

The Temple Shalom Transformational

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17 NEW MEMBERS THIS YEAR!

A FOCUS ON THE CHILDREN AT TEMPLE SHALOM

“Going From Good to Inspirational”

Alissa Okrent, our Religious School Principal (Ms. O to the students) is very excited about our Religious School where the feeling is always happy and energetic. Our faculty are veteran educators with a passion for sharing and teaching our children Jewish Values, the elements of Jewish life-cycle and preparation for B’nai Mitzvahs as our children become young Jewish teens.

What’s New This Year?

Confirmation class will be learning about Jewish Heroes and Israel from Rabbi Serebro-Litvak and creating a broader sense of their own Jewish identity in the process. We are looking forward to exciting discussion and experiences as the year progresses!

Additionally, this year we will have a focus in the Jewish Values of responsibility. Each month our core topic will change, and each grade will be taking responsibility for “teaching the teachers” by creating new bulletin boards highlighting what they have learned about that topic. Some of the topics include:

B’zteleim Elohim (God’s image); Gevurah (inner strength); Achrayut (creating a better world); Hakara HaTov (being grateful); Koach Hadibbur (power of words) and Shalom (peace).

Family services will have a new focus. These services will be created by individual grades and shared with our congregation. The purpose is to educate our students on the practical information taught in the classroom. These practical ideas are a gateway to participating in Jewish life, regardless of age. Come see for yourself!

YOUTH GROUP

“Youth Group will be unconventional this year. It will be inspiring and engaging, consistent with the Temple’s strategic plan. It will bring the Jewish connection to all of our members in new and exciting ways.” - John Sanders, the Temple Board Chair overseeing our Youth Group.

Here’s What’s New!

There will be an emphasis on the connection between TSHY and the younger students with the goal to capture greater participation.

Already, the Madrachim held a “Welcome to the First Day of School” to create excitement. A chocolate fundraiser is under way.

The Midnight Run, a highlight of the year is slated for December 1st.

There will be at least 2 Shul-Ins during the course of the year. Additionally, a Mystery Bus Ride and the “Best Ever” Purim Carnival are being planned.

A special thank you goes out to Karly Katchen (Youth Director) and Jacob DeFuria (Youth Group President) for their spirit and positive energy. Jacob is “thrilled to see such enthusiasm with the teenagers in Youth Group.”



Jordan Leonard & Jacob DeFuria are ready to begin a great year!

HOW DOES IT ALL ADD UP?

The best way to summarize what Temple Shalom means to our children is articulated in the poem read during our Yom Kippur Service by Kayla DeBrito, Rachel Gontarski, Hannah Raeihle and Haille Mark.

Together, they read....

TEMPLE SHALOM:

With 8 years and counting,
At Temple Shalom,
We have found a place
To call our second home

With our second family here
And the Hebrew school squad too
We always have fun
With everything we do.

LEARNING:

And the things we have learned,
Throughout all the years,
Not just the prayers and the books,
But life lessons with our peers.

Our days in class are always a blast,
And we've learned so much too
We learned new values each month
And our views of the world have been renewed.

TEACHING:

And now we're Madrachim
Passing on what we've learned
With laughs and fun,
We will share the knowledge we've earned.

Temple Shalom has a special place in our hearts,
The friendships we've made will last, even if we're far apart.

And now our rhyme will end right here,
We hope you have an easy fast and a great New Year!

Please reach out with any questions or suggestions!

B'Shalom,

Jeffrey Newman

Jeffrey Newman, President



Hannah Raeihle, Haille Mark and Vanessa Baron are excited for their first day of Religious School.



Rolling out the Red Carpet for the students' 1st day of Religious School! (Ryan, Robert and Randi Raimondo stroll down the red carpet)