

Special Programs Gan-Aleph

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!

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Trip Day: Gan and Aleph will visit the Philadelphia Zoo, where they will enjoy a visit with the animals as they participate in activities that reinforce Hebrew names of animals, colors, and directional phrases in Hebrew.

Abiri Arts: Gan and Aleph are in the process of making a Shabbat Kiddush cup and Challah covers. These ritual objects, as a funded project, are intended to begin their collection of quality Judaica as they will add to this collection over their years in JFGRS. They will be used at our family program described below.

Model Shabbat Dinner, Sunday March 13: Gan and Aleph will demonstrate their knowledge of the Friday night table rituals by leading a Model Shabbat Dinner with all the proper blessings and a fun "breakfast meal". They will receive a special book, *A Day Apart* that is a guide for family Shabbat celebration. Parents Invited 9:30-10:30 AM.