

Spring Fair of West Plano is Blooming with Crafts, Community, Flowers and Fun

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The sun is shining and the birds are chirping so Congregation Anshai Torah's Spring Fair of West Plano must be close. From 11am to 3pm on Sunday, April 22, the public is invited to eat, play, and more for a day of fun in the sun! Admission is free to the Spring Fair of West Plano, which will be hosted

on the northeast corner of Willow Bend and Parker Road, with purchased tickets for food and activities. From 6 to 8p.m. on April 2, Kendra Scott at the Shops at Legacy will donate 20 percent of all sales to the cause.

"Our Spring Fair has evolved into a very special moment for the synagogue and the West Plano neighborhood. Every year I look forward to welcoming multi-generational families with their children in-tow, experiencing the many opportunities that bring smiles to so many children," said Congregation Anshai Torah's Rabbi Stefan Weinberg. "The afternoon brings our extended community together to enjoy a relaxing afternoon while supporting a cause that directly benefits our children. I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the volunteers who dedicate an extraordinary amount of time to make the Spring Fair a success."

The 2018 West Plano Spring Fair will feature a Kids' Zone with a petting zoo, rock climbing wall, bungee jumping, bounce houses, arts and crafts, and more. Ruibal's Plants of Texas returns as an event partner with plants, flowers, and décor for purchase as well as food vendors, including Dippin' Dots, Holy Donuts, the Hungry Hebrew's pizza and taco bar, and more.

"The West Plano Spring Fair brings the generations of our community together with children and adults from all over the area for a day of nothing but fun and friendship," said Stephanie Kufert, co-chair of the event with Heather Vanacour. "We're very excited to have new activities for the kids to enjoy – and learn from – and as always lots of great food, flowers, and family entertainment."



From 11am to 1pm children can participate in *Challenge Island*, an international educational S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) experience and from 1pm to 3pm *Bricks 4 Kidz* will be on-site providing activities for children to learn, build, and play with LEGO® Bricks, also in the S.T.E.A.M. stream of excitement, education, and elevation of the best of the youngest in the community.

Proceeds from the Spring Fair of West Plano help Congregation Anshai Torah's Religious School and Pre-school programs and support from the event's sponsors make a difference to the children of the Anshai family. At press time, Advanced Heart Care, Amusement Management International, Bricks 4 Kidz, Frisco Kids Dentistry, Texas Jewish Post, Kahn Mechanical Contractors, Kessler Collins Attorneys at Law, Proforma, Ruibal's Plants of Texas, RxSmile/Greg Greenberg D.D.S., and Valliance Bank have granted their allegiance.

Previous Spring Fair events have supported talented and unique Jewish experiences and connections for the preschool's Back-to-School Bash, Hanukkah Open House and end-of-year Celebration Dinner as well as the Religious School's music program led by Eli Davidsohn and Bruce Katz, and guests including Bagels 'n Box, the Bible Players, and Josh Warshawsky, who year served as the congregation's artist-in-residence this year.

"Spring Fair is an awesome day for the community but it's one that lasts well beyond its four hours. The fundraising that happens allows our special guests, our halls to fill with amazing Jewish music and entertainment, and ensures teacher's aides to support our program for our students with special needs," said CAT's Director of Education Jason Cathcart. "This community event is one that entertains our community for the day, while making an impact on our community forever."

The Spring Fair of West Plano will be at 5501 Parker Road in Plano. For more information, call 972.473.7718 or to order advance activity wristbands, visit springfairwestplano.com

