



PURIM IS COMING!!!

Start getting excited for Purim (after all, we ARE instructed to "BE HAPPY" during the Hebrew month of Adar. There is a LOT going on at PSJC to help you celebrate this awesome holiday...keep your eyes peeled for emails, announcements in the Shavuon, via Facebook, the weekly flyer, posters around, and more!

THIS IS THE LAST WEEK TO GET YOUR MISHLOAH MANOT (PURIM BAG) ORDERS IN TO THE OFFICE...DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH!

In the meantime, we rely on a number of volunteers to help us out...

Purim is coming soon, and PSJC's Purim Carnival is quickly approaching. Please mark **Sunday, March 4th** on your calendar for this fun-filled event. This is one of PSJC's biggest events, including fabulous costumes, games, food, prizes, face painting, arts and crafts, and more. If you can help or volunteer in any way on the day of the Carnival, please contact **Stefanie Efrati (mom of Craig in Kitah Gimel) at sefrati@hotmail.com**.

We need volunteers in the following areas:

-Set-up-around 11:00 am or possibly earlier that morning - (There is Hebrew School until 11:00am on 3/4)
-12:30 - 2:00 pm - Carnival events -- Running game booths, distributing prizes, selling tickets/food
-2:00 pm - 3:00pm - Clean-up
The Carnival depends on at least 40 volunteers. Please be one of them --- and spread the word to others who may want to lend a hand. Older students (ages 10 and up) are welcome to help, as well --- Many of the booths are student-run. Let's make this a true family event!

I look forward to hearing from you, to learn the role you are able to play in making this year's Purim Carnival a success! If you have a particular role you would like to volunteer for, please also let me know.

*With many thanks,
Stefanie Efrati*



SHAVUAH TOV!

MISS CHOCOLATE-PASSOVER CANDY FUNDRAISING SALE!

It is hard to believe, but Passover is fast approaching! Don't worry, you still have more than two months to finish your cleaning, but in the meantime, we're starting our annual Miss Chocolate Passover Candy Fundraising Sale. Each student should have received a form and is encouraged to participate in the sale. Hit up your friends, family and especially grandparents! The school benefits greatly from every item sold (plus there are prizes for everyone who participates!) Contact Elisabeth or Catherine Drogin (mom of Alexander in Kitah Gimel) if you have any questions. **Completed forms are due by 2/29/12!**



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- 2/14 HS (K-2)
- 2/15 HS (3-7)
- 2/17 Mishloah Manot orders due
- 2/19-2/26 NO HS—Mid winter break
- 2/28 HS (K-2)/Shorashim
- 2/29 HS (3-7)/Passover candy orders due
- 3/3 Hebrew School Shabbat
- 3/4 HS (3-7)/Purim Carnival
- 3/6 HS (K-2)/Special Purim performance... parents and siblings invited!
- 3/7 NO HS—Erev Purim/Megillah reading

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The PSJC Hebrew School wishes the following birthdays this week a "Yom Huledet Sameach!"



- Paulina D. (Kitah Gimel) 2/14
- Sofia A. (Kitah Hay) 2/14
- Asher J. (Kitah Aleph) 2/20
- Carmen S.H. (Kitah Zayin) 2/22
- Jonathan G. (Kitah Aleph teacher) 2/22
- Isabele L. (Kitah Gimel) 2/23
- Oliver L. (Kitah Gimel) 2/23
- Meital B. (Kitah Gan) 2/24
- Dafna B. (Kitah Gan) 2/24
- Rami S. (Kitah Aleph) 2/24
- Jacob R. (Kitah Zayin) 2/24



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Mid Winter Break

As a reminder, there is **NO HEBREW SCHOOL** on the following days, due to mid-winter break: **2/19, 2/21, 2/22, and 2/26.**

There is also **NO Hebrew School on Wednesday, 3/7** because of Erev Purim...so instead we hope to see everyone at the Megillah reading!

Todah Rabah!

Todah Rabah to **Raffi Nachman** and his family for hosting the Kitah Vav Shabbat dinner this past week. Also, thanks to **Shaan Naimoli** (mom of **Adam Naimoli**) for organizing the dinner! Thanks for putting together a wonderful evening.

Mazal Tov!

Mazal Tov and *Yashar Koach* to **Nathan Shapiro** (recent Hebrew School alum and big brother of **Delilah Shapiro** in Kitah Bet)! Nathan celebrated becoming a Bar Mitzvah at PSJC this past Shabbat. Nathan did a wonderful job reading from the Torah and Haftarah and shared beautiful words of wisdom during his D'var Torah. Mazal Tov to Nathan's entire family!

HEBREW SCHOOL SHABBAT

Don't forget--Saturday, March 3rd is Hebrew School Shabbat. A special Kiddush in honor of the students will follow services. Hope to see you there!

This is a wonderful day for ALL students and their families to join us for Shabbat morning services. Each class will be leading a song/prayer in the main service and many of our teachers and parents will be participating in the service as well. We hope you can join us! From 11:15 (if participating in the Aliyah) or 11:30, students should remain in the main service so they are prepared to lead their prayer when the time comes. **Students should be practicing their prayers at home! (Touch base with your child's teacher if they are unclear about their responsibilities for the day).**

~Although many teachers and Madrichim will be present, and leading parts of the service and/or reading Torah/Haftarah, parents should also be in attendance and provide the necessary supervision for their children.

**Students can sit with their families or wherever they like.

—If any parents are interested in reading Torah or leading Pesukei D'Zimra or Shacharit, please be in touch with Elisabeth ASAP.

UPCOMING SHABBAT DINNERS

Who is hungry? Look no further than one of the many Shabbat dinner opportunities for PSJC families!

Friday, March 2: Latke-Hamantashen Debate/ "Fake Treif" themed pot luck @PSJC

Friday, March 23: Kitah Dalet (4th grade) Class Shabbat Dinner: Location TBD, more info coming soon from class parent **Rachel Chou!**

Friday, March 30: Share Shabbat (more details coming soon)...sign up to be a host or be hosted and we'll match you with another family to enjoy Shabbat dinner together!

Friday, April 20: Kitah Hay (5th grade) Class Shabbat Dinner: Location TBD, more info coming soon from class parent **Debbie Majerovitz**

Friday, May 4: Kitah Zayin (7th grade) Class Shabbat Dinner: Location TBD, more info coming soon from class parents **Mark Schwartz** and **Rachel Gertzog.**

SERVICES FOR KIDS...EVERY SHABBAT!

Did you know that there is a Junior Congregation service (3rd-7th grade) AND a Tot Shabbat (2nd grade and under) EVERY single Shabbat morning?! Come on down to PSJC and enjoy a lovely Shabbat morning service...kids can hang out with our service leaders (who all do double duty as Hebrew School teachers!) and adults can spend some time in the main service. If you haven't been a "regular shul-goer" now is the perfect time to start! It isn't sports season and while it is cold outside, it is nice and warm and cozy inside! The best way to get familiar with the prayers and the service is to make Shabbat a part of your routine. Even coming once a month will make it easier to fulfill the B'nai Mitzvah requirement of attending services 30 times during the 2 years prior to your child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah. (30 times over two years averages to about once a month). So come join Rachel Roseman, Zoe G! and the whole PSJC community at an upcoming Shabbat service.