



Congregation Bonai Shalom Religious School

Shalom,

We had a busy, fun week enriched with learning and getting to know one another. On Wednesday, Rabbi Borenstein from Longmont Chabad did a shofar workshop with slides, stories and shofars to share. Evan Buchman did an amazing job blowing a large twisty shofar. On Shabbat, Sivan led the Keshet reading program for Gan Gani classes and families. There were discussions, games, songs and stories throughout the school. Thank you to the Education committee for putting together the before school schmoozes. Great to see the parents having a nice time too.

Each week I will highlight a teacher and class for you to get to know and find out what is happening behind the scenes. See below for Gan Gani 4's teacher Aneesha.

Art and education are constants on the continuum I call "my life". I have been teaching for 35+ years as a classroom teacher. In addition, I have served as an art and creative writing teacher to various populations from ages 2 to 100. Art and tapestry weaving have been part of my process through most of those 35+ years. This is my second-year teaching art on Wednesdays and 4 yr olds in the Shabbat Hebrew school at Congregation Bonai Shalom. I am inspired by the wisdom and talent of our young community members. Transformation, for me, is an ongoing process of discovery and delight. Celebrating and creating beauty within myself, I give validation and support to the creative expression of a beauty filled and peaceful world.



Religious School times:

Saturdays

Gan Gani: 9:30-11:30am
Alef to B'nai Mitzvah class:
9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Wednesdays

Bet - B'nai Mitzvah class:
4:10 - 6:10 pm
Held at Bonai Shalom

Youth Shabbat Services *Shabbat Shelanu,*

2nd & 4th Shabbat/month -
families with children 0-5 yrs
Held at Bonai Shalom

Shabbat Koleinu

1st & 3rd Shabbat/month when
school is in session
For children in Grades K-2
Held at Bonai Shalom

Shabbat B'Yachad

1st & 3rd Shabbat/month when
school is in session

Class Reflection

Simcha and Shalom filled the atmosphere in the Hebrew School on Shabbat. The purity as seen through the child's eyes were just part of the colors of the day on our first Shabbat class. Stories filled the classrooms. We read Sammy Spider's First Day of School and played an action rhythm game after. We learned new Hebrew vocabulary and played games to review and integrate our "new" words: Shalom (hello/goodbye/peace), Boker Tov(good morning)

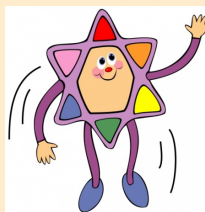
Lakoom(stand up). Lashevet(sit down). In addition, children chose from traditional / historical Jewish wardrobes to decorate their own representations of themselves for our K'hillim(community) board. Our Gan Gani Adom class served as ambassadors for demonstrating Hachnasat Orchim, welcoming strangers, as they gave new friends a rose, with a greeting of "Shalom." When we integrated with the other Gan Gani class to experience Keshet with Sivan, I was impressed with the demonstration of how easily they had integrated our Hebrew vocabulary of Leshevet and Lakoom. This year is already growing into co-creative and fun year of learning!

See below for more details on dates and locations of religious school as well as other monthly programs.

[The school calendar can be found on our website.](#)

Fondly,

Sharon Golden
Assistant Director of Education



For children in Grades 3-4
Held at BJCC

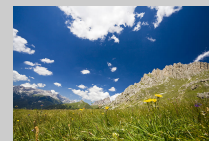
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or call Sharon at
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You can find the school
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what's happening.....

- **Wednesday September 13th**
 - 4:10- 6:10 Religious School Grades 2nd-B'nai Mitzvah class at CBS.
 - B'nai Mitzvah class goes to Golden West with Rabbi Marc, 4 -5 pm.
- **September 16, Shabbat School**
 - 9:30 am, Gan Gani -2nd & B'nai Mitzvah Class meet at Bonai. Third-6th meet at JCC.
 - Koleinu Youth Shabbat Service, 11 am at Bonai, Gr. 1-2
 - B'Yachad Youth Shabbat Service, 10:45 am at Bonai Shalom, Gr. 3-4.
 - Rosh Hodesh Girls Group, 11 am, (girls in Gr. 6-7) at Bonai Shalom.

In case of bad weather for Religious School on Wednesdays, a decision will be made by 2:00 pm, and emails and texts will be sent out. You can also check the website or call the office.





and beyond....

- **September 20th** - No School, Erev Rosh Hashanah. For information on youth services and programs, please check out the [Bonai Shalom website](#).
- **September 23, Shabbat School**
 - 9:30 am, Gan Gani - B'nai Mitzvah Class.
 - Shabbat Shelanu Service, 11 am, Bonai Shalom, for families with children 0 - 5
- **September 27, 4:10 pm, Religious School** for Gr. 2- B'nai Mitzvah Class.
 - Session 1 Electives begin promptly at 4:15.
 - Sukkah decoration making.
 - B'nai Mitzvah class visit to Hakubai Temple on kavanah & sacred space.
- **October 1st Pre-Sukkot Festival "New This Year"** 1-3 pm. Something for the whole family!
- **September 17th 4:00-7:30** All youth groups welcome to join the Walk for Unity representing Bonai Shalom. Meet at Har Hashem and look for Abby.

Youth Community Abby Tracer, Youth Advisor



Abby, our new Youth Advisor will be working with all 4 of our youth groups this year. The groups are:

Ilanot (Gr. K-2)
Bonim (Gr. 3-4)
Kadima (Gr. 5-7)
USY (Gr. 8-12)

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Save these Dates!

B'nai Mitzvah Family Dinner in the Sukkah

October 11th 6:15-8:15

Global Day of Jewish Learning, Sunday, November 12th sponsored by Bonai Shalom

Theme: Beauty & Ugliness

9:30-10:00 Registration & Nosh

10:00-12:00 Sessions for Adults & Children

Event is free!

Lunch included at noon

It's back! The Bonai Shalom Congregational Retreat

When: December 1-3

Where: Rocky Mountain YMCA

Watch for more information!

Get Involved! Parent Volunteer Opportunity

Dear Parents,

We are looking for volunteers to help with Shammus Duty and are so grateful for anyone who is willing to help!

Shammus Duty is when a congregant greets everyone entering the sanctuary during services and hands them prayer books. Currently we have a Shammus on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. This is a great way to contribute to the community, especially while the kids are in Shabbat school!

Thank you deeply in advance,

The Education Committee & The Ritual Committee

<https://bonaishalom.org/services-and-locations/shammus-duty/>




Hebrew & Prayer Practice at Home

- To practice the prayers of the Shabbat Torah and Musaf services, please go to [Bonai's website](https://bonaishalom.org), where you will find

Rabbi Marc's recordings of these prayers. (Look for the "Learning the Prayers" link at the bottom of the right column). Your child can listen and practice when they are in the car or when they are at home.

- Another website to practice prayers - both reading & singing is at [kavanah corner](#).
- To practice reading, or Hebrew vocabulary, please go to [behrmanhouse.com](#). You will find Hebrew alef-bet games, as well as prayer reading help. If you have any questions on how to do this, please [contact me](#).

How to help make the world a better place..

1. Give Doris Small, a Bonai member and Holocaust survivor, rides to and from Shabbat services. Here's the [link](#).
2. Buy a [Bravehood](#) - For every Bravehood that is purchased, one is also donated to a child going through cancer treatments.
3. Donate travel-size toiletries and/or new socks in the bins in the social hall for [BOHO](#) - Boulder Outreach for Homeless Overflow. 
4. Help at [Community Table](#). CBS provides volunteers the 2nd Monday of every month.

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