

What's Up?

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Important Dates:

Friday March 18	Beverly & Jodi's class lead Shabbat PURIM SPIEL, CELEBRATION FOR ECC-8TH
Sunday March 20	PURIM
Thursday March 24	'Race To Nowhere' film showing 6:30pm at Temple Emanu El
Friday March 25	Elaine & Amy's class lead Shabbat

Thursday, March 24

Temple Emanu-El and the Dallas Youth Directors' Council present

RACE TO NOWHERE

a powerful film that investigates the alarming state of our education system.

Temple Emanu-El, Tobian Auditorium

Doors open at 6:00.

Film begins at 6:30 pm,

Immediately after the film, adults and teens can join small group discussions to reflect upon the film, facilitated by congregational leaders and youth professionals.

Tickets can be reserved online for free at <http://rtntemplemanu-el.eventbrite.com>.

Donations will be accepted at the door (suggested \$5 per person) to cover screening costs.

The Dallas Youth Directors' Council is populated by youth professionals at local synagogues and Jewish institutions.



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JEWISH STUDIES...

Join us TOMORROW for our Purim Celebration! We will celebrate with a special Purim spiel (play) as part of our Shabbat service. We will end our celebration with a parade. It will certainly be a fun and happy day!

Our toddler and two year old classes enjoyed their very own mini-carnival this week! They loved playing the many Purim related games and activities! Our three year old and Pre-K classes will enjoy the Buddy Purim Carnival tomorrow.

HELP US FILL OUR MITZVAH CRIB

With the help from our Mitzvah Mensch class, we have done a great job filling the crib! Please consider sending in a few more cans to help our crib overflow with food! We look forward to having many of our Mitzvah Mensch families help deliver all of your donations to Jewish Family Services.

Our next Mitzvah Project will begin next week! The children in Kira and Nadine's three year old class will be busy collecting Tzedakah money from all of our ECC classes. They will collect, count, and present our Tzedakah to our eighth graders as they prepare for their trip to the land of Israel! Once in Israel, the eighth graders will have the opportunity to decide which charities to donate our Tzedakah money to. This will be a very meaningful experience for all.

Looking ahead:

Toddler and 2's Pesach Seder	Wednesday, April 13 th
3's and Pre-K Pesach Seder	Thursday, April 14 th

Alyse Eisenberg
Jewish Studies Coordinator

SHABBAT SHALOM

Counselor Corner...

“Can we be our children’s friends and still be their parents”

Most people would love to be able to be their child’s friend and, while we can be there for them and support them in ways that even a best friend could not, we must remember that we are their parents and not their friends. Children look to their parents for structure and consistency. They need rules to feel safe. It is very difficult to say no to children, we want to please them, after all we created them and love them. But we are not our child’s friend; we are the parent. Often times we have to make choices for our children that they are not in a position to make. It is OK to say no and it is even healthy for children to be angry with you. As *Love and Logic* would say, just don’t get into an argument with them; say, “I love you too much to argue.”

Children need boundaries and structure and they will look to you to give it to them. Healthy children also push those boundaries; it is part of their development. And for some children they will push the line of whatever the boundary may be. It is important to stick to your own rules and values. You have to trust your own common sense and be alert to possible dangers, both physical and emotional.

The question may come up as to when is it important for children to know certain things and what is appropriate for them to watch on TV? Their friends may also be doing or seeing things that you don’t feel your child is ready for. Stick to your beliefs and values. You know your child better than anyone. The more you know, the safer you can keep them. Parent controls on the television and movies are important.

Counselor’s Corner is part of our school mental health program, a partnership between Levine Academy and Jewish Family Service. If you have any questions, ideas or concerns please contact me.

Sincerely,
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