



LARCHMONT TEMPLE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

## **Important Information for Families**

### **Parent Handbook**

Welcome to LTRS – Larchmont Temple’s Religious School! We at Larchmont Temple are so pleased that you and your child/ren are part of this special learning community! Our goal is to create engaging Jewish experiences for you and your children that will lead to lifelong commitment to and participation in the Jewish community!

This handbook is designed to help you understand both our programs and policies for the 2017-2018/5778 year. In it you will find:

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## **Our Mission**

***Larchmont Temple Religious School is a warm and nurturing community. We create an engaging, nourishing and experiential program that enables our K-12 learners and their families to experience the joy of Jewish living and connection to our vibrant Larchmont Temple community. LTRS provides inclusive, interactive, and transformative learning where we live Judaism through TORAH, AVODAH, AND GEMILUT CHASADIM.***

- ***LTRS believes that Torah is the foundation of the Jewish people as it informs our modern lives***
- ***LTRS believes that meaningful Jewish prayer experiences enable reflection, creative spiritual expression, and a mindful relationship with oneself, one's community, and God.***
- ***LTRS believes that each member of our community has a responsibility to each other and the world around us. Through understanding, compassion, and mitzvot, we contribute to tikkun olam: the repairing of the world.***

***Learning in partnership with one another, we aspire to connect everyone at Larchmont Temple through our shared and sacred covenant.***

## Our Program

### **Torah: Jewish Text and Jewish Learning**

Kindergarten learners begin their Torah journey by learning Shabbat, Jewish holidays and “Being a Mensch” (a person of honor) stories. Grades 1 and 2 study the Book of Genesis and Grade 3 continues this foundation with stories from the Books of Exodus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. In Grades 4, learners will engage in Torah text interpretation skills by spending a few minutes learning the Torah portion of the week and exploring commentaries (creative stories that fill in the blanks). Our Grade 5 learners learn Jewish Peoplehood (Jewish History, Israel and the Holocaust), and our Grade 6 learners will focus on Belief and Action: learning and living out our Jewish values. Our Grade 7 learners take a special “Doin’ Drash” class with Rabbi Sirkman as a first step toward teaching Torah as a Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

### **Avodah (Worship and Ritual): Jewish Holidays**

Our Kindergarten and Grade 1 learners will experience a taste of the Jewish holidays through learning the holiday stories, experiencing holiday rituals and making ritual items for use in your home. As learners become older, they will learn more of the values associated with each holiday and learn more of the rituals and blessings for each holiday. We encourage you to always come to our holiday family services, programs and celebrations.

### **Avodah (Worship and Ritual): Shabbat**

Our goal is for our learners to grow up being comfortable in the Shabbat synagogue setting; this means that they will understand and connect with the basic Friday evening and Saturday morning services as well as be able to participate in key Jewish holiday events. Our younger learners will experience the Shabbat blessings in their class, make ritual items for your home and

families will be invited to several family-friendly Shabbat experiences during the year. As learners become older, they will become more familiar with the Friday night, Shabbat morning and Havdalah services. Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will celebrate Shabbat together at our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Retreat at URJ Eisner Camp on Friday January 26 – Sunday January 28, and our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade families will celebrate Shabbat together at the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Shabbaton on Saturday February 10, 2018.

### **Avodah: Tefillah (Worship) and Singing**

Every week, our learners will participate in group singing and Tefillah with Larchmont Temple’s Music and Youth Coordinator, Adam Tanenbaum, and members of our Clergy and Educational Staff. Services are designed to both inspire and meet the spiritual needs of our young people as well as prepare them to be lifelong members of the Jewish community.

### **Hebrew**

Larchmont Temple is excited to use the Hebrew Through Movement program. HTM is an experiential, positive and engaging way of learning Hebrew based upon the natural progression of learning language (hearing, response, visual cues etc.). The program begins with a modern vocabulary and transitions into synagogue, holiday and prayer language. Our Kindergarten through Grade 5 learners will experience 10-15-minute Hebrew Through Movement sessions and attend Tefillah and Music once a week. When learners reach Grade 4, they begin to decode and read Hebrew.

### **Gemilut Hasadim: Doing Good Deeds**

Each grade has opportunities to make our world a better place and our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders are required to participate in 2-4 activities (outside of the regular Religious School schedule).

## Family Programs and Opportunities

### **K-3 Family Shabbat Programs**

Built upon the success of our monthly Friday night Young Family Shabbatot, we are pleased to introduce our K-3 Family Shabbat Programs! Held monthly, we will pray, learn, eat and have fun together with Rabbi Miller. These Shabbat experiences will be held on:

- ◆ Friday October 13
- ◆ Friday November 10
- ◆ Friday December 8
- ◆ Friday January 12
- ◆ Friday February 9
- ◆ Friday March 9
- ◆ Friday April 13
- ◆ Friday May 11

Please join us!

### **Holidays and Holy Ways: Sunday Morning Learning Opportunities for Parents of K-3 Learners**

As part of LT's Spirituality theme this year, join Rabbi Rudin for 5 Sunday learning sessions on Jewish parenting and bringing the Jewish holidays to your home! The programs will be held at 11 am on:

- ◆ Sunday October 15
- ◆ Sunday November 12
- ◆ Sunday December 3
- ◆ Sunday March 25
- ◆ Sunday April 15

### **Grade 6 Shabbaton: A Shabbat of Learning for Learners and Parents**

**Saturday February 10, 2018 at the Edith Macy Conference Center, 10 – 4 pm**

Join Rabbis Sirkman and Miller, Cantor Scher, Rabbi Rudin, Phil and Adam to:

- ◆ Learn why become a bar/bat mitzvah?
- ◆ Become a Teacher of Torah
- ◆ Become a Leader of Tefillah
- ◆ Become a Do-er of Good Deeds and start to explore your Mitzvah Project
- ◆ Experience a Shabbat morning service

## Grade Descriptions and Special Dates

### Kindergarten – Grade 3: Bonim: Our Building Blocks

*Our Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2 and Grade 3 programs meet one day a week on Sundays from 10 am – 12 noon. Each grade approaches the Jewish holidays and content with a specific lens.*

#### **Kindergarten – Our Community**

Through participating in a Jewish community, our Kindergarten learners will focus upon Shabbat, holiday stories and Being a Mensch (good person) stories. Together, the grade will donate toys to a Holiday Toy Drive, learn about some special places in the Land of Israel and begin our engaging Hebrew Through Movement program. Each week learners will sing and pray together with our songleader and clergy.

#### **Grade 1 – Our Synagogue**

Through participating in a Jewish community, our Grade 1 learners will learn the first half of the Book of Genesis, engage in holiday stories and projects and do and learn the Shabbat blessings together. Each month, the learners will bring in food or other items to donate for Midnight Run. They will also learn more about the Land of Israel and continue in our engaging Hebrew Through Movement program. Each week learners will sing and pray together.

#### **Grade 2 – My Jewish Family and Our God**

Through participating in a Jewish community, our Grade 2 learners will learn the second half of the Book of Genesis, explore spirituality and God, engage in holiday stories and projects and continue to do and learn the Shabbat blessings together. During the year, we will bring in clothing items to donate. They will also learn more about the Land of Israel and continue in our engaging Hebrew Through Movement program on a weekly basis. Each week learners will sing and pray together with our songleader and clergy.

#### **Grade 3 – Our People**

Through participating in a Jewish community, our Grade 3 learners will learn the Torah stories in the Books of Exodus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. They will learn holiday rituals and blessings more deeply. They will learn more about the Land of Israel and continue in our engaging Hebrew Through Movement program on a weekly basis. Each week learners will sing and pray together with our songleader and clergy.

#### **Important Dates and Family Opportunities for Grades K-3**

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**Consecration: Honoring our  
Kindergarten and Grade 1  
Learners**

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**Wednesday October 4, 5:30 pm**

*Join us for dinner, Sukkot activities and this special  
Erev Sukkot service where our young and new  
learners are honored.*

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**K-3 Family Shabbatot****Fridays October 13, November 10, December 8,  
January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11***Join us for these family Shabbat services and  
programs designed for K-3 families!*

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**Holiday and Holy Ways: Learning  
for K-3 Parents****Sundays October 15, November 12, December 3,  
March 25, April 15***As part of LT's Spirituality theme this year, join  
Rabbi Rudin for 5 Sunday learning sessions on  
Jewish parenting and bringing the Jewish holidays  
to your home!*

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**LT Sunday Chanukah Celebration****Sunday December 10**

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**LT Mitzvah Day****Sunday February 4**

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**LTRS Purim Shpiel and Purim  
Festivities****Sunday March 4**

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**LTRS Closing Day****Sunday May 13**

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## Grades 4 – 6: Jewish Living

*Grades 4 – 6 meet twice a week; either Sunday/Wednesdays or Monday/Wednesdays. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders will participate in a retreat January 26 – 28 and 6<sup>th</sup> graders and parents will participate in the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Shabbaton on February 10, 2018. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders are also asked to participate in Tikkun Olam projects outside of the Religious School. Each grade will be honored in the Spring at a Kabbalat Shabbat service.*

We are excited to announce  
that our 4th and 5th graders will  
participate in an exciting and  
engaging  
**4th and 5th Grade Retreat**  
**at URJ Camp Eisner**  
**January 26 – 28!**  
More details will follow!

### **Grade 4: Jewish Living**

Through participating in a Jewish community, our 4th grade learners focus on the Jewish lifecycle, including brit milah/bris, consecration, bar/bat mitzvah, and many other lifecycle events, up until the rituals of mourning. 4th graders also build on their basic Torah story skills through studying the Book of Genesis more deeply with Rabbi Miller. They will raise money to feed families on Thanksgiving and engage in other Tikkun Olam projects. 4th graders begin Hebrew decoding and continue developing a love of Hebrew through our Hebrew Through Movement program twice a week. The 4th graders sing and pray together in tefillah with our songleader and clergy, and will be honored during a Shabbat evening service in the spring (Date TBD). We are excited to announce that our 4th and 5th graders will participate in an exciting and engaging **4th and 5th Grade Retreat at URJ Camp Eisner January 26 – 28!** More details will follow!

### **5th Grade: Jewish Peoplehood: Israel and Jewish History**

Through participating in a Jewish community, our 5th grade learners focus upon Jewish History, Israel and the Holocaust. Toward the end of the year, the learners will do a presentation at our inaugural Grade 4 – 6 Israel Zimria celebration on Wednesday April 18 (so save the date!) 5th graders practice their Hebrew reading skills twice a week, while also developing a love and energy towards the Hebrew language in our new Hebrew Through Movement program. They sing and pray together weekly during tefillah with our songleader and clergy, and will be honored during a Shabbat evening service in the spring (Date TBD). 5th graders are asked to participate in 2 Tikkun Olam activities during the year (outside of Religious School – more information will follow). We are excited to announce that our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grader will participate in an exciting and engaging **4th and 5th Grade Retreat at URJ Camp Eisner January 26 – 28!** More details will follow!

### **6th Grade: Belief in Action**

Through participating in a Jewish community, our 6th grade learners explore how we should engage with others and our community and experience the Jewish calendar through the lens of Jewish values. The spiritual path of Mussar states that Jewish values can only be learned through practice, so learners in the 6th grade are constantly being given the opportunity to learn, practice, and then reflect on the things they are learning together. During the fall, the 6th grade researches nonprofit organizations and conduct a school-wide vote for where to send our communal Tzedakah money. In the 6th grade, learners practice their Hebrew decoding and prayer skills in preparation for becoming Bar/Bat mitzvah twice a week. They also sing and pray together weekly during tefillah with our songleader and clergy. 6th graders are asked to participate in 4 Tikkun Olam activities during the year (out of Religious School – more information will follow). Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade families join together for a one day 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Shabbaton (see below).

Please note that 6th graders who have Fall Grade 7 B'nei Mitzvah in the Fall of 2018 will be expected to attend Rabbi Sirkman's Thursday Doin' Drash class in the Spring of Grade 6 at either 4:00 or 4:45 pm. Please note that in the Spring it is highly likely that there will be only one Doin' Drash class at 4:45 – 5:30 pm.

#### **Sixth Grade Shabbaton: A Shabbat of Learning for 6th Graders and Their Parents**

All Grade 6 families will participate in a day long Shabbaton on **Saturday February 4, 2018** (10 am – 4 pm at the Edith Macy Conference Center) with our Education Team and Clergy. More information will be sent via email.

## Grades 7 - 12

### **Grade 7: B'Mitzvotav: Becoming a Jewish Adult**

7th Graders are preparing and becoming adult members of the community as they prepare and become Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Their Religious School program is held on Tuesday evenings from 5:45 – 7:45 pm and the goals include community building, making Reform Jewish choices, Comparative Judaism, electives and preparing for Jewish adulthood. The evening includes dinner with the Grade 8-10 community. Thursday afternoons are used for Bar and Bat Mitzvah preparation during which learners take Doin' Drash with Rabbi Sirkman to work on the process of learning and teaching Torah (with the aim of giving a Drash at one's Bar or Bat Mitzvah) and continue to take Hebrew. Thursday is designed so that one takes Doin Drash for only one semester (Fall or Spring depending upon one's Bar or Bat Mitzvah date).

### **Grades 8 – 9: LTeen Connects**

We are excited to introduce our new menu of programs for our 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade learners! Please go to our website for the latest information or contact Adam Tanenbaum at [ATanenbaum@larchmonttemple.org](mailto:ATanenbaum@larchmonttemple.org). Grades 8 & 9 learners are also invited to serve as Madrichim (Assistant Teachers) in our Religious School and to participate in LARFTY (starting in the spring of 8<sup>th</sup> grade), our synagogue's youth group. For more information, please be in touch with Adam Tanenbaum (LARFTY) at [Adam@larchmonttemple.org](mailto:Adam@larchmonttemple.org).

### **Grade 10: Confirmation**

Grade 10 learners have the extraordinary opportunity to spend the year learning with Rabbi Sirkman in Confirmation Class. Highlights include Tuesday night learning dedicated to developing one's own theology, a trip to the Religious Action Center's L'Takein Seminar, running Purim activities for the younger LTRS community and leading and participating in a special Shavuot Confirmation service at the end of the year. Grade 10 learners are also invited to serve as Madrichim (Assistant Teachers) in our Religious School and to participate in LARFTY, our synagogue's youth group. For more information, please be in touch with Adam Tanenbaum (LARFTY) at [Adam@larchmonttemple.org](mailto:Adam@larchmonttemple.org).

### **Grades 11 & 12**

11th and 12th grade learners meet with Rabbi Sirkman monthly for Diner Dialogues at the Nautilus Diner. In March, our 11th and 12th graders can participate in the Religious Action Center's L'Takein Seminar for second-timers. Grade 11 and 12 learners are also invited to serve as Madrichim (Assistant Teachers) in our Religious School and to participate in LARFTY, our synagogue's youth group. For more information, please be in touch with Adam Tanenbaum (LARFTY) at [Adam@larchmonttemple.org](mailto:Adam@larchmonttemple.org).

## Meet Our Full Time Education Team

### **Rabbi Eve Rudin, Director of Education, Youth and Families**

Prior to joining the Larchmont Temple team, Rabbi Rudin served as the Director of the Congregational School at Park Avenue Synagogue in New York City, the Director of Camp Excellence and Advancement at the Foundation for Jewish Camp, and served as the Director of NFTY (North American Federation of Temple Youth) and the URJ Kutz Camp for Reform Jewish teens for the URJ (Union for Reform Judaism). A product of the Reform Jewish movement, Eve graduated with a BA in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies from Brandeis University and was awarded a Wexner Graduate Fellowship during her rabbinic studies at HUC-JIR where she was ordained in May 2000. Her undergraduate and graduate thesis work focused upon youth movements and camping, and she has spoken and presented at numerous conferences on experiential Jewish education, camping, faith development and youth mentorship. Rabbi Rudin serves as a board member for ARJE – The Association of Reform Jewish Educators and a Mentor in the Wexner Mentorship program. Rabbi Rudin is married to Rabbi Elliott Kleinman and, together, they have three children: Emma, Avi and Shira.

Rabbi Rudin can be reached by calling the Temple office or through her email at [erudin@larchmonttemple.org](mailto:erudin@larchmonttemple.org).

### **Adam Tanenbaum, Music & Youth Coordinator**

Adam Tanenbaum grew up in Maryland just outside of Washington, D.C. and attended Indiana University where he focused on Jewish Studies and Non-Profit Management. Growing up as a participant and staff member in various URJ Youth Programs, Adam has always had a love for Jewish communal work. He spent all four years of high school active in his local youth group and NFTY-MAR, 14 summers at URJ Henry S. Jacobs Camp, and two at URJ Kutz Camp. For nearly a decade Adam has been a professional songleader and program facilitator, spending time with dozens of congregations along the East Coast, Mid-West, and Southern United States. In 2013 and 2014 Adam spent 6 months with a Progressive Synagogue in San Jose, Costa Rica teaching, studying, and leading their music program followed by a year working for the Union for Progressive Judaism (Australia's equivalent to the URJ), traveling the entire country to help their small Reform communities strengthen their youth and music programs. Adam is incredibly excited to be going into his second year here at Larchmont Temple, and can't wait to continue to build upon last year's successes in LaRFTY, LTRS, and more!

Adam can be reached by calling the Temple office or by e-mail [adam@larchmonttemple.org](mailto:adam@larchmonttemple.org).

### **Phil Aarons, Full-Time Educator**

A graduate of the US Naval Academy with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Engineering and Soviet Studies, Phil served as a Commissioned officer in the US Navy for 7 years. Retiring as a Lieutenant Commander in 1984, he began his career as a Jewish educator in 1987 and has been sharing his

expertise in teaching Hebrew reading, Torah & values, & Jewish history to our 3rd – 9th graders since 2000. Over the years, Phil has held the roles of part-time educator, assistant to our Director of Education and supplemental tutor for our B'nei Mitzah learners. He believes that people learn when they see how much you love Judaism and how much you love being in the classroom and is thrilled to serve as LT's Full-Time Educator in this, his Chai year with us.

Phil can be reached at [Paarons@larchmonttemple.org](mailto:Paarons@larchmonttemple.org).

**Mia Shapiro, Administrative Assistant to the Religious School and LT Clergy**

Prior to joining Larchmont Temple, Mia spent 20 years as a medical social worker helping individuals of all ages and their families cope with the challenges of serious physical and mental illnesses. While working in the social work field, she continued her Jewish studies as a master's student and cantorial soloist and is thrilled to be contributing to the Jewish life of Larchmont Temple's congregational family.

She can be reached by calling the Temple office or through her email at [mshapiro@larchmonttemple.org](mailto:mshapiro@larchmonttemple.org).

## Communications

### Office Hours and Contact Information

The Religious School staff can be reached through the synagogue office at 914-834-6120. The synagogue is open from 9 am – 5:30 pm Mondays – Thursdays and 9 am – 4 pm on Fridays. The phone will also be answered on Sunday mornings when Religious School is in session.

### Communications

The Religious School will communicate with you through a newsletter and through direct email which will keep you updated about special events, information and opportunities for your family. Please make sure that the office has your correct email on file. If you are not receiving the emails through Constant Contact, please contact Mia Shapiro at [MShapiro@larchmonttemple.org](mailto:MShapiro@larchmonttemple.org) who can help you re-subscribe to the list.

K-3 Families will receive a weekly update either as a Torah Take Out, weekly email or a text message.

## School Closings and Emergency Procedures

### Inclement Weather

#### *Monday – Thursday Afternoons*

Larchmont Temple follows the Mamaroneck School District. Therefore:

- If public school is cancelled due to inclement weather, Religious School is cancelled
- If public school enacts an early dismissal due to inclement weather, Religious School is cancelled
- If public school enacts a late start due to inclement weather, Religious School will be open depending upon later weather conditions
- If public school operates on a regular schedule despite inclement weather, Religious School may still be cancelled depending on later weather conditions

You will be informed of a Religious School closing through our OneCall email and text messaging system (assuming there is power to do so). We will also do our best to update the Temple's website.

#### *Sunday Morning Program*

Sunday closings are determined based on prevailing weather conditions by 8am on a given Sunday. You will be informed of a Religious School closing through our OneCall email and text messaging system (assuming there is power to do so). We will also do our best to update the Temple's website.

#### **Other Closing Circumstances**

In the unlikely event of closing due to an unforeseen circumstance (i.e. medical emergency, a building emergency) the decision will be made by the Director of Education Youth and Families and the Executive Director of the Temple.

## **Arrival, Dismissal and Parking**

The safety of our children is of primary importance.

On Sundays, please walk with your child into the building and drop him or her off at your child's classroom. K-3 dismissal will take place at your child's classroom unless otherwise noted and Grades 4 – 6 will take place from the Sanctuary.

On weekdays, only children who have been given permission by you may arrive without a parent or caregiver. If your child walks to Religious School, please arrange for your child to walk with others to the Temple. If you or a caregiver will be dropping off your child, please wait to see that they have safely entered the building at the Willow Avenue entrance. For dismissal, only children who have been given permission to leave on their own may do so. For those parents and caregivers who do pick-up, it is preferable for you to park and enter the building. A member of the security staff will be outside to make sure that children arrive safely to your car.

**Please make sure to have your child finish any snacks before entering the Temple building as we are a nut allergy aware environment.**

If you or your caregiver need to pick up your child early, you must first come to the security desk at the Temple to sign your child out.

Please do not double-park outside the Temple. It is not safe for our children. Please also note that Willow Avenue is a two-way street.

## **Attendance**

A successful and positive experience is based upon regular attendance at our program. Please be in touch with Rabbi Rudin if there are issues regarding your child's regular attendance at the Religious School.

## **Health and Safety**

### **Medical Issues**

Please make sure that we have up to date medical and emergency information for your child. If your child is ill, please do not send him/her to Religious School. We also ask that your child stay home if he/she has had a fever, bouts of diarrhea or vomiting for less than 24 hours.

If your child is not feeling well during Religious School, we will make every effort to contact you, your caregiver or emergency contact. No teacher or staff member is allowed to dispense medication of any kind.

### **Food Allergies**

Larchmont Temple Religious School strives to be a nut-aware community. Please remember that there are members of the community with nut allergies. We therefore ask that you and your children refrain from bringing in food with nut ingredients; those having snacks with nuts in them will be asked to finish their snack outside the building before entering and will be asked to wash their hands. Food ordered for Religious School events will not contain nut ingredients and there will usually be an email to you with ingredient/vendor information. Please note that the temple office and other events at the synagogue may have food that contain nuts present. If your child has a food allergy, please make sure to be in touch with Rabbi Rudin to review the allergy and emergency protocols –especially if your child has an epi-pen.

### **Fire and Lockdown Drills**

Fire drills will occur at the beginning and in the middle of the year and basic lockdown procedures will be explained to our learners on the opening day. In the event that we must evacuate the building, Larchmont Temple learners will be brought to The French American School. Teachers will bring class lists with emergency contact information with them to all drills and an evacuation. If possible, we will contact you through our OneCallNow text messaging and email system.

## **Kehilah Kedosha: A Respectful Community**

### **Dress**

Please note that when your learner is at Religious School, he or she will be attending tefillah (worship) in the sanctuary and should dress respectfully.

### **Cell Phones**

Learners are not permitted to use cell phones during the Religious School program and in the upper grades, cell phone may be collected at the beginning of a class or program in order to focus our learners. In case of an emergency, please call the Temple office at 914-834-6120 and we can communicate a message to your child.

### **Bringing One's Full Self to the Temple**

Judaism is a way of life. We seek to inspire you and your children with the passion and knowledge to engage in Jewish life. To ensure that our limited time together makes the greatest impact, we ask that your children bring their full and best selves to the Temple.

## **Limud Noar- Youth Education Transformation Committee:**

Our Limud Noar – Youth Education Transformation Committee serves as an advisory group to Temple professionals to provide their experiences and insight into the intricacies of the Youth program encompassing our K-12th graders and their families.

We aspire to engage every potential young individual here at Larchmont Temple. The committee meets monthly to consider past, present, and future programs and help support new initiatives. Beyond the monthly meetings, members are asked to participate in youth activities with their families, serve as a volunteer in various capacities, and to be a liaison for other parents in the programs.

# Calendar

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**Calendar Key:**

	White – RS is Open
	Grey – RS is Closed
	Light Blue – RS is Open and it is a Jewish or LT Special Event
	Dark Blue – RS is Closed due to a Jewish Holiday

**SEPTEMBER**

- 10 Sunday Madrichim and Teacher Training
- 12 - 17 Opening Days
- 20 Erev Rosh Hashanah – RS Closed
- 21 Rosh Hashanah – RS Closed
- 29 Kol Nidre
- 30 Yom Kippur

**OCTOBER**

- 1 RS Closed
- 4 Erev Sukkot – Join us for Consecration for New K & 1 Learners
- 5 Sukkot – RS Closed
- 8-9 Columbus Day Weekend – RS Closed
- 11 Join Us for Erev Simchat Torah - RS Closed

**NOVEMBER**

- 22-26 Thanksgiving – RS Closed

**DECEMBER**

- 10 LT Hanukah Celebration
- 12 – 19 Chanukah (1<sup>st</sup> Candle 12/12 and last on 12/19)
- 24 – 1/1 Winter Break – RS Closed

**JANUARY**

- 1 Winter Break – RS Closed
- 14-15 MLK Weekend - RS Closed
- 19-22 Grades 10-12 L'Takein RAC Trip
- 26-28 Grades 4 and 5 Retreat at URJ Eisner Camp

**FEBRUARY**

- 4 Mitzvah Day
- 10 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Shabbaton
- 18-25 February Break – RS Closed
- 28 Join Us for Erev Purim!

**MARCH**

- 4 Sunday RS Purim Shpiel and Festivities

**APRIL**

- 1-8 Passover and Spring Break – RS Closed

**MAY**

- 13 - 17 Closing Days
- 20 Shavuot and Confirmation

