The Johnson-Cazier family is our spotlight family this week. Marley Johnson-Cazier is in the third grade at The Silver Academy. She lives with her mom Deborah and her Grandma and Grandpa, Marla and Robert Johnson. Her dad, Charles Cazier, lives in San Diego California.



Where do you live? Lancaster, PA

Did anyone in your family attend any other Jewish Day Schools? Marley has gone to Jewish schools all her life. She attended preschool and Kindergarten at Temple Solel in Cardiff-by-the Sea, and she went to first grade and part of second at the San Diego Jewish Academy.

Where did your family members grow up? Marley was born in San Diego, CA. Her mom, Deborah, was born in Lancaster, PA.

What do you like about living in central Pennsylvania? We enjoy living with Grandma and Grandpa, the beautiful change of seasons, and being part of the Jewish Community in Lancaster and Harrisburg. And, of course, THE SILVER ACADEMY!!!!

What is your educational/work background? Deborah went to American University in Washington, D.C., and after graduation lived in D.C., MD and VA before moving to San Diego. Deborah sold advertising for the Armed Forces Journal and was a news desk assistant and show assistant for CNN News in the Washington, D.C., bureau. In CA she attended National University for graduate work in education and also San Diego Community College for her Early Childhood Education units. She was a substitute teacher for San Diego City Schools and a teaching assistant in the kindergarten classroom at the San Diego Montessori School.

What is a favorite family activity or hobby? Marley and Deborah both enjoy playing the piano and listening to all kinds of music. Marley is also an artist who works in many mediums. They both love to ride bikes, swim, camp, and do all types of outdoor activities.

What is your family's favorite holiday tradition? Lighting candles and blessing the Shabbat together.

What is your synagogue affiliation? Marley and Deborah regularly attend Shabbat services, usually at a different synagogue each week. They are members at Shaarai Shomayim, but are also proud to be part of the Temple Beth El and Temple Degel Israel communities.

Do you have any pets? We have the most darling dog, Max, and a beautiful kitty, Murphy, who we brought with us from CA. They love living on the East Coast too!