



## **Berkman Mercaz Limud First Grade 2023-24**

*Please save these dates for First Grade special events.*

Sunday, September 10	First Day of Berkman Mercaz Limud
Sunday, October 1	Sukkah Visits (during Berkman Mercaz Limud)
Friday, October 6	Simchat Torah, Consecration, and Family Sukkot Dinner
Sunday, November 5	B'reishit Youth Group Event (Immediately following Berkman Mercaz Limud)
Friday, November 10	Family Shabbat Dinner and Oneg
Sunday, December 3	B'reishit Hanukah Activities Fair (during Berkman Mercaz Limud)
Friday, December 11	Family Shabbat and Congregational Hanukah Dinner
Friday, January 19	Family Shabbat Dinner and Oneg
Friday, February 9	Family Shabbat Dinner and Oneg
Friday, March 8	Family Shabbat Dinner and Oneg
Sunday, March 10	B'reishit Youth Group Event (Immediately following Berkman Mercaz Limud)
Sunday, March 17	Purim Celebrations (during Berkman Mercaz Limud)
Friday, April 12	Family Shabbat Dinner and Oneg
Sunday, April 14	B'reishit Pesach Activities Fair (during Berkman Mercaz Limud)
Friday, May 10	Family Shabbat Dinner and Oneg
Sunday, May 19	Last Day of Berkman Mercaz Limud – Simchat Limud: A Celebration of Learning and Confirmation

The youth choir, *Shireinu* (“we sing”) meets on Wednesday afternoons (during Midweek Hebrew; choir members do not need to be registered for Midweek Hebrew and can come just for choir; Midweek Hebrew students who are choir members will spend part of their learning time in choir). To sign up your child, contact Yolanda Jordan at [yjordan@rodephshalom.org](mailto:yjordan@rodephshalom.org).

The Berkman Mercaz Limud 2023-24 Calendar, showing all the dates when we are in-session and on vacation, can be accessed at

<https://files.constantcontact.com/922288f7001/3f417d52-056b-42ac-836a-86cc8032bb32.pdf?rdr=true>

# Welcome to the First Grade class!

## Part of the *B'reishit*\* Community of Torah at Berkman Mercas Limud

*Here is what your child can look forward to every Sunday morning this year:*

**T'filah** with Rabbi Freedman– A joyous, musical Jewish worship experience, with stories and student participation.

**Panim el Panim (Face to Face)** with teachers Darius Ferki and Emma James – Students develop friendships, ease into the school day, and learn about the weekly Torah portion.

**Hebrew Through Movement** with Adina Brodie – interactive, experiential Hebrew lessons that get students moving, and increase comfort and familiarity with listening to Hebrew.

**Jewish Life** with teachers Darius Ferki and Emma James – Learning about Jewish values, understanding Jewish spaces (at home and at the synagogue), reinforcing prior learning about Jewish holidays and doing more to get the most enjoyment out of those holidays, and learning more about Shabbat – including Havdalah, the conclusion of Shabbat –

**Library Time** – Students can check out books each week, to bring Jewish traditions and values home.

### *Plus...*

- Fabulous holiday celebrations for Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Hanukkah, Purim, Pesach, Yom Ha'atzmaut, and Lag B'Omer, and Family Shabbat dinners once a month.
- Parents invited to be “Mystery Readers” – surprise your child with a visit and read-aloud to the whole class during weekly library time.
- Family events that allow you to learn alongside your children and to meet other parents in our wonderful community.

*\*The five books of the Torah are B'reishit (Genesis), Sh'mot (Exodus), Vayikra (Leviticus), Bamidbar (Numbers), and D'varim (Deuteronomy). Torah is fundamental to Jewish life and learning, so our school is built around Torah! Students within a Community of Torah share t'filah (prayer/worship) experiences and other aspects of life at Berkman Mercas Limud and enjoy youth group events together, and their teachers collaborate on shared goals appropriate to the developmental stages of the children in their community.*

**Darius Fekri**



**Emma James**



**Adina Brodie**



**Rabbi Freedman**

