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CALENDAR



MAY



HAVDALLAH
The Short, Special Service

Havdalah (Separation) is a short service which occurs on Saturday night in the moments in which Shabbat ends and the weekday begins. It is a service that highlights the distinction between time. It distinguishes the holy, sacred time of Shabbat from the ordinary regular work week. At the center of the service are three main brachot/blessings, the blessing over wine, over spices and over a flame. Even though Havdalah serves to highlight the separation of the sacred and the ordinary, it also challenges us to think about how we can make our ordinary week more sacred. It challenges us to think about what actions we can take to make ordinary time holy.

*Please join us on **SATURDAY NIGHT, MAY 31st**, as our 5th graders lead our school community in a moving Havdalah Service. They have created beautiful Havdalah ritual objects in their art class and have learned about the themes of the Havdalah Service in their Tefilla class and have written their own service for*

- 2 Yom Hashoah Service 8:30 am
- 5 Rosh Chodesh Service - 8:30 am
- 6 Soccer @ Fairmont Mable
- 8 Yom Ha'Atzma'ut Celebration
- 12 Grade 1 Siddur Ceremony 8:30
- 14 OPEN HOUSE-ART SHOW 7pm
- 12:30 Dismissal
- 15 Soccer @ Mission Hills
- 19-22 Standardized Testing Gr. 2-6
- 19 Soccer @ McDowell
- 21 Soccer @ Heritage Oak
- 26 No School-Memorial Day
- 31 Gr. 5 Havdallah Service 6:00 pm @ Doheney Beach - This is a **NEW location and time.**

JUNE

- 1 Israeli Expo
- 9 & 10 NO SCHOOL-Shavuot
- 12 Grade 6 Torah Service
- 17 K-6 All School Gleaning
Grade 6 Graduation
- 18 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

RESOURCE LIBRARY OPENING



Dear Parents,

Morasha School and Morasha Early Childhood Center are planning to open a Resource Library in the school office in the Fall. It will be stocked with books for parents on topics such as parenting, discipline, homework help, and Jewish education, holidays, and traditions in the home.

Please email Jackie Howie at jhowie@morasha.org with your favorite titles so we can be sure to offer them in our Resource Library. We will also be taking donations in the near future so don't give away those books yet!

all of us to participate in.

WE WILL BE GATHERING AT DOHENEY BEACH AT 6:00 PM. BRING A DAIRY DINNER FOR YOUR FAMILY.

We re looking forward to sharing this special experience with all of our community.

B'Shalom,
Eve



YOM HA'ATZMAUT CELEBRATION

Morasha will be celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut on Thursday (TOMORROW), 11:00-12:30, with arts and crafts, including building our own Kotel, Israeli dancing, and enjoying traditional Israeli foods. We will also enjoy birthday cake to celebrate that it is Israel's 60th birthday! Parents are invited to celebrate with us. **PLEASE HAVE YOUR STUDENT WEAR BLUE AND WHITE!**

FIRST GRADE SIDDUR CEREMONY

Our annual Siddur Ceremony will be Monday, May 12, at 8:30. All are invited to join us as our first graders lead the service and receive their siddurim with beautiful covers from their parents.



SECOND GRADE PARENTS

Don't forget that your wimpels are due on Monday, May 19!

FIFTH GRADE PARENT MEETING

The fifth grade parents will meet on Friday, May 16, to make Havdalah candles for their children in preparation for the Havdalah service on May 31st. All are invited for the service. Bring your own dairy dinner and join us at Doheney Beach at 6:00 p.m.

KVELL KORNER Chinuch (Education)

In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, Kvell Korner would like to recognize not only the academic skills of our teachers, but the unseen expertise in areas of life skills they use each day. They have each received their Masters in shoe tying, mediation, feeding the hungry, tear wiping, humor, ethics, loving and protecting their students. For



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this we say, "**Todah Rabah and Yasher Koach!**"

CALENDAR NEWS!

Check out our new, calendar program (Google) on our website. A benefit of having the calendar on Google is that if you are using a calendar program on your home or work computer that allows you to subscribe to online calendars (iCal, some outlook add-ons, etc.) you can now add the Morasha calendar to your program and it will be auto-updated whenever someone updates the Morasha Calendar

Here's how to subscribe if you want: [Google Calendar](#)

ISRAEL EXPO

Thank you to all the students who are participating in our choir for the Israel Expo on June 1st. We had our first rehearsal with Canter Ruti Breir from University Synagogue and the children sound wonderful! There will be several more rehearsals during school hours. More information will be available soon regarding our performance times at the Expo.



PARSHAH HASHAVUAH

Emor

Leviticus 21:1-24:23

In this week's Parshah, Emor, Moses informs the priests of the special rules which they must obey. The priests had a higher status than the rest of the Israelites because of their special duties. Essentially, these laws set the priests apart from the rest of society. The High Priest was further set apart from the regular priests. In five respects he was to be greater and better-stature, strength, wealth, intelligence, and appearance.



What qualities give people status in our society today?
 What important personal qualities not listed here also make a person very special?
 Does one have to be born with special personal qualities or can one develop them?
 What are your best human qualities?

Shabbat Shalom!

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