

Families with Young Children
Holiday Special Events and Shabbat Services Calendar
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SEPTEMBER

- Friday, September 19** **6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service – Childcare provided**
Please RSVP to jkaufman@templeisaiah.net
- Saturday, September 27** **Shabbat Morning Gathering for Families with Young Children (9:30 – 11:00 am)**
Mini-Service with Cantor Doob
Followed by an Oneg snack and High Holiday Activities
- Tuesday, September 30** **Rosh Hashanah Family Service (2:30 pm)**
Tashlich (4:00 pm)
Please join us in a traditional Rosh Hashanah tashlich ceremony at Lexington Reservoir (off Marrett Road, behind Bridge School). Together, we will “cast away” previous misdeeds and renew ourselves for the coming New Year.

OCTOBER

- Thursday, October 9** **Yom Kippur Family Service (2:15 pm)**
Neilah light procession and Havdallah (approx. 6:15 pm)
Families with young children are invited to mark the end of Yom Kippur Day with the blast of the Shofar and a light-filled procession at the end of Neilah (the closing service). We will celebrate havdallah together and create a beautiful and joyous mood for the end of our holy day.
- Monday, October 13** **Celebrate the “Season of Our Joy” at the Family Picnic in the Sukkah (5:30 p.m.)**
Bring your family and a picnic dinner – we’ll provide Sukkah decorating activities!
Followed by the joyous and musical **Sukkot Family Service (7:00 p.m)**
- Friday, October 17** **6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service – Childcare provided**
Please RSVP to jkaufman@templeisaiah.net
- Monday, October 20** **Simchat Torah Festivities**
Pizza snack – 6:15 pm (please RSVP family name and number of adults and children to generalinfo@templeisaiah.net)
Simchat Torah Services - 7:00 p.m
Celebrate the Joy of Torah! (featuring the TORAH and the TEMPLE ISIAH KLEZMER Band!)

NOVEMBER

- Saturday, November 8** **Simchat Shabbat Family Services (11:00 am)**
ALEF (1st grade) students are special participants in this service
- Friday, November 21** **Tot Shabbat Service and dinner (5:45 pm)**
- Friday, November 28** **6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service – Childcare provided**
Please RSVP to jkaufman@templeisaiah.net

DECEMBER

- Saturday, December 6** **Simchat Shabbat Family Services** (11:00 am)
GAN (Kindergarten) students are special participants in this service
- Sunday, December 7** **Chanukah Celebration** for Families with Young Children (3:00 – 4:30 pm)
Music, Snacks and Blessings, Chanukah Activities (Sponsored by Temple Isaiah Sisterhood)
- Friday, December 19** **Tot Shabbat Service and dinner** (5:45 pm)
- Friday, December 26** **6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service – Childcare provided**
Please RSVP to jkaufman AT templeisaiah.net

JANUARY

- Friday, January 9** **Tot Shabbat Service and dinner** (5:45 pm)
- Friday, January 16** **6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service – Childcare provided**
Please RSVP to jkaufman AT templeisaiah.net
- Saturday, January 24** **K-3 Simchat Shabbat Family Services*** (10:00 am)
Brunch follows –Families with Young Children welcome!
- Friday, January 30** **6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service – Childcare provided**
Please RSVP to jkaufman AT templeisaiah.net

FEBRUARY

- Friday, February 6** **Tot Shabbat Service and dinner** (5:45 pm)
- Saturday, February 7** **Tu B'Shevat Celebration** for Families with Young Children (3:30 – 5:00 pm)
Music, Snacks, Tu B'Shevat Activities followed by Havdallah Service
(Sponsored by Temple Isaiah Sisterhood)
- Friday, February 13** **6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service – Childcare provided**
Please RSVP to jkaufman AT templeisaiah.net

MARCH

- Saturday, March 7** **Simchat Shabbat Family Services** (11:00 am)
BET (2nd grade) students help lead service
- Monday, March 9** **Purim Carnival** (4:00 – 6:30 pm)
Families with Young Children Purim Carnival Preview (3:30 – 4:00 pm)
Megillah Reading and Purim Spiel (6:30 – 7:30 pm)
- Friday, March 13** **6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service – Childcare provided**
Please RSVP to jkaufman AT templeisaiah.net
- Friday, March 20** **Tot Shabbat Service and dinner** (5:45 pm)

APRIL

Friday, April 3

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service – Childcare provided
Please RSVP to jkaufman AT templeisaiah.net

Sunday, April 5

Passover Celebration for Families with Young Children (3:00 – 4:30 pm)
Music, Snacks and Blessings, Passover Activities (Sponsored by Temple Isaiah Sisterhood)

Saturday, April 11

Families with Young Children Havdallah Service (5:30 – 7:00 pm)
Potluck Dairy Passover dinner – bring your favorite Dairy Passover dish to share and we'll provide Passover desserts!

MAY

Friday, May 1

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service – Childcare provided
Please RSVP to jkaufman AT templeisaiah.net

Saturday, May 2

Simchat Shabbat Family Services (11:00 am)

Thursday, May 7

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration (3:30 – 5:30 pm)
Special Israel Activities - All Families with Young Children welcome!

Friday, May 22

Tot Shabbat Service and dinner (5:45 pm)

JUNE

Friday, June 5

Tot Shabbat Service and dinner (5:45 pm)

Services offered for Families with Young Children (birth – age 8)

Temple Isaiah is pleased to offer Families with Young Children three types of services on a monthly basis – Tot Shabbat, Simchat Shabbat and our congregational Erev Shabbat services at 6:15 pm. Of course, you are welcome to attend any and all of our other services as well! Please see the descriptions of these services below.

Tot Shabbat Family Services

Once a month members of our clergy lead an Erev Shabbat service for children ages 0-6 and their families. Each Tot Shabbat gathering includes candle lighting, an age-appropriate Shabbat service shared through a variety of interactive, engaging and child-friendly activities such as singing, a story, a playlet, a Torah parade, and more! After services, we join together for Kiddush, HaMotzi, a family-friendly dinner (sponsored by the temple), arts and crafts activities, and the opportunity to meet other families with young children. Services are from 5:45 – 6:15 pm; followed by dinner. We hope that you will join us! No RSVP is required for dinner.

Simchat Shabbat Family Services

Simchat Shabbat (the Joy of Shabbat) is a monthly Shabbat morning service led by Rabbi Brown designed especially for families with children in third grade and under. The family-friendly services are full of joyful song and prayer. Services are from 11:00 a.m.-12 noon (including a “bagel oneg”), unless otherwise noted with *. Throughout the year our Gan, Alef, Bet and Gimel classes (Grades K-3) will be special participants or help lead the service. We hope that you will join us!

Kabbalat Shabbat Services – 6:15 pm

Our congregational Erev Shabbat services offered at 6:15 pm last about 1 hour, and are appropriate for families and children of all ages.

Complimentary Child care (for Kabbalat Shabbat Services – 6:15 pm)

We are pleased to offered complimentary Child Care (sponsored by our clergy) for families with young children who would like to attend Kabbalat Shabbat Services. Child Care will be provided by two experienced teenagers in Rooms 11/13, with a snack and fun activities provided. Please RSVP to jkaufman AT templeisaiah.net with your name, your child's name and age, to reserve a space for your child.

