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## MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL FOR BJE PRESCHOOL FAMILIES:

Congregation Beth Judea would like to extend a special welcome to BJE preschool families with a one year membership for only \$100. This includes High Holiday tickets, family programs, and more! Religious school fees are not included. For more information, please contact Lisa Neiman or Diane Garden at 847-634-0777 or [info@bethjudea.org](mailto:info@bethjudea.org)

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# SERVICES OVERVIEW



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### Every Shabbat Saturday Morning: Gan Shabbat

10:30 – 11:30 am, *Gan Shabbat* is a Shabbat service specially designed for children ages nine and under along with their families. After Gan Shabbat all participants will be encouraged to join the main service and the community Kiddush.



### 1st Friday of the Month – 6:00 pm

Welcome Shabbat with other families who have young children in a relaxed, fun and child-friendly atmosphere.

This 30-minute Tot Shabbat session, geared towards children age 5 and under and their families, will be followed by a special Oneg Shabbat.

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# TOT SHABBAT

Congregation Beth Judea's  
*Focus on Families* invites you to...

## Tot Shabbat



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**6:30 pm**

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This program is free and open to the community.



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# Gan Shabbat

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Saturday morning**

**10:30 am - 11:30 am**



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After *Gan Shabbat* all participants will be encouraged to join the main service and the community Kiddush.

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# Programs Overview



## New Family Programs for Your Children and Grandchildren

### PROGRAM OVERVIEWS:

#### *Gan Shalom Preschool Program*

This engaging parent-child class explores the joys and excitement of Jewish holidays, heroes and mitzvot themes. This hands-on, free class is led by Natalie Gurin, an amazing preschool teacher and Beth Judea congregant. This program is open to children preK and under. [Click here for more info.](#)

#### *Challah Chaverim*

This monthly parent-child activity for toddlers through kindergarteners includes challah making, story time with Rabbi Pivo and a song session with Cantor Weisberg. Challah Chaverim is a free program that is open to the community. Bring your friends!! Both evening and afternoon sessions. [Click here for more info](#)

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# Gan Shalom

Please join us the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month  
September – May  
10:30 am – 12:00 noon  
\*unless otherwise noted

# Gan Shalom



## 2011-2012 Class Sessions:

Sept. 11	Jan. 8
Oct. 16*	Feb. 12
Nov. 13	Mar. 11
Dec. 11	Apr. 15*
	May 13

(\* indicates alternate Sunday)

An engaging parent-child experience  
exploring the joys and excitement of  
Jewish holidays, heroes, and mitzvot

**FEBRUARY'S THEME: "Totally Trees!"**

Cost: \$5 per session or \$40 for the 9-session series.

## **Each session includes:**

*Hands-on crafts and activities - Snack  
Music (with the Religious School music teachers)  
Take Home Handout w/Family Time ideas*

Registration is required the Monday prior to each session. To register now online [click here](#).  
To register and for more information, contact the synagogue office at 847-634-0777 or [info@bethjudea.org](mailto:info@bethjudea.org)

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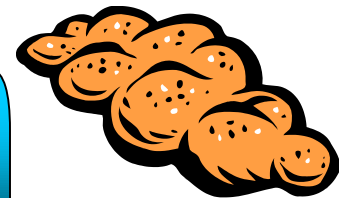




# Challah Chaverim

Please join us the  
3rd Thursday of the month  
September – May  
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm

# Challah Chaverim



## 2011-2012 AFTERNOON Sessions:

Sept. 15	Dec. 15	Mar. 15
Oct. 27*	Jan. 19	Apr. 26*
Nov. 17	Feb. 16	May 17

\*4<sup>th</sup> Thursday due to Holidays

An engaging parent-child experience exploring the joys and excitement of Jewish holidays, heroes, and mitzvot

## 2011-2012 SPECIAL EVENING Sessions

Special evening sessions will be held on the following dates at 6:30 pm:

Sept. 11	Nov. 10	Feb. 23	Apr. 26
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Challah Chaverim is a free program open to the community welcoming toddlers through Kindergarteners with an adult.

Registration is required the Monday prior to each session.

To register and for more information, contact the synagogue office at 847-634-0777 or [info@bethjudea.org](mailto:info@bethjudea.org).

Make an individual Challah



Story time with Rabbi Pivo

Shabbat Songs with Cantor Weisberg



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# February 2012 at Congregation Beth Judea



## Congregation Beth Judea Family Events – February 2012

All events are open to the community and are free of charge (unless otherwise noted).

For more details & to RSVP for all programs, contact the synagogue office at 847-634-0777 or visit [www.bethjudea.org](http://www.bethjudea.org) (click on "Register for an Event")

### Feb. 3 5:45 pm – Family Shabbat Pray and Play

Join us for Shabbat dinner at 5:45 pm followed by Tot Shabbat services and Parsha playtime at 6:30 pm. The 30-min. family Shabbat service is perfect for families with children 8 and under. We will use our special Tot Shabbat Siddur and follow along with kid-friendly translations and familiar Shabbat songs. Shabbat play will explore the weekly Torah portion through drama and hands-on Shabbat appropriate activities.

**Cost for dinner:** \$15 per family; \$20 for non-member families  
**Please RSVP by Jan. 31.**



### Feb. 12 10:30 am – 12:00 pm: Gan Shalom



Gan Shalom is a monthly pre-Kindergarten program focusing on Jewish holidays, heroes, and mitzvot for children age 5 and under accompanied by an adult.

**This month's theme: "Totally Trees!"**

**Cost:** \$5 per session or \$40 for the 9-session series. Each class includes art, stories, music, and snack. **Registration is required by Feb. 6. For more info, please contact Anna Besser at 847-634-8380.**



### Feb. 16 2:00 pm – Challah Chaverim (afternoon session)

### Feb. 23 6:30 pm – Challah Chaverim (evening session)

Join us for challah making, story time with Rabbi Pivo and a Shabbat song session with Cantor Weisberg.  
**Registration is required by Feb. 14.**

**SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, March 4**

**Shushan Wonderland and Purim Carnival with special Tot Hour**



Every Shabbat Sat. Morning, 10:30 – 11:30 am, Gan Shabbat  
*Gan Shabbat* is a Shabbat service specially designed for children ages nine and under along with their families. After Gan Shabbat, participants are welcomed at the main service and the community Kiddush.

For more information about family programming, please contact the synagogue office at 847-634-0777 or [bethjudea@bethjudea.org](mailto:bethjudea@bethjudea.org).  
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## Upcoming Focus on Families Programs

Feb. 3  
5:45 pm [Tot Shabbat](#) Pray & Play w/Dinner

Feb. 12  
10:30 am [Gan Shalom](#) – RSVP by Feb. 6

Feb. 16  
Feb. 23 [Challah Chaverim](#) - (afternoon session)  
[Challah Chaverim](#) – (evening session)  
RSVP by Feb. 14

SAVE THE  
DATE Sunday, March 4  
Shushan Wonderland & Purim Carnival with  
Special Tot Hour

Gan Shabbat [Every Shabbat Saturday Morning](#)  
10:30 am – Gan Shabbat is a Shabbat service specially  
11:30 am designed for children ages nine and under  
along with their families. After Gan Shabbat,  
participants are encouraged to join the main  
service and the community Kiddush.

Click on the links above to download each specific flyer.

Click on the link to the right to view or print the condensed flyer for  
all these events

*Like what you see in family  
programming and want to help keep it  
going?* Please consider volunteering to  
help with one of our programs this year.

[Check out our full calendar of events here.](#)

L'hitraot! See you soon!  
Mindy Gold  
mindygold@sbcglobal.net



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# 2011-2012 Calendar

## Congregation Beth Judea Family Programs & Event Calendar

Congregation Beth Judea's *Focus on Families* is dedicated to enriching families' connections to Judaism and our Jewish community through services and programs specifically designed for children infant through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. *Focus on Families* programs captivate young children's interest in the joys and excitement of Judaism and Jewish holiday celebration.

We are proud to offer:

**Family and Tot High Holiday Services:** More information can be found on the Beth Judea High Holiday Schedule

**Gan Shabbat:** Saturday Morning Family Shabbat Service geared towards children ages 9 and under and their families  
**Every Shabbat Saturday Morning, 10:30 am**

**Tot Shabbat:** Friday Evening Shabbat Service geared towards children ages 6 and under and their families;  
**1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month, 6:30 pm**

**Tot Shabbat Pray and Play:** This extended Tot Shabbat experience includes dinner, Parsha Playtime and Tot Shabbat service.

**Gan Shalom:** Monthly parent-child pre-Kindergarten program focusing on Jewish holidays, heroes, and mitzvot for children 5 years old and under accompanied by an adult.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, Sept. – May,  
10:30 am – 12:00 noon**  
**(Occasional 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays due to Holidays. Check schedule on website for details)**

**Challah Chaverim:** Monthly parent-child activity for toddlers through Kindergarteners that includes challah baking, story time, and a Shabbat song session  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, Sept. – May,  
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm, also**

**CHALLAH CHAVERIM SPECIAL EVENING SESSIONS:  
Sept. 22, Nov. 10, Feb. 23, Apr. 26 at 6:30 pm**

**Family Programs:** Monthly events focusing on holidays & celebrations (see schedule on next page→)

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# 2011-2012 Calendar

Focus on Families Programs for 2011-2012	
Date, Time*	Holiday/ Event
Monday, Aug. 22	<b>Mini-mitzvah Evening &amp; Ice Cream Social</b>
Friday, Aug. 26	<b>Shabbat Under the Stars</b>
Sunday, Oct. 16 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	<b>Lunch &amp; Launch: a Sukkot Kite Flying Event</b>
Thurs., Oct. 20	<b>Simchat Torah Celebration &amp; Parade</b>
Sunday, Oct. 30	<b>Blessing of the Animals: A Family Pet Event</b>
Sunday, Nov. 6 11:00 am	<b>Mitzvah Day</b>
Sat., Dec. 24	<b>Family Fun Night &amp; Chinese Dinner</b>
Friday, Jan. 6 5:45 pm	<b>Tot Shabbat Pray and Play</b>
Sat., Jan. 28 6:30 pm	<b>Magical Havdalah Evening</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. of the month, Oct.-May 10:30 am – 12 noon</b>	<b>Gan Shalom (PreK and under)</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. of the month, Oct. – May 2:00 – 2:45 pm</b>	<b>Challah Chaverim</b>

Focus on Families Programs for 2011-2012	
Date, Time*	Holiday / Event
Friday, Feb. 3 5:45 pm	<b>Tot Shabbat Pray &amp; Play</b>
Sun., March 4 10:00 am	<b>Shushan Wonderland &amp; Purim Carnival Tot Hour</b>
Wed., March 7	<b>Family Megillah Reading</b>
Saturday, Apr. 14	<b>Post-Passover Pizza Night</b>
Friday, May 4 5:45 pm	<b>Tot Shabbat Pray &amp; Play</b>
Sunday, May 6 12 noon – 2:00 pm	<b>Family Lag B'Omer Picnic</b>

Please note: Schedule changes can occur & will be publicized with as much advance notice as possible.  
**\*\*For more information or to RSVP, contact Mindy Gold at [mindygold@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mindygold@sbcglobal.net) or visit our *Focus on Families* Facebook page.**



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# Flyer – 2011-2012 Gan Shalom

## Gan Shalom



Join us the 2nd Sun.  
of the month,  
September – May\*

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

\*Unless otherwise noted.

This engaging adult-child experience explores the joys and excitement of Jewish holidays, heroes, and mitzvot.

### Each session includes:

- Crafts
- Snack
- Music
- “Family Follow-Up” Newsletter

*All new activities this year!*

### 2011-2012 Class Sessions:

- Sept. 11
- Oct. 16 (note: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)
- Nov. 13
- Dec. 11
- Jan. 8
- Feb. 12
- Mar. 11
- Apr. 15 (note: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)
- May 13

Registration is required the Monday prior to each session.  
This class is open to pre-K children with an adult. Nominal fee applies.

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# Flyer – 2011-2012 – Challah Chaverim

Congregation Beth Judea's *Focus on Families* and Families with Young Children Fund  
Are proud to present...



## Challah Chaverim



Challah baking



Story time with Rabbi Pivo

♪ Shabbat Songs with Cantor Weisberg

### 2011-2012 AFTERNOON SESSIONS

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# SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2012

Shushan Wonderland and Purim Carnival  
With special Tot Hour

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