



2018-19 Religious School Calendar

Faculty

September 2018

- **6th, Thu:** Wimple 1
- **12th, Wed:** Teacher In-Service Training
- **13th, Thu:** Wimple 2
- **14th-16th:** High Holiday Family Camp
- **23rd, Sun:** Back to Shul & Dor Chadash to OMSI
- **30th, Sun:** First Day of Class and PARTY Lead Day (no elective)
- **30th, Sun:** Consecration & Simchat Torah

October 2018

- **4th, Thu:** IHP Teacher Inservice
- **6th, Sat:** Date Night
- **7th, Sun:** Religious School
- **11th, Thu:** First Day of IHP
- **12th, Fri:** 5th Grade Class Shabbat Dinner
- **14th, Sun:** Religious School
- **18th, Thu:** IHP
- **21st, Sun:** Religious School and Yom Limmud
- **25th, Thu:** IHP
- **28th, Sun:** Religious School, Faculty Meeting, Dor Chadash to Oaks Park & Fire Drill

November 2018

- **1st, Thu:** IHP
- **2nd, Fri:** 2nd Grade Class Shabbat
- **3rd, Sat:** Pre K Playdate and Date Night
- **4th, Sun:** R.S. & 4th Family Program
- **8th, Thu:** IHP
- **10th, Sat:** 6th Family Program
- **11th, Sun:** R.S., Faculty Meeting, 7th Family Program & 5th Family Program
- **12th, Mon:** Dor Chadash Laser Tag
- **15th, Thu:** IHP
- **16th-28th:** NO CLASS
- **29th, Thu:** IHP

December 2018

- **1st, Sat:** Date Night
- **2nd, Sun:** R.S. & Pre K/Kindergarten Family Program
- **6th, Thu:** IHP
- **7th, Fri:** Chanukah Celebration & 3rd Grade Class Shabbat
- **9th, Sun:** R.S., Dor Chadash to Sky High
- **13th, Thu:** IHP
- **16th, Sun:** R.S., Faculty Meeting & Lock Down Drill
- **20th-Jan 3rd:** NO CLASS

January 2019

- **3rd, Thu:** IHP
- **5th, Sat:** Date Night
- **6th, Sun:** Religious School and PARTY Lead Day (no elective)
- **10th, Thu:** IHP
- **11th, Fri:** 1st Grade Shabbat
- **13th, Sun:** R.S., Faculty Meeting, 2nd Family Program & PARTY Lead Day (no elective)
- **16th, Wed:** Dor Chadash to Blazers
- **17th, Thu:** IHP
- **20th, Sun:** NO CLASS
- **24th, Thu:** IHP
- **27th, Sun:** Religious School & H.S. Sem 2
- **31st, Thu:** IHP

February 2019

- **2nd, Sat:** Date Night
- **3rd, Sun:** Religious School
- **7th, Thu:** IHP
- **8th, Fri:** Pre K/Kindergarten Class Shabbat
- **9th, Sat:** 6th Family Program
- **10th, Sun:** Religious School & 7th Family Program
- **14th, Thu:** IHP
- **17th-23rd:** NO CLASS
- **24th, Sun:** Religious School, Faculty Meeting & Dor Chadash to Rock Climbing
- **28th, Thu:** IHP

March 2019

- **2nd, Sat:** Date Night
- **3rd, Sun:** Religious School & 3rd Family Program
- **7th, Thu:** IHP
- **8th, Fri:** Middle School Shabbat
- **10th, Sun:** Religious School
- **14th, Thu:** IHP
- **17th, Sun:** Purim Carnival, Religious School, PARTY Lead Day (no electives), Dor Chadash to Escape Room & Faculty Meeting
- **21st-31st:** NO CLASS

April 2019

- **4th, Thu:** IHP
- **6th, Sat:** Date Night
- **7th, Sun:** R.S., Intro to Middle School, Dor Chadash Event & J-Serve
- **11th, Thu:** IHP
- **14th, Sun:** R.S., Faculty Meeting & Passover 101
- **18th, Thu:** IHP
- **21st-27th:** NO CLASS
- **28th, Sun:** Mitzvah Day

May 2019

- **2nd, Thu:** IHP
- **4th, Sat:** 6th Family Program
- **5th, Sun:** R.S., 5th & 7th Grade Fam Program, Intro to IHP, Teacher Appreciation Day, PARTY Elections (no elective)
- **9th, Thu:** NO CLASS
- **12th, Sun:** R.S., Dor Chadash Event & PARTY Lead Day (no elective)
- **16th, Thu:** IHP
- **17th, Fri:** 4th Grade Shabbat
- **19th, Sun:** Faculty Meeting, Last day of School, PARTY Lead Day (no elective)
- **22nd, Wed:** Teacher In-Service
- **23rd, Thu:** Confirmation
- **31st, Fri:** Graduation

Find more information about our programs at www.bethisrael-pdx.org/religious-school

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Program List

Wimple 1 & 2: Wimple making is our First Grade Family Program. Family come together twice, to create a wimple together. A wimple is a piece of cloth decorated by kids and adults together with the child's Hebrew name and a prayer. The wimple is used at the B'nei Mitzvah to wrap the Torah in.

Rosh Hashanah: Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year. We celebrate with a variety of services to meet the needs of all ages. Check our website for a list of services and times: www.bethisrael-pdx.org/highholidays5779/

High Holiday Family Camp: Join us for a weekend of camp fun! We'll be celebrating the High Holidays, spending time together and get to know one another. More information can be found here: <http://bbcamp.org/familycamp/>

Yom Kippur: Yom Kippur means "Day of Atonement" and refers to the annual Jewish observance of fasting, prayer and repentance. We have a variety of types of services for families. Our website has a list of services and times: www.bethisrael-pdx.org/highholidays5779/

NFTY NW Kickoff: NFTY is our national reform teen organization. Our regional chapter, NorthWest (NW) holds weekend events throughout the year. The first is a weekend based on bonding, learning to lead and Jewish identity. More information here: https://northwest.nfty.org/event/nfty-nw-kickoff/?event_date=2018-09-21

Back to Shul: Join us for a Sukkot themed celebration to start off our school year! We'll have music, a brand new sukkah and tons of opportunities to bond with your classmates and teachers. More information here: www.bethisrael-pdx.org/events/back-to-shul/

Dor Chadash (OMSI): Directly following Back to Shul, all 6th and 7th graders are invited to come to OMSI for the afternoon to kick off a great year of Dor Chadash events! We hold monthly events for 6th and 7th graders to get to know their Jewish selves, make friends and have a good time. Email Chelsea@bethisrael-pdx.org for more information and questions.

PARTY Lead Day: On these days, core classes will happen as normal and there are no electives. Instead there will be all High School events that are lead by the PARTY Board and leadership.

Sukkot: Sukkot, a Hebrew word meaning "booths" or "huts," refers to the Jewish festival of giving thanks for the fall harvest. We have several family events for Sukkot you can learn about on our website at www.bethisrael-pdx.org/highholidays5779/

Consecration: First grade families are invited to our Simchat Torah celebration to present the wimples they made and have a lovely ceremony in honor of their first graders. More information here: www.bethisrael-pdx.org/highholidays5779/

Simchat Torah: Immediately following Sukkot, we celebrate Sh'mini Atzeret and Simchat Torah, a fun-filled day during which we celebrate the completion of the annual reading of the Torah and affirm Torah as one of the pillars on which we build our lives. More information here: www.bethisrael-pdx.org/highholidays5779/

Date Night: Parents get a night off while kids get a fun night of Jewish fun with their friends! We do games, have dinner and celebrate Havdallah together while parents can utilize our great location for a dinner out. Email Chelsea@bethisrael-pdx.org for more information and questions.

Grade Shabbat Dinner: Throughout the year, we are inviting grades to join us for a Shabbat dinner all together prior to Shabbat services. During the service, students will participate with a song they have learned in the weeks prior during Religious School. Dinner is \$36 per family. Email Chelsea@bethisrael-pdx.org for more information and questions.

Yom Limmud: This is a free day of learning for all of our teachers and madrichim! Held at Neveh Shalom from 12:30 PM-4:30 PM. This is an excellent time to meet and learn with other Portland educators. Lunch is included and more information here: www.jewishportland.org/community-calendar/yom-limmud-a-day-of-learning

Faculty Meetings: Faculty meetings will be held at 8:00 AM on the final day of Sunday classes each month. They will be in Goodman Hall unless otherwise directed.

Dor Chadash (Oaks Park): All 6th and 7th graders are invited to join us for a fun filled day at Oaks Park! We'll have some lunch, head over to Oaks Park and spend the afternoon on rides and roller skating. Email Chelsea@bethisrael-pdx.org for more information and questions.

Fire Drill: Students will all participate in a fire drill and parents will get a text via the Remind App to notify them of the drill during the morning.

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4th Grade Family Program: Why Ivrit? This program is for students and families alike and will go over some basic Hebrew as well as explain the beauty and background of the language. A great start to the year as 4th graders begin decoding the prayer book.

NFTY NW Fall Kallah: NFTY is our national reform teen organization. Our regional chapter, NorthWest (NW) holds weekend events throughout the year. Fall Kallah is focused on community building, learning together and building connections with each other and Judaism. More information here: northwest.nfty.org/event/nfty-nw-fall-kallah-4/?event_date=2018-11-09

6th Grade Shabbatini (Tallit Making): All 6th grade families are invited to come together for the first of 3 family programs throughout the year. They will have a learning service together then create a tallit together that will be used to wrap the B'nei Mitzvah student in at their B'nei Mitzvah service.

7th Grade Family Programs: This is a three part program for 7th grade families. This series of learning together will focus on Jewish Identity at a variety of levels (personal, local and global). These programs utilize real world and current events to discuss and learn from.

5th Grade Family Program: Journey through the Siddur- students and families will learn about our prayers and why we say them with our clergy. The morning is full of interactive and fun activities and learning.

Dor Chadash (Laser Tag): Take advantage of a Monday off with laser tag! All 6th and 7th graders are invited to join us for a day of laser tag, getting to know each other and pizza (so much pizza!). Email Chelsea@bethisrael-pdx.org for more information and questions.

Pre K and Kindergarten Family Program: The Pre K and Kindergarten classes will join together to learn about the holiday of Chanukah with their families. It's a great intro to the holiday and a morning full of fun and interactive family learning.

Chanukah Celebration: All are invited to our annual Chanukah celebration! We'll have a musical, family friendly service all in our ugly Chanukah sweaters. Booths with games, latkes and donuts await you at this awesomely fun evening.

3rd Grade Class Shabbat: 3rd graders will participate in the Chanukah celebration to sing their annual Chanukah song! There will be no dinner beforehand due to all the food we'll have during the celebration.

Dor Chadash (Sky High): Join us for an afternoon of jumping at Sky High- an indoor trampoline park! We will have lunch together prior and do some ice breakers and learning together then go jump until our legs can't take it anymore! Email Chelsea@bethisrael-pdx.org for more information and questions.

Rabbi Joseph Chanukah Open House: Rabbi Joseph is opening up her house for her annual latke fest and menorah lighting! Join other families with Rabbi Joseph to light the menorah on the last day of Chanukah together.

Lock Down Drill: Students will all participate in a lock down drill and parents will get a text via the Remind App to notify them of the drill during the morning.

2nd Grade Family Program: 2nd graders and their families will learn all about the birthday of the trees- Tu b'shevat! Come ready for an interactive and fun program that will center around the environment, recycling and learning what Judaism says about our trees (and all the other plants!).

Dor Chadash (Blazers Game): Bring your red and black and join us for a blazers game! Please keep in mind this date may change with the schedule of the blazers. Stay tuned!

MLK Service: Bryan Stevenson will be our main speaker at our annual MLK service. Come for one of our biggest nights of the year as we join together with the NW Gospel Choir for a musical and meaningful night. PARTY members are invited to a dinner with Bryan Stevenson prior to the services.

L'Taken: Our 10th graders head to Washington DC with Rabbi Joseph to participate in a weekend full of civic and Jewish learning with other teens from around the country. They lobby our leaders and learn with the RAC (Religious Action Center). More information here: rac.org/ltaken-social-justice-seminars

NFTY NW Winter Kallah: This weekend trip is focused on Social Justice and will be held in Canada this year! Join us as we cross the border into Vancouver, BC to learn and practice our social justice goals. More info here: northwest.nfty.org/event/nfty-nw-winter-social-action-kallah-2/?event_date=2019-01-25

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6th Grade Family Program (Mitzvahpalooza): All 6th grade families are invited to join us for a morning learning service and then a round table discussion with families who have just finished their B'nei Mitzvah. Then, we have all our preferred CBI vendors in attendance with samples and ideas for families.

NFTY Convention: NFTY Convention is a one of a kind experience – bringing together more than 1,000 Reform Jewish teens from across North America. Come join us and be part of something bigger (it's NFTY's biggest event!), experience shaping a Movement, and have a great time. More info here: nfty.org/event/nfty-convention-2019/

Dor Chadash (Rock Climbing): 6th and 7th graders will head to a bouldering gym to do some rock climbing and learning about endurance and perseverance together. Email Chelsea@bethisrael-pdx.org for more information and questions.

3rd Grade Family Program: At this program, families will receive their B'nei Mitzvah date for their 3rd graders. Families will explore their Torah portion and learn about the Torah that their child will be reading at their B'nei Mitzvah.

Purim Carnival: Celebrate Purim with us in our carnival! We'll have booths for all ages, a program specifically for teens and our 6th and 7th graders will be running the games! Brotherhood will have lunch available for a cost and everyone is encouraged to come in costume!

Dor Chadash (Escape Room): For all 6th and 7th graders who volunteer at the Purim Carnival to run games are invited to join us for an amazing (age appropriate) escape room experience! We'll learn about trust, team work and have a blast!

Purim Schpiel: Come for a raucous and exciting night as we put on our annual Purim Schpiel! We may not know the theme yet but we do know it will be amazing! Stay tuned for details and updates.

Intro to Middle School: 5th grade families are invited to join Cantor Cahana, Ben Sandler and our lead Middle School teacher to learn all about the offerings, schedule and B'nei Mitzvah prep that begins during our Middle School programs. We highly encourage families to come to this to learn from each other and our staff about Middle School experiences.

Dor Chadash (Timbers Game): Come prepared for a day of cheering on our Timbers! We will have a tailgating style lunch and activity then walk over to the game! Email Chelsea@bethisrael-pdx.org for more information and questions.

J-Serve: Every year, Jewish teens worldwide join each other on this special day and throughout the spring to make their community and the world a better place. CBI teens are invited to join our local project. Stay tuned for more details!

NFTY NW Spring Kallah: The final NFTY NW event of the year will be held up at Camp Kalsman and include multiple Big Fun activities, elections for the following year and a big welcome to our 8th graders! More information can be found here: northwest.nfty.org/event/nfty-nw-spring-kallah-3/?event_date=2019-04-12

Passover 101: Before Passover starts this year we're have a Passover fair to teach everyone all about the holiday! We'll have games, booths, crafts and more! Stay tuned for more information about this awesome event.

Passover: *Pesach*, known as Passover in English, is a major Jewish spring festival, commemorating the Exodus from Egypt over 3,000 years ago. The ritual observance of this holiday centers around a special home service called the seder (meaning "order").

Mitzvah Day: Join for our annual Mitzvah Day! All families are encouraged to join the Mitzvah (good deed) project their class is participating in. We look forward to making a difference with all of you!

NFTY NW 6/7 Kallah: 6th and 7th graders are inviting to the annual NFTY 6/7 weekend that is just for them! Get a full weekend of camp fun plus a talent show and hands on social action project! More information can be found here: northwest.nfty.org/event/nfty-nw-nfty67-kallah/?event_date=2019-05-03

6th Family Program (Torah Trek): Ben Sandler and Cantor Cahana will lead families on a trek to do a Torah service in the beauty of nature! This is the final 6th grade family program and will serve as a wrap up to the year together.

5th Grade Family Program: Families will walk together to the local Holocaust Memorial in Forest Park and hear from an expert in the field about the Holocaust. This is the culmination of the 5th grade learning and a great experience for kids and adults alike.

Intro to IHP: Learn all about our Integrated Hebrew Program from Cantor Cahana and the 3rd grade teacher! Families will have a chance to ask questions, learn from each other and hear first-hand what the 3rd grade curriculum is like.

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Teacher Appreciation: Support our teachers by bringing them a card to thank them for a great year!

PARTY Elections: All high schoolers are invited to join us for an end of the year party and to elect our teen leaders for the next year!

Dor Chadash (Grand Central Bowl): End the year with some bowling and fun with your friends before the summer starts! Email Chelsea@bethisrael-pdx.org for more information and questions.

Confirmation: Our 10th graders will be confirmed in a Lag b' Omer celebration in honor of their work all year with Rabbi Joseph. Families are invited to join us in the celebration.

Graduation: Join us in celebrating our 12th grade students as we send them off and celebrate their time with us. They will be honored during a Shabbat Service and families are encouraged to join us in the celebration.

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