candle, but in how to light a life, is a model worthy of pursuit.” —Cyd Weissman

Empty Bowls Dinner / Music Shabbat

Friday, February 11 Dinner 6:00 pm Music Shabbat 7:15 pm

Be a Mensch! Share in a soup and bread dinner served in bowls created by CST members. Stay for services and learn about how we have and can continue to help those in our community who are hungry. (There is a charge for bowls that goes directly to charity.)



Family Education Purim Celebration

Sunday, March 11 9:30 am

The Purim celebration at CST is ALWAYS fun! Who will lead us in services this year? Batman...the Beatles...Spongebob...and ___? Hear the reading of the Megillah, sing together, join the costume parade, make Purim Parcels for those in need, and then join together to celebrate at the TATY carnival. Be Happy...It's Purim!

Congregation Shir Tikvah Passover – Second Seder

Tuesday, April 19 5:45 pm



Hate cooking and doing dishes? Don't want to clean the house for company? Most importantly, want to join your CST family for an interactive, creative Seder? Almost 200 people each year join together to celebrate...will you be there?! (There is a fee for the Seder. Reservations must be made ahead of time to the synagogue.)

CST Family Ed...On the Road!

These programs will be held outside of the building where our students will learn together with other members of the Detroit Jewish community.

Sunday, November 6 10:30 am “Bubbies, Bagels and Books” at the Oak Park JCC (for Kindergarten Families)

Sunday, February 12 9:45 am Tzedakah Experience at Temple Israel (for 6th grade Families)

Sunday, March 18 10:00 am Matzah Factory Tour at the West Bloomfield JCC (Kindergarten and 1st grade)



Family Services

Congregation Shir Tikvah loves children and encourages them to attend Friday evening and Saturday morning services. Parents are always responsible for their children. The following services have been created for specific age groups to help provide meaningful age-appropriate prayer sessions for families that have children.

Holiday Family Services

These services provide opportunities for families of all ages to come together and celebrate the holidays. Services with an asterisk are geared for younger children.



9/29	9:45 am	Rosh Hashanah Youth Service (ages 8-12)
9/29	4:00 pm	Rosh Hashanah Family Service
9/30	11:00 am	Tashlich Service at the Jaycee Park
10/8	4:00 pm	Yom Kippur Family Service
10/14	7:00 pm	Sukkot Service at Rabbi Arnie's House
10/21	6:30 pm	Simchat Torah Service/Consecration
12/16	6:00 pm	Latke Dinner and Music Shabbat
3/11	9:30 am	Purim Family Service
4/7	5:45 pm	Second Night Seder at CST



Geared for families with our youngest participants, ages 2-8. Join Rabbi Arnie and the Family Education team for services, stories, and snacks. Please come in PJs!

Fridays at 6:15 pm Services last 30 minutes and are followed by kid friendly snacks

10/28, 12/9, 1/20, 3/23, 4/27



Geared for families with children in 3rd-6th Grade. Morning services will be preceded by breakfast at 9:30 am.

Friday, 11/11 6:00 pm Shabbat Dinner, 7:15 pm Services
 Saturday, 1/28 10 am Breakfast and Service
 Saturday, 3/3 10 am Breakfast and Service



Friday evening service which will be lead by our CST Monday Night School aged youth along with Rabbi Arnie.

Friday 4/27 7:45 pm

Special Family Programs

These opportunities will allow your family to spend time “doing Jewish” together. Read on to learn new ways to connect with your family and friends!

Sukkot Dinner in the Hut! (Dinner is on us!)

Pick a night...invite some friends...and have dinner in our hut! We provide the lulav, etrog, sukkah, and pizza...YOU provide the fun! Contact Wren to reserve YOUR night in the hut!



Friday Challah Days!

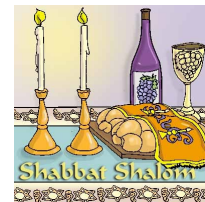


Mix the dough, let it rise, and braid your Shabbat challah! Fun, free, and family friendly!

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Shabbat Shalom...to Go!! (a Family Ed Give-a-way!)

Feeling lucky? Looking for an easy way to create your own Shabbat experience? Your Shir Tikvah Family Education staff are here to help! Weekly raffles will take place for a Shabbat-to go basket! Watch your email to see if you are a winner!



Family Chavurah

Connect with other CST Families at these events. Some are with children; others are times to connect with parents. And all of these are fun! Watch the Schrier for upcoming events!





Adult/Parent Learning Opportunities Sunday Morning Sessions

**All Sundays begin with services for parents/guardians
and children at 9:30 am**

**All classes begin at 10:15 am and run for 1-1.5 hours
Unless otherwise noted, all classes will be held at Shir Tikvah.**

HANDS ON JUDAISM SERIES

What special foods do we eat for Rosh Hashanah? Which direction do we light the Hanukkah menorah? Why are there 2 Shabbat candles? How do I celebrate Israel Independence Day when Israel is so far away?

Get the answers to these and many of your other questions at this year's "Hands On Judaism" series. Join Gail Greenberg and special guest speakers to explore Judaism-hands on!

9/18	Hands On Fall Holidays
10/23	Hands On Shabbat
11/20	Hands On Hanukkah
2/5	Hands On Purim
3/4	Hands On Passover
4/22	Hands On Israel

*Learning at each session will be independent from other sessions. Feel free to join us for as few or as many classes as you can.

NOT WHERE IS GOD, BUT WHEN IS GOD? A THREE PART SERIES

Throughout history Jews have asked questions; many say we also answer them with questions! Join Rabbi Arnie Sleutelberg as we explore God concepts. What is God? How do we connect with God?

Part 1: 11/20/11

Part 2: 1/29/12

Part 3: 4/15/12

Adult/Parent Learning Opportunities

Lunch & Learn Sessions

Lunch and Learn sessions are held monthly with rotating teachers. Bring your lunch and your appetite for learning. All sessions are held on Tuesdays beginning at 12 noon and are held at Congregation Shir Tikvah.

Sessions taught by Rabbi Arnie: 10/12/10, 12/7/10, 2/8/11, 4/12/11
Sessions taught by Vern Allen: 1/11/11, 3/8/11, 5/10/11



Adult Hebrew Classes

Beginning Hebrew Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Assumes no prior knowledge of Hebrew.

Class fee: Members \$85, Non-members \$105, Textbook fee: \$18



Intermediate Hebrew Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

This class is the continuation of last year's Beginning Hebrew I & II. Student must have taken Beginning Hebrew or equivalent in order to enroll.

Class fee: Members \$85, Non-members \$105.

Marcia Liebson was the director of education at Temple EmanuEl for 13 years. She has taught every Jewish subject under the sun and has been teaching Hebrew at Shir Tikvah for the 2 years. Marcia states that teaching adults is truly enjoyable as they are motivated and the classroom atmosphere is very casual, and hopes those of you who are beginners, or who want to brush up on your Hebrew skills will take the plunge and join her on Tuesday afternoons!

Congregation Shir Tikvah is excited to be able to offer many Adult Education courses to all members of our congregation at no cost. Just as learning is a mitzvah, so is giving. There will be a tzedakah box available at each Adult Education session for those of you who want to fulfill the concept of Hiddur Mitzvah...making the mitzvah more meaningful...by placing tzedakah in the box. Making a donation to the congregation in honor of your teachers is another great way to give back!

*"To educate a child without educating and involving the entire family can be compared to heating a house while leaving a window open."
-Mordecai Kaplan*

Community Events

Congregation Shir Tikvah provides many opportunities for family, child, and adult learning. We strive to provide a variety of social, community service, and educational opportunities. Below are some community wide events and educational opportunities that may interest you. And remember to share any ideas you have for programs at CST with us...we'd love to hear your thoughts!

Looking for other ways to connect with the Detroit Jewish Community?
Here are a few opportunities:

9/4	Walk for Friendship
9/11	Walk of Ages
10/30	Anita Naftaly Family Circle
116-11/13	Jewish Book Fair
11/6	Shema Detroit: A Day of Learning
11/13	JFS Fall Fix Up
12/25	Mitzvah Day!
February, 2012	Jewish Disabilities Month
2/26	The Great Purim Parcel Project
March, 2011	Stephen Gottlieb Jewish Music Festival
3/18-25	The Barbara and Douglas Bloom Matzah Factory
5/6	Walk for Israel!



For more information and other opportunities look at the Detroit community calendar:
<http://detroit.planitjewish.com/jp/home?location=home>

Looking for other learning opportunities?

Federation's Alliance for Jewish Education, in partnership with many other organizations, have a number of classes you may be interested in. Their catalog is at: www.jewishdetroit.org/feded



Congregation Shir Tikvah is a part of the
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Federation's Alliance for Jewish Education.

