

# Shabbat Children's Services

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Part of our vision at The Fierverker Religious School is to help students participate comfortably in Shabbat services. Beginning in the third grade, religious school students are required to attend a minimum of 10 Shabbat morning services each year. This year we have restructured Shabbat Children's services to meet the diverse needs and learning abilities of our students and their families.

**Tot Shabbat** is the service for our young children, from birth to second grade and their parents. The service meets 10 times a year from 10:00am to noon and provides our youngsters with a great introduction to Shabbat morning services. During Tot Shabbat, participants are engaged in singing prayers and songs in both Hebrew and English, and connecting their meanings, and the meaning of Shabbat to their own lives.

Tot Shabbat will be led by Liz Weinberg. Liz is a long time Beth El congregant and has been our wonderful Tot Shabbat leader for many years! We thank Liz for offering this great service to our younger children and their parents.

**Junior Congregation** is our service for children in third, fourth, fifth and six grades. This service, which meets 10 times a year from 10am to noon, affords each of our students the opportunity to learn the structure of the Shabbat morning service and begin to gain confidence in leading the prayers in a fun, non-threatening environment. During Junior Congregation, students also are exposed to the Torah service, the weekly Torah portion and there is always a game or two to test their Jewish knowledge. Parents are always invited and encouraged to participate in the service.

This year our Junior Congregation service will be led by our Education and Youth Director, Karen Lewin.

**All services will be  
held on the dates  
listed to the right.**

**Mark Your  
Calendars Today &  
Spend Shabbat  
Mornings  
at Beth El!**

## **Shabbat Children's Services Schedule**

September 17, 2011

October 15, 2011

November 19, 2011

December 17, 2011

January 7, 2012

January 28, 2012

February 11, 2012

March 10, 2012

April 7, 2012

April 28, 2012 - Youth Shabbat