

## 5771/2010-2011 RS GROUPS "AT A GLANCE"

### WHO WE ARE:

- Steeped in Jewish values, Torah and rituals
  - Interactive and engaging
  - Challenging, dynamic and diverse
    - Meaningful and substantive
- Active dialogue between educators and participants
  - Nurturing, warm and playful

Each of our groups focus on four content areas: Luach (calendar)- Chagim (holidays), Torah, Israel and T'filah (Prayer). Modern Hebrew and Jewish values are woven throughout all content areas. Learning takes place through discussion, story-telling, writing, art, singing, movement and play.

### GAN-BET

- **Same GREAT program!!!**
- Will meet 4:00-6:00 PM on Tuesdays
- **Community t'filah\* (prayer) will happen in the Sanctuary from 5:40-6:00 PM.**

### GIMMEL

- **Same GREAT program!!!**
- Will meet 4:00-6:00 PM on Wednesdays
- **Community t'filah\* (prayer) will happen in the Sanctuary from 5:30-6:00 PM.**

### DALET

- **Same GREAT program!!!**
- Will meet 4:00-6:00 on Mondays and Wednesdays
- **Community t'filah\* (prayer) will happen in the Sanctuary from 5:30-6:00 PM.**
- **Participants in the Dalet group have the opportunity to be part of our \*Haveirim@Habonim youth group!**

### HEI

- **Same GREAT program with SOME NEW FEATURES:**
- Participants will meet on **Mondays from 4:00-6:00 PM and on 1 to 2 Shabbat mornings per month.** This shift will:
  - Provide participants an opportunity to increase their familiarity and understanding of the Shabbat service
  - Develop familiarity of service to prepare for formal preparation of b'nai mitzvah
- Shabbat mornings will be facilitated by Rabbi LP, Rebecca and the Hei educators.
- Participants will **join the Vav and Zayin groups on 4 Friday evenings from 5:30-7:15 PM. These will be facilitated by Rabb Katzan and Cantor Halev.** The reason for this shift will:
  - Allow for multi-group interaction and exploration
  - Provide increased familiarity and understanding with Kabbalath Shabbat service
- Families are encouraged to stay for the family dinner following the service

- **Attendance on Shabbat mornings and Friday evenings is in lieu of attendance on Wednesdays.**  
*These dates will be announced via the RS calendar in August and via email.*
- **Community t'filah\* (prayer) will happen in the Sanctuary from 5:30-6:00 PM**
- **Participants in the Hei group have the opportunity to be part of our *Haveirim@Habonim\*\** youth group!**

## VAV

- **Same GREAT program!!!**
- Participants will meet:
  - Mondays from 4:00-6:00 PM
  - For 8 ROMMEMU sessions with Rabbi Katzan, Cantor Halev, Rabbi LP and Rebecca on Shabbat or Sunday mornings. For Your Information: these sessions meet throughout the year, **4 with parents/guardians & 4 geared towards the Vav participants themselves. The Vav participants will lead the Shabbat morning service at our FINAL ROMMEMU session at the end of the year.** *These dates will be announced via the RS calendar in August and through emails.* Each of our sessions will be facilitated by 2 staff persons on a rotating basis. Our sessions will cover an array of topics pertaining to the b'nai mitzvah ceremony. We will talk about the tying of tzitzit/the fringes on a tallit and how to serve as a dugma/a leader of a community. We will also explore God concepts, the notion of g'milut chasadim/acts of loving kindness as well as other topics chosen by our team of facilitators. At the conclusion of our study sessions on Shabbat mornings, we will join the congregation in the Sanctuary for services. Following services, we will enjoy Kiddush with the Habonim community.
  - For **TWO OVERNIGHT RETREATS** with Rebecca and Vav educators
    - 1 during the fall
    - 1 during the spring
  - **On 4 Friday evenings with the Hei and Zayin groups 5:30-7:15 PM. These will be facilitated by Rabbi Katzan and Cantor Halev.** This will:
    - Allow for multi-group interaction and exploration
    - Provide increased familiarity and understanding with Kabbalath Shabbat service
- Families are encouraged to stay for the family dinner following the service
- **Participants in the Vav group have the opportunity to be part of our *Haveirim@Habonim\*\** youth group!**
- **Community t'filah\* (prayer) will happen in the Sanctuary from 5:30-6:00 PM**

## ZAYIN

- **Same GREAT program!!!**
- Participants will meet:
  - Mondays from 5:30-7:30 PM (sessions include dinner at 6:00 PM)
  - **Participants will join us for Community t'filah\* with the rest of the RS community at 5:30 PM**
  - **On 4 Friday evenings with the Hei and Vav groups from 5:30-7:15 PM.** These will be facilitated by Rabbi Katzan and Cantor Halev. This will:
    - Allow for multi-group interaction and exploration
    - Provide increased familiarity and understanding with Kabbalath Shabbat service
- Families are encouraged to stay for the family dinner following the service
- **Participants in the Zayin group have the opportunity to be part of our *Haveirim@Habonim\*\** youth group!**

### **COMMUNITY T'FILAH\***

This is where the entire RS community gathers at the end of the day to pray, learn, celebrate birthdays and talk about current events. Parents, siblings and caregivers are welcome to join us!

### **HAVEIRIM@HABONIM\*\***

Join our Dalet through Zayin groups for our SOCIAL EVENTS throughout the year! Events are held both at Habonim as well as off-site.

- Sleepovers!
- Ice-skating at Bryant Park
- Bowling
- Yankees game
- Game Day and MORE!

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