

Special Programs Hay

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!

Abiri Arts: In December, the Hay class made Tzedakah boxes from clay. They also had a special calligraphy lesson where they learned to do the technique of "micrography" – small writing that makes a picture.

Trip: The Hay class will begin an exploration of American Jewish History, which will continue into the Middle School, by visiting sites in Old City Philadelphia with connections to the early Jewish community. They will see the historic Mikveh Israel synagogue, the Liberty Bell, inscribed with a verse from the Torah and imported by a Jewish merchant, and visit the Museum of the American Revolution which houses a collection of Judaica from colonial era Jewish Philadelphians, such as the Gratz family. *Important Note: This museum requires proof of Covid Vaccination. Please email a copy of your child's vaccination card to mschatz@harziontemple.org ASAP.

Kabbalat Chumash, **Shabbat, May 6**: At this Shabbat morning service, Hay students will help lead the prayers they have learned this past year in religious school, and will receive their own *Etz Chayim Chumash*, the book-form Torah that we use at Har Zion and at most Conservative synagogues. They will be able to use this volume to help prepare their *Devar Torah* for when they become Bar and Bat Mitzvah. Many students who participated in Rabbi Haaz's Torah chanting class will also have the opportunity to read a Torah part this day. Service and lunch, 10 AM- 12:30 PM.