

Berkman Mercaz Limud Seventh Grade 2023-24

Please save these dates for Seventh Grade special events.

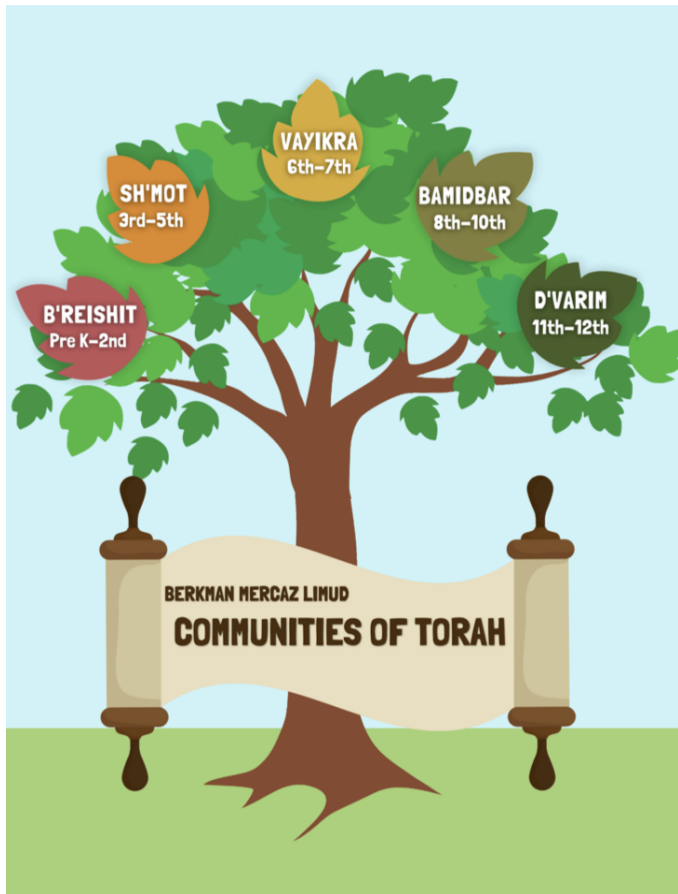
Sunday, September 10	First Day of Berkman Mercaz Limud
Sunday, October 1	Sukkah Visits (during Berkman Mercaz Limud)
Friday, October 6	Simchat Torah, Consecration, and Family Sukkot Dinner
Friday, November 10	Family Shabbat Dinner and Oneg
Friday, November 17-18	Vayikra Shabbaton (overnight at Rodeph Shalom!)
Friday, December 11	Family Shabbat and Congregational Hanukah Dinner
Friday, January 19	Family Shabbat Dinner and Oneg
Sunday, January 28	Vayikra Youth Group Event (immediately following Berkman Mercaz Limud)
Sunday, February 4	7th Grade to US Holocaust Memorial Museum
Friday, February 9	Family Shabbat Dinner and Oneg
Friday, March 8	Family Shabbat Dinner and Oneg
Sunday, March 17	Purim Celebrations (during Berkman Mercaz Limud)
Sunday, April 7	Vayikra Youth Group Event (immediately following Berkman Mercaz Limud)
Friday, April 12	Family Shabbat Dinner and Oneg
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.

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

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Welcome to the 7th Grade class!



Part of the *Vayikra** Community of Torah at Berkman Mercaz Limud

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

T'filah with Rabbi Maderer – A prayer service that guides students in exploring their personal connections to the words, music, and meaning of the prayers, and lets students practice leading prayers during a worship service.

Panim el Panim (Face to Face) with teacher Joan Fanwick – A chance for students to develop friendships, ease into the school day, and talk about the weekly Torah portion.

Holocaust Studies with teacher Joan Fanwick – Our unique, innovative curriculum is based in the arts and looks beyond the events of the Holocaust to its root causes, resistance efforts, and carrying the lessons forward to our world today.

Plus...

- Holiday celebrations for Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Hanukkah, Purim, Pesach, Yom Ha'atzmaut, and Lag B'Omer!

- A trip to the United States Holocaust Memorial

Museum in Washington D.C.

- Artisti-in-Residence Logan Schulman will help students create artistic expressions of their learning and the meaning they have made of it.
- Vayikra youth group events for 6th and 7th graders with Youth Engagement Coordinator, Jem Oshins.
- Family Shabbat dinners once a month.

**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) and other aspects of life at Berkman Mercaz 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.*

Joan Fanwick



Rabbi Maderer

