



Congregation Kol Ami
Religious School
CHAI TIMES

February 27, 2011

Chai Family Time

Chai School started with a fabulous potluck breakfast. It was so yummy and we had a nice variety of breakfast delights. After breakfast, we heard from Elizabeth Rosin. She reported that Kol Ami has filled two more barrels for Harvesters. Please continue your efforts. Remember, performing mitzvot is not a choice, it is commanded that we help the needy. Mike Boresow talked with us about the chili cook-off. Get your favorite recipe and enter the fun!

Stan, in connection with Purim, shared a story of being happy with who you are. It was a story of a beautiful curly haired girl who thought the key to her happiness was in having straight hair like her friend. She begs her mother for money to go to the new salon to get her hair straightened. She is next in line to get her hair done when another young girl comes out from behind the curtain with beautiful curly locks. With closer inspection, she sees that this is her friend with the straight hair that she wanted to look like. As it turns out, her friend wanted curly hair like hers. She had no idea that her friend liked her curly hair. In the end, she realizes that straight hair won't change who she really is, and that she really is happy being herself as she is.

To continue the Purim spirit, Stan talked about Jewish comedians who have made us laugh. Many one-liners were shared from these famous Jewish comedians. In the spirit of Purim, we all had many good laughs.

Patrick was unable to attend Chai School. Jonathan stepped up to take his place and led the group in a lively singing of "The Tree of Life." Thank you Jonathan!

K-1 with Stan Strauss

The focus in the K-1 class was Purim. We talked about the four Mitzvot that we are to perform during Purim: the reading of the Megillah, giving presents of food to friends, mishloach manot, give food or Tzedakah to the poor, and to make a festive meal. Then, in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2, we read the Megillah in Dr. Seuss style. It was titled *The Rat in the Hat.*

This was followed by telling the story in a more traditional fashion through words and pictures. The kids colored the pictures and taped them together. The pictures were then rolled up to make our class Megillah.

2-3 with Annette Carlson

Today in class, we carried on with the Moses Chronicles. We talked about how Pharaoh chased them to the Red Sea and how Moses parted the waters. We also discussed how some of Pharaoh's army died trying to catch up with the Hebrews. To tie into the story we talked about, we watched a few short movies on YouTube. Our activity was making a sort of a diorama with parting of the waters and Moses.

Although it was a little cold outside and foggy, we ended our day with some outside fun in God's Garden.

5-8 with Steve and Linda Sackin: Carla Strauss, subbing

First, we read a short play about Purim that had a comedic slant. Using this as a springboard we discussed how difficult but important it is to be ourselves when peer pressure is involved. This led us to the continuation of the theme of what 'sacred' means to each of us. We reviewed the eventual conclusion of this topic for each of them by the end of the school year and how they planned to express that individually. Last of all, we studied the Jewish perspective on consumption in terms of eating meat. Each of us had a very relevant and unique reason for what we decided to eat for nourishment. In the end, we discovered that each of our pieces of reasoning fit together to make a complete Jewish thought that made sense. Patrick was absent so we did not have Hebrew, and Owyn left after deciding that working in the garden was not reasonable due to the fog.

Confirmation with Cantor Silbersher

Adult Education with Barry Speert

The Scroll of Esther contains a wonderful example of "speaking truth to power". Individuals attending adult education on 03/06 (the last session prior to Purim 5771) will have the opportunity to express how they do or would speak truth to power in today's world. Whose attention would you want to get and what might your message be? The group will also explore some of the obstacles to speaking out in a "free" society.

Further Things of Importance:

Kol Ami 6th ANNUAL

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CHILI COOK-OFF

&

Silent Auction

(Please donate an item for the silent auction.)

Contact Mike Boresow at 816.520.8690 or e-mail at MBoresow@sbcglobal.net about your item.)

March 5th

5:30- 8pm

ADULTS 13 yrs. & over- \$7.00

KIDS 3 - 12 yrs. -\$5.00

KIDS 2yrs. & under-FREE

All kids 12 & under

Receive a hot dog & chips *FREE*

ALL THE CHILI YOU CAN EAT!

Hot dogs, chips, soda & dessert a la carte.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

SUNDAY, MARCH 19....PURIM BEGINS AT SUNDOWN

MONDAY, MARCH 20....PURIM

*****SPRING BREAK – BACK ON SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH!!!!*****

SUNDAY, MARCH 27