



SULAM

SOURCE FOR UNDERSTANDING, LEARNING AND MEANING

Family Handbook

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Gesher



Temple Chayai Shalom 6th & 7th Grade Program



Temple Chayai Shalom

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Welcome to SULAM!

SULAM is the name for our education program at Temple Chayai Shalom serving children from **pre-school through 5th grade**.

SULAM is an acronym for: Source for Understanding Learning And Meaning. In Hebrew the word *SULAM* means “ladder”. It was selected for our program for it’s acronym as well as a reference to the ladder in our ancestor Jacob’s dream. In that dream, Jacob saw a tall ladder reaching up to the heavens with angels ascending and descending. (Genesis: 28:10-15)

TCS’ SULAM strives to provide dynamic, creative and inspirational offerings which empower learners of various ages, abilities and learning styles to expand their minds and to develop close relationships to community, to Israel and to Jewish wisdom.



Welcome to Gesher!

Gesher is the name for our **6th & 7th grade** educational program at Temple Chayai Shalom.

Gesher is the Hebrew word for “Bridge”. We chose this word as a name for our middle school program since we have designed this program to serve as a bridge from childhood into teen years— the topics are carefully selected to prepare students for becoming Jewish young adults.

At Gesher we continue to provide students with creative and meaningful experiences as they also develop leadership skills, liturgical mastery and awareness for our communal responsibility at TCS and beyond.



SULAM / Gesher Schedule

Grades	Days / Times	Notes
Young Explorers	See Flyer for Dates	Ages 3 yr—5 yr
1-2, 3, 4, 5	Sun. 9:00am—11:30am	Judaic studies
And		
3	Wed. 4:30 pm — 5:30 pm	Hebrew
4 & 5 (Each child attends <i>one</i> of these sessions)	Tues. 4:30pm — 5:30pm Tues. 5:30pm — 6:30pm Wed. 3:30pm — 4:30 pm Wed. 4:30 pm — 5:30 pm	Hebrew small groups as scheduled
6 & 7	Wed. 5:30 pm —7:30 pm	6— Hebrew & Judaic 7— Judaic studies

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Communication

The Temple Chayai Shalom SULAM faculty works hard at creating a safe, fun and nurturing atmosphere in which children can explore ideas, celebrate Jewish holidays and develop a positive Jewish identity. We understand that this is only possible through a close connection with the families of our students.

A weekly newsletter will be emailed each Friday during the school year. In this newsletter you will find highlights from classes, information about upcoming events and links to each grade / mador's Google document. The Google docs will be updated weekly by the teacher for that specific group. You can bookmark these pages and check them anytime, even in between newsletters. It is vital that you visit these pages regularly as they outline the work that has been covered in class as well as homework assignments.

In addition, teachers will contact parents if specific issues arise with your child. Parents should also be in touch with teachers regarding questions they might have concerning their child.

A short written evaluation will be emailed home in January and in May outlining your child's academic progress and observations about their social interactions in class.

Parent/Guardian Participation

We believe that learning can be a family affair and is not only for children. As Jews, we continue to grow and develop our Jewish identity and understanding throughout our lives. At times, SULAM families join together to explore ideas important to Jewish life with their children at a class program or school wide gatherings. Please mark your calendars for the dates that apply for your family:



Grade	Date	Theme
K-2	1/5/20	<i>Tzedakah</i> – Righteous Giving
3	1/26/20	What's in a Name? – What will be your legacy?
4	2/2/20	Walk a Mile in my Shoes – Understanding “the other”
5	11/17/19	Leading a <i>Mitzvah</i> Life
6	1/26/20	What is <i>B'nai Mitzvah</i> & what does it mean to you & your family?

SULAM Learning—Judaics

Our Judaic Studies Curriculum covers major content areas of Holidays, Torah, History, *Tikkun Olam* (social justice) and Israel. Students engage with materials and concepts at age appropriate levels with a focus on hands on experiences. For more specific curriculum goals for each grade level contact the Director of Education Sarit Ferreira.

Young Explorers (meets once a month)

Learn about holidays and Torah stories through stories, songs, food and crafts, as well as an opportunity to form friendships and connect to the Jewish community. (A parent/child or drop-off option)

Grade K/1/2 – Holidays, Torah and Introduction to Hebrew Letters

Students learn about Jewish traditions, Torah stories, food and customs through hands-on and experiential lessons and activities. Using a mnemonic system designed to help students connect Hebrew letters to sounds through stories, 1st & 2nd graders learn to identify Hebrew letters.

Grades 3-5 Sundays – Project Based Learning (meets on Sundays)

Building on the passion of our students and fostering a spirit of inquiry, our 3rd—5th grade classes, investigate big questions about Jewish life and the greater world. Through Project Based Learning our students engage with a variety of materials and resources as they investigate a “Big Question”. They create multiple drafts and have ample opportunities for ongoing reflection. Inviting experts from the field to work with our students and going off site for fieldwork is another layer that makes our program so special. At the end of the unit, students will present their project to family, friends, the TCS community, and possibly a larger audience.

PBL Topics:

- ★ Grade 3 - Bible (TaNa”Ch / תנ”ך)
- ★ Grade 4 - The Jewish calendar / Jewish values
- ★ Grade 5 - Jewish History

Grade 6 – My personal Jewishness (meets on Wednesdays)

Our 6th graders study Shabbat morning prayers during the Hebrew portion of the class. In the Judaics portion, they learn to navigate the Humash (the book form of the Torah), understand the difference between Torah and TaNa”Ch (i.e. Bible), discover and analyze various Jewish values, and explore Jewish spirituality — through these lessons, students are encouraged to form their personal connection to Judaism.

Grade 7 – Becoming a Jewish Adult (meets on Wednesdays)

Students in 7th grade focus on two main areas of study: Jewish Life-Cycle and *Mitzvot*. Students explore what it means to be Jewish through examining the various rites of passage in the Jewish life cycle. In addition, through the *B’nai TELEM* curriculum, a variety of social justice issues and how Jewish values address these important topics are Studied. Throughout the year, students participate in field trips and welcome visitors who share wisdom relating to the topics studied.

SULAM Learning — Programs

Monthly Havdalah gatherings

Havdalah literally means 'separation'. It is also the name of a ceremony that separates *Shabbat* from the rest of the week.



Although traditionally *Havdalah* takes place on Saturday night it can be performed as late as Tuesday.

At the first Sunday session of every month our entire school community will gather together in the cafetorium at the Center School for *Havdalah*, to sing songs and to celebrate the birthdays of the month. Each grade level will have the chance to lead *Havdalah* during the year.

Parents are invited and encouraged to attend with their children for this special community gathering.

These are the Havdalah dates for this school year — Sundays at 9:00 am:

9/8/19	12/8/19	3/1/20
10/6/19	1/5/20	4/5/20
11/3/19	2/2/20	5/3/20

Shirah (Music)

On non-Havdalah Sundays, students gather for a dynamic *Shirah* (music) session with David Rothberg, our Cantorial Soloist. This offers opportunities to practice prayers learned in the Hebrew Madorim as well as enjoy singing along with holiday and other Jewish music.



Tzedakah



Generosity is one of the hallmarks of Jewish life. *Tzedakah*, *Gemilut Chasadim* (acts of living kindness) and *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world), are core Jewish values. Though often described as charity, *tzedakah* literally means righteousness or justice. *Tzedakah* is collected each session. Each month, funds collected during SULAM will be designated to go toward supporting a specific cause.

הִנֵּה מָה טוֹב וְיָמָּה נְעִים, שְׂבֶתָ אֲחִים גַּם יַחַד!

How good and pleasant it is when we sit together in unity!



SULAM Learning — Monthly Whole School Programs

Day	Date	Time	Topic / notes
Saturday	9/21/19	3:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Selichot: an educational program geared to SULAM age students on the topic of Selichot – the period leading up to the High Holy Days in which we reflect on our past behavior and choices and make amends.
Sunday	10/13/19	4:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Sukkot: “Raise the Roof!”- the first part is an educational program for SULAM, the rest of the evening is a Sukkot community dinner and service open to all.
Sunday	10/20/19	4:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Simchat Torah: the first hour is an educational program for SULAM, the rest of the evening is a holiday community dinner and service open to all.
Saturday	11/23/19	10:00 am – 12:30 pm	SULAM Shabbat: an educational program will be followed by a Shabbat morning service. The Shabbat service is family style, and open to the community.
Sunday	12/8/19	9:00 am – 11:30 am	Mitzvah Day: parents and children join together in Tikun Olam – making the world a better place by participating in community service activities.
Sunday	12/15/19	9:00 am – 11:30 am	Chanukah program: an educational program geared to SULAM age students on the topic of Chanukah. This program replaces SULAM for the day.
Saturday	1/11/20	4:00 pm – 6:30 pm	SULAM Havdalah: an educational program geared to SULAM age students on the topic of Havdalah – the separation between Shabbat and the new week.
Sunday	2/9/20	9:00 am – 11:30 am	SULAM Tu Bishvat: an educational program geared to SULAM age students on the topic of Tu Bishvat. This program replaces SULAM for the day.
Monday	3/9/20	5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Purim: the first part is an educational program for SULAM, the rest of the evening is a holiday community celebration open to all.
Saturday	4/4/20	10:00 am – 12:30 pm	SULAM Passover Shabbat: a Passover themed educational program will be followed by a Shabbat morning service. The Shabbat service is family style, and open to the community.
Sunday	5/3/20	9:00 am – 11:30 am	SULAM last day

Special Needs

Our tradition teaches that each child has a unique set of characteristics that make him or her special. In the book of Proverbs we are taught--“*educate each child in accordance with his/her own way...*” We are committed to identifying the strengths that a student has, as well as providing additional support as needed. We ask that you share any documentation that you might have that will offer us insight into crafting an educational plan that best suits your child.

Please make an appointment with Sarit Ferreira, education@templechayaishalom.org to coordinate services and keep the lines of communication open.



Whoever teaches his child, teaches not only his child, but also his child's child - and so on to the end of generations. Talmud, Kiddushin 30a

SULAM Learning — Hebrew

Formal Hebrew instruction begins at Temple Chayai Shalom in **1st-2nd grade**. Students learn the letters of the Hebrew alphabet through interactive, multisensory approach. We use a mnemonic system that uses words and body motions to aid in remembering letter sounds.

Grade 3 meets for an hour on Wednesday afternoons. The group begins the year with a review of the Hebrew letters and vowels, followed by reading and chanting prayers at an increasing skill level. They begin with blessings and end the year with Shabbat prayers from our TCS Shabbat service liturgy.


Grades 4-5 meet for an hour during the week with a small group of peers. They improve their reading and decoding skills as well as learn to chant more complex prayers. We call these small groups “madorim” (Hebrew for sections; “Mador” is a singular form of this word). Madorim are scheduled on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons at a time slot that is selected by the parents. This maximizes convenience and allows each family to work within their schedule. One of the benefits of the *madorim* model is that students in a small group are better able to move at the pace that makes sense for them – and not on a predetermined schedule.

Grade 6 continues to develop mastery and understanding of service liturgy as well as understanding service structure and design.

Our goals are:

- ★ **Strengthen** our students’ ability to decode prayer and build fluency for reciting, chanting and ultimately leading prayer as part of a prayer service.
- ★ **Give** a context for the prayer being studied. When is the prayer recited? (evening, morning, *Shabbat*, etc.) A bit of the background of the prayer is explored as well.
- ★ **Study** the main themes of the prayer to help students develop a personal connection so prayer is a more meaningful and relevant experience.

With any questions or concerns about your own child’s progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s mador teacher, or Director of Education, Sarit Ferreira.

Hebrew Curriculum		
3rd grade	4th & 5th grades—year 1 2019-2020 / 5780	6th grade
Letter & vowel review	Psalm 96 Ya'aloz Sadai	Bircat hamazon
Vocabulary words	Psalm 97 Or Zarua	Avot & G'vurot
Blessings formula,	Psalm 95 Lechu N'ranena	Kiddush L'Shabbat
Blessings for Shabbat	Hashkivenu	Ahavat Olam
Blessings for Havdalah	Baruch Sh'amar	Aleinu
Blessings for food & others	Bircot Hashachar	Chatzi Kadish
Sh'ma	Tzur Israel	Mourner's Kadish
Barchu	L'dor V'dor	Adon Olam
Ma Tovv	Shalom Rav	
Oseh Shalom	Sim Shalom	
Adonai Sefatai Tiftach (Amida 1st line)	4th & 5th grades—year 2 2020—2021 / 5781	
Yotzer Or	Psalm 29 Adonai Oz	
Ashrei (first line)	Roll into Dark	
Halelu - Kol Haneshama	Shalom Aleichem	
	Mizmor Shir	
	V'ahavta	
	V'shamru	
	Mi Chamocha	
	Lecha Dodi	

B'nai Mitzvah

B'nai Mitzvah is an important milestone in a child's Jewish journey. This milestone is celebrated in the context of family and community. In addition to Hebrew instruction, families participate in additional learning sessions to create a meaningful experience for all involved. In order to competently lead the congregation for a *B'nai Mitzvah* service, students work one-to-one with a tutor for 9-12 months prior to their assigned date. Special meetings related to the *B'nai Mitzvah* preparation process are listed below. If you have a child in 5th or 6th grade, please mark your calendars:

Grade 5 Parent Meeting — An intro to the B'nai Mitzvah process, expectations and an opportunity to submit choices for B'nai Mitzvah Service dates.	Sunday, 11/17/19 Exact time TBA.
Grade 6 Parent Meeting — As students' B'nai Mitzvah service dates approach, an opportunity to review impending deadlines and fill out tutoring request forms.	Sunday, 12/15/19 9:15 am

Shabbat

The observance of *Shabbat* has always been central to the Jewish people’s experience and existence. A well-known saying states that “more than the Jewish people have kept *Shabbat*; *Shabbat* has kept the Jewish people.” Our Hebrew program uses the prayers from our evening and morning services as a basis for gaining Hebrew proficiency. In order to give students a context for their learning and to help prepare them to be citizens of the Jewish world, with the ability to participate in *Shabbat* services anywhere in the world, it is imperative to attend and participate in services.

Family *Shabbat* - (Friday night) a spirited worship experience for all ages

Join us one Friday evening of most months for a Family *Shabbat* service designed to engage school-aged children and their parents and to meet the spiritual needs of members of all ages. The service begins at 6:30 pm, lasts about an hour and is followed by a festive *oneg*. Consult temple calendar for family Shabbat dates.

SULAM *Shabbat* - (Saturday morning)

SULAM Shabbat days begin with an educational program for the students, followed by a joyful *Shabbat* service experience featuring spirited prayer, singing and Torah service. These services begin at 10:45 am and are followed by a potluck brunch. Students have the chance to practice their service leading skills by co-leading prayers they are learning in their *Madorim*. *This year’s SULAM Shabbat dates are Saturdays*

Shabbat Service Expectations

Students in grades 2-7 are expected to attend services regularly to become familiar with the service, practice prayers studied in their Hebrew *Madorim* and to feel part of the community. We strongly encourage families to make this a regular practice. See the chart for specific service attendance expectations for each grade. Service attendance charts will be posted in the school wing at TCS. When your child attends a service, please accompany him/her to the chart to mark the chart appropriately.

Grade	<i>Shabbat</i> Service Expectations
2	Attendance at 2 services
3	Attendance at 3 services
4	Attendance at 4 services
5	Attendance at 5 services
6	Attendance at 6 services
7	Attendance at 7 services

Please Note: Because the liturgy (prayers) recited during High Holy Day services does not match our *Shabbat* services they are not counted toward *Shabbat* Service Attendance requirements.











“More than the Jewish People have kept the Shabbat, the Shabbat has kept the Jews.”


- Ahad Ha'am

Family Shabbat Services

Below are the Family Shabbat services that have been scheduled for this year. Please check email and the temple calendar for changes during the year.

Dates & Themes for <u>Friday Evenings</u> Family <i>Shabbat</i> – 6:30 pm					
9/13/19	Kick Off Shabbat – We will kick off the year with song and prayer together as a community. Join us!		2/28/20	Camp <i>Shabbat</i> – bring some summer fun to the Fall as we show our camp spirit. Wear your favorite camp T-shirt. Not yet a camper? Come and learn more about what makes camp so much fun!	
11/15/19	Sweet <i>Shabbat</i> – Bring your sweet tooth and have your toothbrush on standby as we explore the themes found in the <i>Shabbat</i> service with some confectionary delights!		3/20/20	Drum Circle – We'll use hand drums and percussion to add a truly exciting degree of Ruach (spirit)! The Hebrew word for drum is <i>Tof</i> , so we name this with a pun: <i>Tof-fillah</i> .	
12/27/19	Chanukah Community Celebration – <i>Chanukah</i> implores us to bring more light into the world – at our <i>Chanukah Shabbat</i> service we will light our <i>chanukiyot</i> and let our spirit shine!		4/10/20	Israeli Shabbat – Join us as we welcome Shabbat Israeli style! Hebrew songs and melodies as well as an Oneg featuring Israeli treats will surely makes us feel like we are in Israel!	
1/24/20	Rockin' <i>Shabbat</i> Eve – Join in the fun as we rock out in this music filled <i>Shabbat</i> experience.		5/1/20	Student led service, and Siyum Hasefer— We will celebrate all we learned this year, and our youngest student's accomplishment of mastering the <i>alef bet</i> !	

Dates for Saturday morning SULAM *Shabbat* at 10:00 am

11/23/19 & 4/11/20	<p>SULAM Shabbat—an educational Shabbat morning experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00-10:45 - educational program • 10:45-12:00 - family friendly Shabbat service, followed by a community pot-luck lunch. (Note: no school the following Sundays) 	
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Safety Policies

At all times—All cars must enter the parking lot from Central Street entrance.



Sundays:

Drop off: Please park and escort your children into the building. Parents are welcome to stay for “Taste of Torah” and/or Havdalah.

All cars must enter the parking lot from the Central Street entrance. In order to assure that classes start on time, we ask parents to drop off children 5 minutes before SULAM begins whenever possible. They will be monitored in the lobby area and invited to the sanctuary to begin the day.

Pick up: please park and come in to the building to pick up your child/ren at 11:30 am from their classroom. **Due to logistical challenges with our limited space, we ask that you don't come in before 11:25 am.** A staff member will come out to let you know we are ready at that time. Please pick your youngest child first.

If you need to pick up your child early, please communicate this to your child's teacher at the beginning of the day. We will arrange for your child to be ready in the lobby at the designated time. In the case of an unexpected early pick-up, please call Sarit at the temple.

Weekdays:

Drop off: In order to assure that classes start on time, we ask parents to drop off children a few minutes before madorim / Geshet begin. They will be monitored in the lobby area and invited to the sanctuary/classroom to begin class.

Pick up: During pick-up, parents are welcome to park at the left side of the temple parking lot, and meet their child in the lobby, or circle to the back parking lot and form two lines (see diagram). No cars should extend into the street. School personnel will direct 3 to 4 cars at a time to pull up alongside the building, alternating from each line. Please, for everyone's safety do not get out of line! We will try to load the cars as quickly as possible. For your children's safety, please do not call your children to your car from across the parking lot.



Students will not be allowed to leave the waiting area until it is their car's turn in line. Cars must exit via Route 123—Depot street. If you have temple business, or wish to come into the building to pick-up your child, **please park on the far left side of the parking lot.** It is **not** permissible to park parallel to the building entrance during school hours. If you are going to be late for pick-up, please contact your child's teacher or the Director of Education.

Security Doors

To ensure the safety of our community, the temple has security doors. Each TCS household has a unique 4-digit code that lets you into the building. Please make sure that your child has entered the building before driving away after drop-off.

Fire and Evacuation Drills

In cooperation with the Town of Easton Fire Department, fire and evacuation drills will be conducted at TCS at the beginning of the school year.

Criminal Background Checks (CORI)

All parents who will be volunteering in the Hebrew School classrooms, drive or chaperone a field trip must complete the CORI form with the Director of Education. Forms are available in the office. CORIs need to be updated once every three years.



General Policies

Attendance Policy



At Temple Chayai Shalom, we place a high value on learning and being part of a learning community. Consistency and participation are very important to not only a child's educational success, but to their ability to connect with others and develop relationships with classmates. We appreciate that 21st century life is busy, with competing priorities for time and resources. Choosing to belong to a temple shows your commitment to Jewish community and we want to partner to make this relationship work and be positive for you and your child. To that end, we strive to offer a choice for weekday Hebrew instruction, as well as work through conflicts as they arise. We believe in maintaining high standards of excellence in our educational program, both in Hebrew and Judaic studies, which can only be achieved with consistent attendance.

Expectations for Attendance

Children in grades 3-5 are expected to attend all weekday and Sunday sessions regularly, missing no more than 3 total sessions (weekday & Sunday) each semester. Students in grade 6 & 7 are expected to attend all Wednesday sessions regularly, missing no more than 2 sessions each semester. Students who miss class will be expected to complete make-up assignments as appropriate. Parents of students who miss in excess of 3 sessions (or 2 in 7th grade), in a given semester, will meet with the Director of Education and Rabbi to discuss the reason for the chronic absenteeism and consider options. Options can include but are not limited to independent study, paid tutoring at parents' expense and delayed *B'nai Mitzvah*.

Wellness Policy

The health and well being of the children at Temple Chayai Shalom are of primary importance to us. We need your help to keep TCS healthy. If your child has a fever of 100°F or higher, keep him or her out of school until he or she has been fever free for 24 hours. If your child has other illnesses or conditions such as: chicken pox, conjunctivitis, respiratory illness, including chronic cough, ring worm; scabies or strep throat, he or she must be kept home until a doctor deems it appropriate to return to a school setting.



Medication

Students who need to have medication on-site, such as epi-pens and rescue inhalers, must have a note from the administering physician. Contact the Director of Education to set-up your child(ren)'s emergency medical plan.

Behavior Policy

Behavior Toward Others

Temple Chayai Shalom is a *kehillah kedoshah*, a holy community. As such, we treat each other and our physical space with *kavod*, respect. Students are expected to use respectful language and tone when speaking with their teachers, their *madrichim*, their classmates and other members and guests of the Temple Chayai Shalom community.

General Policies

Bullying of any kind, including verbal and physical threats and actions will NOT be tolerated and will be addressed by the Director of Education immediately.

Students and parents must sign that they have read the ***Brit of Behavior***. Students who do not adhere to the Behavior Policy will be spoken to by their teacher the first time. The second infraction will result in a written note to the parents and a phone call. If a third infraction occurs, the parents, the student, the teacher and the Director of Education will meet before the student is allowed to reenter the class.

Communication Devices and Electronic Media



Recreational use of electronic communication devices (cellular phones and other communication devices) and electronic media devices (CD players, MP3 players, radios, video game players, and any other electronic devices) are not allowed during **SULAM** hours unless specifically approved by the teacher at the time of the lesson.

Students will have access to the temple phone to call a parent, if necessary. Electronic media devices should be secured and silenced upon entering the building, before the start of classes until exiting the building at the end of the day. If a student is using electronic media devices or electronic communication devices during class time without permission from the teacher, the device will be held by the teacher and returned at the end of class. If this behavior becomes a consistent concern, the teacher will initiate a meeting with the parents to resolve it.

Google Voice Call-In System

Hebrew reading assignments are typically assigned each week. Each *mador* is assigned a phone number and instructions on how to call in the reading assignments each week. Teachers listen to the assignments prior to each class, using the information gleaned to plan the Hebrew lesson of the week. Students receive credit for call-ins and are recognized at the end of the year.



Emergencies and Early Dismissals

In the event of an emergency, every effort will be made to notify a parent or other authorized person by phone or email. It is for this reason that we ask that you give the school office all of the necessary information including home, work and cell phone numbers and update them as necessary throughout the year.

Students are not permitted to leave the temple building during school hours unsupervised by an adult. Please notify your child's teacher, in writing, if an early dismissal is needed. A parent or authorized representative must check in with the Director of Education or the student's teacher if an early pick-up is necessary. Students will not be allowed to wait outside or in the lobby for early pick-up.

Kippot Policy



Students and faculty are encouraged to wear *kippot* during school sessions. This includes Sunday and weekday classes as well as *Madorim* led services and family education programs. Students are asked to bring their own Kippah, or can use the Kippot that are available at the Temple.

General Policies

SULAM Cancellations

Weather Related Cancellations

If the Easton schools are cancelled or dismissed early for snow or other weather related reasons, SULAM will automatically be cancelled. All cancellations of this nature will be reported on **WCVB channel 5, WHDH 7 News, WBZ Channel 4 and FOX 25**. In addition, an email will be sent to parents indicating that school has been cancelled and the information will be posted on the temple website. The decision to cancel school will be made by 7:30 am for Sunday sessions and by 2:00 pm for weekday sessions.



Non-weather Related Cancellations

In the event that school needs to be cancelled for a non-weather related reason, the information will be posted on the synagogue website and a constant contact email will be sent. In addition, you will be contacted by either telephone or email as you indicated on your child's school registration form.

Passport to Israel

The Combined Jewish Philanthropies **Passport to Israel Program** is a special savings plan that helps fund a fun, educational trip to Israel during the later high school and early college years. Visiting Israel is a wonderful opportunity to connect Jewish learning and develop lifelong ties with the land and the people of Israel.

The Passport to Israel Program offers families the opportunity to partner with TCS and the Combined Jewish Philanthropies (CJP) to help make an Israel experience affordable. **This program begins when a child enters the 3rd or 7th grades.**

Please note, the costs of Israel experiences vary. The Passport Program helps families save, provides matching funds from TCS, matching funds from CJP and investment income to help cover a good part of the cost. If you have more questions or would like to sign up for Passport to Israel, please contact Jen Delaney at delaneybjc@yahoo.com



Key:  National/Jewish Holiday SULAM / Madorim day Tot Shabbat / Family Shabbat Service 13 SULAM whole school program

September-19						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

6 - Tot Shabbat

8 - SULAM opening day

10 - Madorim

11 - Madorim, 2nd & 3rd Hebrew

13 - Kick Off Shabbat

21 - SULAM Selichot - time TBD

29 - No SULAM, Erev Rosh Hashanah

30 - Rosh Hashanah Day 1



October-19						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31		

1 - No Madorim - RH day 2

8-9 - No Madorim, Yom Kippur

11 - Tot Shabbat

13 - SULAM Sukkot PM program

14 - Columbus Day, office closed

20 - SULAM Simchat Torah PM program

21 - Simchat Torah - office closed

November-19						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

1 - Tot Shabbat

10 - No SULAM Veteran's Day

11 - Veteran's Day - office closed

15 - Sweet Shabbat

17 - 5th grade family ed & BM meeting

23 - SULAM Shabbat

24 - No SULAM

26-27 - No Madorim, Happy Thanksgiving!



December-19						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

1 - No SULAM

6 - Tot Shabbat

8 - SULAM Mitzvah day @ TCS

15 - SULAM Chanukah program

22-31 - No SULAM/Madorim, vacation

27 - Cong. Chanukah / Shabbat service



January-20						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

1 - No school - New Year's Day

3 - Tot Shabbat

5 - 2nd grade family ed

11 - SULAM Havdalah

17 - MLK Shabbat Service

19 - No SULAM, MLK Day

20 - MLK Day office closed

24 - Rockin' Shabbat Eve

26 - 3rd grade family ed

February-20						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

2 - 4th grade family program

7 - Tot Shabbat

9 - SULAM Tu B'Shvat

10 - Tu B'Shvat observed

16-23 - No SULAM/Madorim, Vacation

28 - Camp Shabbat



March-20						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

6 - Tot Shabbat / Hippie Shabbat

8 - No SULAM

9 - SULAM & cong. Purim

15 - K-1 family ed

20 - Drum Circle Shabbat



April-20						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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3 - Tot Shabbat K-2 led

& Israeli Family Shabbat

11 - SULAM Shabbat

12 - No SULAM

8 - No Madorim - Passover seder

14-15 - No Madorim, Passover

19-26 - No SULAM/Madorim, Vacation

28-29 - last classes for Madorim

May-20						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
					1	2
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

1 - 5:30 pm Tot Shabbat

6:30 pm Madorim & Siyum Hasefer service

3 - Last day of SULAM

12 - Lag B'Omer

28 - Confirmation Service

28-29 - Shavuot

