



Berkman Mercaz Limud Second Grade 2023-24

Please save these dates for Second Grade special events.

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| 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.

The Berkman Mercaz Limud 2022-23 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 Second Grade class!

Part of the *B'reishit** 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 Freedman – A joyous, musical Jewish worship experience, with stories and student participation.

Panim el Panim (Face to Face) with teacher Charlotte Bradstreet – A chance for students to 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 hearing Hebrew.

Torah Stories with teacher Charlotte Bradstreet – Learning about the foundational stories of the Jewish people, using drama and visual arts to draw students in and elevate the experience.

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 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.*

Charlotte Bradstreet



Adina Brodie



Rabbi Eli Freedman

