

**Berkman Mercaz Limud
Third Grade 2023-24**

Please save these dates for Third Grade special events!

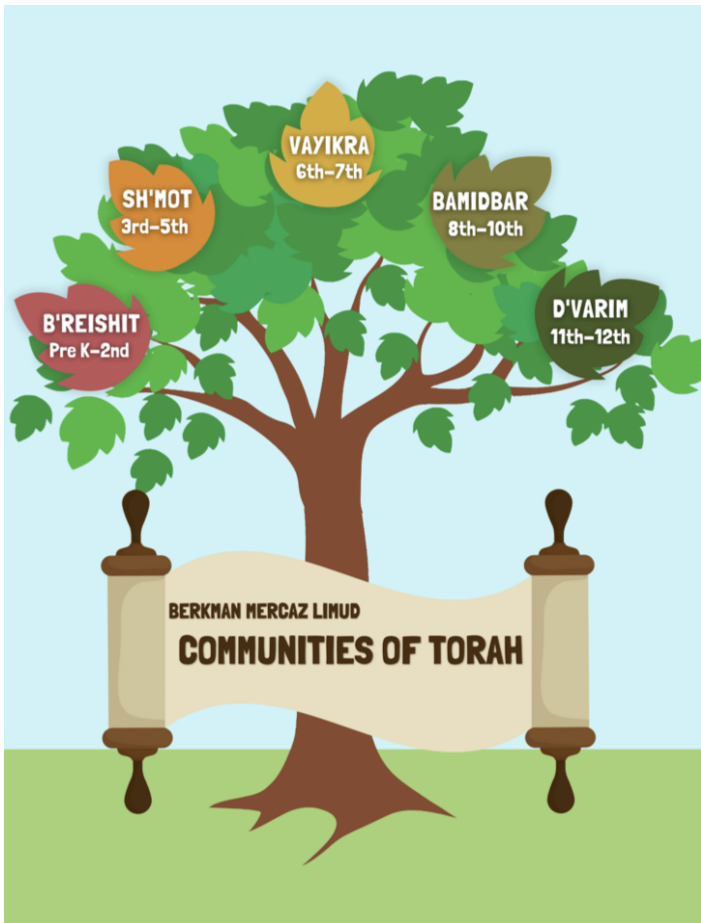
Sunday, September 10	First Day of Berkman Mercaz Limud
Sunday, October 1	Sukkah Visits (during Berkman Mercaz Limud)
Friday, October 6	Simchat Torah, Consecration, and Family Sukkot Dinner
Sunday, October 8	Sh'mot Youth Group Apple Picking (immediately following Berkman Mercaz Limud)
Saturday, October 21	Sh'mot Shabbat + Lunch
Friday, October 27-29	Sh'mot Retreat at Camp Harlam
Friday, November 10	Family Shabbat Dinner and Oneg
Friday, December 11	Family Shabbat and Congregational Hanukah Dinner
Sunday, December 10	Sh'mot Youth Group Event (immediately following Berkman Mercaz Limud)
Friday, January 19	Family Shabbat Dinner and Oneg
Saturday, February 3	Sh'mot Shabbat + Lunch
Friday, February 9	Family Shabbat Dinner and Oneg
Sunday, March 3	Sh'mot Youth Group Event (immediately following Berkman Mercaz Limud)
Friday, March 8	Family Shabbat Dinner and Oneg
Sunday, March 17	Purim Celebrations (during Berkman Mercaz Limud)
Friday, April 12	Family Shabbat Dinner and Oneg
Sunday, April 28	Sh'mot Youth Group Event (immediately following 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.

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 3rd Grade class!



Part of the *Sh'mot** Community of Torah at Berkman Mercaz Limud

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

T'filah with Cantor Hyman – A prayer service designed to teach the words and meaning of foundational Jewish prayers.

Panim el Panim (Face to Face) with teachers Sharon Forman and Sam Donsky – A chance for students to develop friendships, ease into the school day, and learn about the weekly Torah portion and upcoming holidays.

Hebrew Through Movement with teacher Adina Brody – Interactive, experiential Hebrew lessons that get students moving, and increase comfort and familiarity with hearing Hebrew.

T'filah and God with teachers Sam Donsky and Sharon Forman – Delving into the meaning of our prayers and Jewish ideas about God, and into students' own feelings on these big ideas.

Jewish Life Cycle with teachers Sharon Forman and Sam Donsky – Learning about the unique and wonderful ways that Jews mark pivotal moments in our lives.

Plus...

- A weekend retreat for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders at Camp Harlam – the highlight of the year!!
- Holiday celebrations for Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Hanukkah, Purim, Pesach, Yom Ha'atzmaut, and Lag B'Omer!
- Family Shabbat dinners once a month.
- Youth group events led by Youth Engagement Coordinator, Jem Oshins.
- Sh'mot Shabbat twice a year – students and families gather together for a Shabbat morning service followed by lunch.

**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.*

Sharon Forman



Sam Donsky



Adina Brodie



Cantor Hyman

