

JuniOur Cong

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A fab end to an extraordinary year!



BSS Cheder Succot/Autumn 1 dates

Join us, every Sunday morning from 9:45am to 12pm for BSS Cheder - Jewish Studies, Aleph Champ reading and Ivrit Club/Jewish Music for children in Years 1 to 6 followed by our new and inspirational Beit Mitzvah program for Years 7 & 8 and then the amazing iGCSE in Religious Studies for Years 9 & 10.

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Sunday 5 September 2021 - Staff Meeting/INSET - NO CHEDER for pupils
Sunday 12 September 2021 - **Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur** theme
Sunday 19 September 2021 - **Succot** theme
Sunday 26 September 2021 - **Simchat Torah** theme
Sunday 3 October 2021 - **Projects**
Sunday 10 October 2021 - **Projects**
Sunday 17 October 2021 - **Projects**

BSS Cheder Staff and pupils marked the last day of the 2020/2021 academic year with a fabulous final session on Hampstead Heath and what could be better than picnicking and performing a bit of Tikkun Olam (Healing the World) at the same time?

On Sunday 11 July, a large group of staff and pupils gathered in front of Kenwood House, for the last BSS Cheder session of a rather challenging academic year. Teachers and pupils reflected on everything that had happened and really enjoyed talking about next year which, we hope, will be less challenging but just as much fun!

After the Cheder session finished at 12pm, parents and carers joined us for a whole-Cheder family picnic which was so lovely and gave everyone the opportunity to chat and say, "Shalom" to each other before the long summer holidays!

As well as picnicking, playing games, yacking etc., BSS Cheder amassed a plastic tub collection for the charity, "FEAST with us" which uses tubs to pack surplus food that they are given to distribute to people in need.

A huge, "Thank you" to everyone who gave nearly 70 tubs to such a worthy cause and we look forward to seeing our pupils back at BSS Cheder in September!



← Jacob from "FEAST with us" was delighted to receive our bag of plastic tubs and gave us a big "Thumbs up" 😊

Fun and games ... and a competition!

In future issues of the **JuniOur Cong**, we would love to have some photos of you linked to BSS in some way on this page, so why not send us an interesting photo of you at the Synagogue, possibly on your Bar or Bat Mitzvah? Or maybe you have a photo of you reading the **JuniOur Cong** in an unusual place? Perhaps you bumped into Rabbi Botnick or Cantor Heller on Hampstead High Street and had a selfie taken with one of them? Anything goes!

Email your photos to caroline@synagogue.org.uk and we will try our best to include them in the next edition of **JuniOur Cong**!



On Rosh Hashanah, we traditionally eat apples dipped in honey for a sweet new year. This year, why not get your adult(s) to set you up a little "Make your own honey/caramel apple bar"? It's a bit messy and very sticky but so sweet and lots of fun!

Here are a few examples of flavours ...

Apple S'more - Mini marshmallows, Graham cracker crumbs, chocolate chips and honey or caramel

Apple Pie - White chocolate, honey or caramel, cinnamon and brown sugar mixed together

Peanut Caramel - Dark chocolate, honey or caramel and chopped peanuts

Cheesecake - White chocolate, honey or caramel, Graham crackers crumbs and cinnamon and brown sugar mixed together
Slice your apples up, dip them in the honey or caramel and get decorating.

Shanah Tovah U'Metuka!

Wordsearch fun ...

Can you find all 15 of the Rosh Hashanah related words in the list below in our wordsearch? You will have to look carefully ... Words can be hiding forwards, backwards, upwards, downwards and diagonally too! We have found the first word - FAMILY - for you!

- ~~FAMILY~~
- CHALLAH
- KIDDUSH
- PRAYER
- SHOFAR
- HONEY
- PEACE
- NEW YEAR
- APPLES
- STARTING OVER
- MACHZOR
- SWEET
- POMEGRANATE
- SHUL
- SHALOM
- RABBI

Rosh Hashanah

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Are you a budding writer?

Have you got that one amazing story that is in you just bursting to come out?

Well ... **We want to hear from YOU!**

Write an amazing story that is linked to Yom Kippur in some way (e.g. Saying sorry, thinking about what we do, learning from our past mistakes etc.) and we will choose the best one and publish it in the next **JuniOur Cong** issue as well as sending you a £20 Amazon voucher as a prize.

So, get writing and send your entry to caroline@synagogue.org.uk

N.B. The Competition closes at 9am on Sunday 12 September and entries should be no longer than 500 words ☺