

Fall Religious School Plan

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR



Virtual and On-Site

Virtual

For virtual learning, teachers will be provided topics to explore each class or questions to guide their teaching about Jewish holidays. The local Director's group is working together to make a bank of resources to help teachers create engaging experiences. Online classes will be shorter than traditional in-person experiences, so that they are developmentally appropriate in length.

On-Site

All on-site programs include a backup option to be taken online, if that is deemed necessary. Our goal is to use as much outdoor space and/or large indoor space as possible for any on-site programs.

Pre-K - 6th Grade Overview

The world stands upon three things: torah, avodah, and gemilut chasadim. - Pirkei Avot 1:2

Torah

Avodah Prayer

Gemilut Chasadim Acts of Kindness

PK-2nd

Oral Torah and Written Torah, as well as upcoming holidays to promote cultural literacy.

Virtual t'fillah and music with the clergy.

On campus once a semester by grade to explore acts of kindness OR virtual exploration of an age-appropriate Jewish values.

3rd-6th

Exploring the Torah (story) of Beth Israel and the topics that the community values, as well as holidays.

Virtual t'fillah and music with the clergy. Hebrew twice a week. Once by class and once in small, ability-based groups.

Pre-K - 6th Grade Sample Schedule

	Online	Additional Online Hebrew	On-site
PK-2nd Sundays 9:00 - 9:45am	30 minutes of class (Torah) and 15 minutes of t'fillah/music (Avodah)	None	Sundays 1:00-2:30pm On campus examples: Shabbat box for the elderly. PK and K learn the blessing over challah and decorate challah covers. 1st and 2nd learn the blessing over the wine and decorate wine cups, etc.
3rd-6th Sundays 10:00 - 11:15am, additional Hebrew TBD	30 minutes of Judaica, 15 minutes of t'fillah/music, 30 minutes of all class Hebrew	40 minutes of small ability-based group Hebrew during the week.	

7th-8th Grade Overview

You are not required to complete the task, yet you are not free to withdraw from it.
- Pirkei Avot 2:21

Core Class

Other Programs

Community Building

7th

Students will explore topics related to social justice.

None

7th and 8th grade students will be invited on campus (or online) for once a month Rosh Hodesh (girls) and Shevet Achim (boys) groups. This programming aims to create bonding experiences and safe space for youth.

8th

Students will learn about the Holocaust and the importance of being an upstander, not a bystander.

Madrichim in Training elective (optional).

7th-8th Grade Sample Schedule

	Online	Other Online Programs	On-Site
7th Tuesdays 5:00-6:15pm	Social justice class, with group check-ins.	None	Tuesdays 5:00-6:30pm Once a month, an hour and a half on Tuesday evenings of community building in Rosh Hodesh and Shevet Achim groups.
8th Tuesdays 5:00-6:15pm, MIT Sundays 5:00-6:00pm	Holocaust class, with group check-ins.	1 hour of our Madrichim in Training elective (optional).	

High School Overview

Do not separate yourself from the community. - Pirkei Avot 2:4

Core Class

Core Class

Community
Building

9th/10th

9th Grade: Heart to Heart conversations and answering questions Jewishly.

10th Grade:
Confirmation

High school students will be invited on campus (or online) for once a month Rosh Hodesh (girls) and Shevet Achim (boys) groups. This programming aims to create bonding experiences and safe space for youth.

11th/12th

11th Grade: Hot Topics and Relationships, followed by an Israel exploration

12th Grade: What does it mean to be Jewish and in college? How can I participate Jewishly?

High School Sample Schedule

Core Class

Core Class

**Community
Building**

9th/10th

**Tuesdays 6:45-
8:00pm**

9th Grade: Hour and a half of Heart to Heart or Answering Questions curriculum.

10th Grade: Hour and a half of Confirmation with the clergy.

Tuesdays 5:00-6:30pm

Once a month, an hour and a half on Tuesday evenings of community building in Rosh Hodesh and Shevet Achim groups.

11th/12th

**Tuesdays 6:45-
8:00pm**

11th Grade: Hour and a half of Hot Topics and Relationships.

12th Grade: Hour and a half of Jewish college prep class.

Family Engagement

Virtual

We are going to create newsletters that have an explanation of each holiday, recipes, and related information. As students learn about different holidays, their families can use the information and activities to reinforce learning at home. Our youth professionals will offer sign ups for holiday related projects and classes, for example, creative latkah making.

Outside

Circumstances permitting, we will offer times for small groups of families (5 families - more or less depending on space) to meet in a backyard or similar outdoor space to light shabbat candles together or participate in havdallah in their neighborhood.