

Religious School. . .education and enrichment

Festivities in the Sukkah! Students were busy the last weeks in September with lessons on Sukkot, making decorations and hanging them in the beautiful Anshai sukkah! We like to excite the students and prepare them for this festive holiday!

Jewish mysticism teaches us to invite seven leaders of our people into our sukkah. These guests, *Ushpizin*, are usually Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses and David. Many invite the women of our tradition as well: Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, Leah, Miriam, Deborah and Ruth. If you wished to invite family members, who would they be? What would a conversation with them be like? What would your children like to say?

At the end of Sukkot, we celebrate the joyful holiday of Simchat Torah—a time when we complete our reading of the Torah...and begin anew! The dinner and evening service on October 1 will be filled dancing, processing around with all the Torahs, and songs from our Religious School students! They are currently preparing to sing about Torah and will have a chance to perform during the evening. Please bring your children along so they can share this with you!

Enjoy this festive season!

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