



## Carpool Curriculum by Michael Raileanu



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#### Shabbat Hol HaMoed Sukkot 5772

This week we take a break from the regular *parashiot* and head off into Holiday-land. This Shabbat we will be reading the special *parasha* for Sukkoth, Exodus 33:12 - 34:26. Immediately following the sin of the Golden Calf God informs Moses that God will no longer accompany the people, rather an angel will. Moses asks for clarification on three important topics: 1) Why is God substituting an angel for Gods presence? 2) How is Moses to understand God's system of rewards and punishments? 3) Will the people of Israel forever remain God's people?

Why do you think God decided to send an angel? If you were Moses how would you have explained it to the people?

Based on what you have learned, what are the reasons behind God's system of reward and punishing?

What do you think has happened since the time of Moshe that helps us to believe that we are still God's people?

Are things still happening today to make you feel that way?

33:18 - 23 is a famous moment when Moshe asks to see God's face. He is denied that but God says to Moshe to go into a crack in the mountain and God will pass by and Moshe will get to see the back of God as no one can see the face of God and live. What do you think Moshe saw? Why at this point did Moshe need to see God? Is there a connection between this special event and the Moshe getting to "see" the Golden Calf?

## Shavuah Tov & Chag Sameach!



## The search for class parents continues...

We are still looking for a few awesome parents to serve as class parents this year. If a member of the Hebrew School Committee has contacted your class and still hasn't found a volunteer to take on the role, please consider getting involved in the school this way. Being a class parent is an easy way to give back to the school and get to know the community better.

Please contact Elisabeth or a member of the Hebrew School committee if you would like to volunteer to be a class parent or in any other way.



### Upcoming Important Dates

- 10/11 HS (K-2)/Decorating the Sukkah
- 10/12 NO HS—Erev Sukkot
- 10/16 HS (3-7)/Time in the Sukkah
- 10/18 HS (K-2)/Time in the Sukkah
- 10/19 NO HS-Erev Shmini Atzeret
- 10/23 HS (3-7)/Kitah Gimel Parent Student Study Session w/ Rabbi Carter & the teachers
- 10/25 HS (K-2)/Shorashim
- 10/26 HS (3-7)
- 10/28 Kitah Gan Shabbat Dinner
- 10/30 HS (3-7)/Kitot Hay-Vav field trip to the Soup Kitchen

### Happy Birthday

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

Yosef I. (Kitah Hay) 10/11

Zoe S. (Kitah Vav) 10/11

Amalya S. (Kitah Hay) 10/13

Amarya L. M. (Kitah Bet) 10/15





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## **YASHAR KOACH**

Yashar Koach to **LizAnne Mazal and Emma Klein** (Kitah Vav) for using the past two Sundays-off from Hebrew School to gather folks together for a special mitzvah project. LizAnne spearheaded a bag-lunch project to donate to CHIPS and the women's shelter which recently suffered from a fire. Thank you to LizAnne and Emma for setting a wonderful example for our community!

## **Back 2 School Nite**

Please mark your calendars for **Wednesday, November 2nd at 7:15 PM**. Parents are invited to shmooze with one another, hear from the principal, rabbi and committee members about what is going on in the school, and have a chance to talk to your child's teacher(s) in a casual "science fair-style" event.

**facebook**

Have you joined the **PSJC Hebrew School** Facebook group? This is a closed group for current PSJC Hebrew School parents, students and teachers. We'll post class updates, pictures, reminders and more here! Just another fun way (in addition to emails, the website, and the Shavuon L'Mishpachot) to stay in touch with all of the amazing things happening in Hebrew School this year.

## **Parent Study Sessions w/Rabbi Carter**

Parent-Student Study Sessions are a fun, interesting way of learning more about what your children do in Hebrew School. 1) Parents are encouraged to join us at the beginning of the day for Havdallah or T'fillah. 2) Parents join Rabbi Carter for an adult-level lesson on a subject the students have been working on. All parents are welcome regardless of their Jewish educational experiences...there is no homework or prerequisites. 3) After the lesson with the Rabbi, parents join their children and the teacher for a special Parent-Student lesson/activity. We hope to see you at your class study session soon!

### **Upcoming Study Sessions**

October 23rd: Kitah Gimel (3<sup>rd</sup> grade)

### **KITOT HAY AND VAV TO VOLUNTEER AT THE SOUP KITCHEN**

Students in Kitah Hay (5th grade) and Kitah Vav (6th grade) have the opportunity to visit the soup kitchen at the Brooklyn Friends Community Meal and volunteer by setting up, serving and cleaning up. This is always a very meaningful experience for our students. If you haven't done so yet, please send in your RSVPs for either October 30th or March 25th. We can also take a few parent chaperones as well.



## **sukkot concert with The Macaroons!**

Sunday, October 16th, 2:00-4:00 PM at PSJC (1320 8th Ave @14th St.)

Sing & dance along with the awesome, crazy, quirky kid's rock band, The Macaroons! ([www.themacaroons.com](http://www.themacaroons.com)). Plus crafts & snacks before the concert.

*This event is geared towards kids ages 7 and under.*

### **Ticket info:**

Individual tickets: \$10 members/\$12 non-members

Whole family: \$25 members/\$30 non-members

Contact Elisabeth Albert, Director of Family Education at PSJC for more info or to buy tickets ([principal@psjc.org](mailto:principal@psjc.org))

To view the full color flyer, visit: <http://psjc.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Flyer.pdf>

## **Snack**

As an FYI (and please help by reminding your children), the school provides ONE snack each school day per student. If the student does not want their snack, they cannot give it to another student as an extra snack. Students are more than welcome to bring their own kosher snacks to school to eat before school or during break.