

Junior Congregation



Chatter

THE place to read all about what's going on in Junior Cong!

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Junior Congregation Chatter wishes all of its readers a happy, health, and lovely 2010!

♪ 'cause tonight's gonna be a good night ♪

The Wonton Ball

For many American Jews, Christmas Eve means one thing – Chinese food. Well, thanks to the Young Families Group of GHC, we've got something even better! Join your GHC family on **Thursday, December 24th at 6:00 pm** for the first annual **GHC Wonton Ball** – an evening of dinner and dancing. As we enjoy a sumptuous meal of traditional Erev Christmas fare [kosher Chinese food], we will also turn down the lights and turn up the volume for a DJ dance party.

This event is open to the entire GHC community but we are really looking forward to seeing lots of faces from the GHC Religious School. For more information and to RSVP, please call the GHC office at 693-4260 or contact Ariana Calderon at arianacalderon@verizon.net. This night is one that you will not want to miss.

Bowling, anyone?

Emily Robin (daughter of Junior Congregation leader Eileen Robin) is GHC's new *Kadima* leader. *Kadima* is a wonderful social experience for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Their next event – a **bowling party** – will be held on **Sunday, January 10th at 1:00 pm**. So, after Mr. Siegel and Mr. Rinat excuse you from class that day, head on over to Homefield Bowl (938 Saw Mill River Road in Yonkers)!

December dates

- 12/18 Kabbalat Shabbat – 6:30 pm
- 12/19 **Alison Kellner** is back – come join her at 10:30 in the chapel.
- 12/24 **The Wonton Ball**
- 12/25 Kabbalat Shabbat – 6:30 pm
- 12/26 **No scheduled Junior Cong** – however, don't be shy – join us in the Main Sanctuary. Yes, you will still earn a sticker.

January jaunts

- 1/1 Happy New Year! Ring in some cheer by welcoming Shabbat with your GHC family – 6:30 pm
- 1/2 **No scheduled Junior Cong service** – however, don't be shy – join us in the Main Sanctuary. Yes, you will still earn a sticker.
- 1/9 What a way to start off 2010! **Alison Kellner** leads Junior Congregation in the Chapel.
- 1/10 **Kadima goes bowling!** Homefield Bowl 1:00 – 2:30 pm
- 1/16 **Josh Lieberman and Josh Gorlick** grace the Junior Congregation bimah
- 1/23 Mark your calendars for a wonderful Shabbat – the **Family Shabbat Service** returns to the Main Sanctuary – 10:00 am. More information will be forthcoming.
- 1/30 **Rena Segall** (Dalet class TA and Ruthie's big sister) is the leader of the day.

Looking ahead...

- 2/13 **Alison Kellner** returns to Junior Cong!

♪ A few other notes ♪

♪ Wanna Be Startin' Somethin': Junior Congregation services begin **promptly at 10:30 am** because those ninety minutes definitely fly by when you're having fun!

♪ Sometimes you feel like a Nut (Sometimes you don't): We thank you for generously sponsoring a Junior Congregation Kiddush. **Please note that all products purchased for the Kiddush must be nut-free** to keep our kids safe and healthy. We will be happy to give you suggestions to make your shopping easier.

♪ Sunrise, Sunset: Please bring all well-labeled food items for the kiddushim into the Dairy Kitchen before Shabbat begins (late Friday afternoon).

♪ Come Together: Shabbat is a time for family. We strongly encourage all parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins [once or twice removed] to join our students for this wonderful experience we call Junior Congregation.

♪ And Just Enjoy Yourself: What more needs to be said?

The Frequent Daveners Club

As parents, we know that positive reinforcement is always helpful. So, in order to encourage students to attend Junior Congregation services more frequently [and above the requirement], we offer an incentive program. Last year, we had an amazing 25 students enter our "Frequent Daveners Club". This year, the benchmarks for joining the Frequent Daveners Club are:

- Attend 16 - 19 times - students will receive a \$5 gift card to Cold Stone Creamery.
- Attend 20 - 23 times - students will receive a \$10 gift card to Barnes & Noble.
- Attend 24 times or more - students will receive a \$15 gift card to Best Buy.

HELP WANTED

Sponsors needed for Saturday morning kiddushim (the snack). Please send all inquiries to Lisa Dayan at dayan@kmm.com.

If you have enjoyed reading this edition of *Junior Congregation Chatter*, please make your email address available to us so your family doesn't miss a thing. Email helps us all to stay green!

"I forget how it goes"

We know that there is a lot to learn and remember. So, to assist our students, we have made recordings of the Jr. Congregation Shabbat morning prayers (and some High Holy Day melodies too) and added them to the GHC website. We hope that you will find these recordings a useful and enjoyable way of helping your children. Click on the link below:

<http://www.g-h-c.org/index.php?submenu=juncong&src=gendocs&of=JuniorCongregation&category=Worship>