

Special Programs Bet Spring, 2022

We have many special programs planned for this winter-spring at the Jane Fishman Grinberg Religious School. A calendar was sent in December, and is included with this message as well. We wanted to give you some detail for each class so that you are prepared, and can help encourage your child to participate in these wonderful programs that are a part of our core curriculum.

Below is a detail for your child's grade that includes any Abiri Arts Fund projects, their class trip for our February 6 Trip Day, and a family participation program during which the children will receive one of a series of Jewish books to add to their personal Judaic libraries.

In addition to these grade level programs, all students in Gan-Hay will participate in a Purim Event and a Pesach Model Seder. The Purim event will be Sunday, March 13. All children will rotate to different stations where they will learn about and celebrate the mitzvot of Purim. The Model Seder will be Sunday, April 3. Each grade will prepare parts of the Seder to lead, as they build their repertoire over the course of their years in the JFGRS to become competent participants in your family's Seder at home. We are hopeful that our safety guidelines will permit parents to attend the Model Seder with their children this year!

Trip Day: Bet will visit the Franklin Institute Fels Planetarium, where they will see a show called *Astral Almanac*. This show connects directly to our study of the Jewish calendar as it reviews how the solar and lunar years and seasons are understood and marked by various religious traditions.

Abiri Arts: Bet students will be making Shabbat candlesticks, a tray, and a Havdalah candle as a continuation of their creation of a collection of quality Judaic ritual art.

Bet Kabbalat Siddur, **Tuesday, April 26**: Bet students will demonstrate the prayers that they have learned over the course of this year at a special service to which parents are invited at 5:00 PM. As a part of the service, the children will receive their very own *Siddur Shalom*, the children's version of our *Sim Shalom* prayerbook used at Har Zion and most Conservative congregations. This is the siddur that we use in school each Sunday and Tuesday. The program will be followed by dinner for parents and the Bet class child.