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2021-2022
SCHOOL YEAR



BETH ISRAEL

LEE AND FRANK GOLDBERG FAMILY RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



Basic Planning Overview

Safety

While we plan to have more on-site classes in the 5782 (2021-2022) school year, safety is a key component in our planning process and will always be at the forefront of our planning.

Flexibility

Our safety plans will take the most up-to-date local and state guidelines into consideration. Staff has worked to create various contingency plans, based on possible health and safety guideline changes, so that our school can adapt and seamlessly continue to provide learning experiences with everyone's safety in mind. These plans include in person, hybrid, and online adaptations.

Experiential Education

Students learn and retain information when they are able to have firsthand experiences that take various senses into consideration. Being able to explore Judaism in ways that it is actually practiced, allows for students to "try on" various pieces of Judaism and Jewish values in order to see what best fits for their own identities.

Values

Our values help to connect us, as a people. These shared values are to be lived, not just spoken about. As students go through our program, they will have a chance to learn about and live Jewish values.

Pre-K through 2nd Grade

Our younger grades will participate in experiential programs with plenty of time outdoors.

FORMAT: ON-SITE SUNDAYS 9:00-11:30AM

Students will meet in the courtyard for a distanced gathering in the morning, followed by rotations by grade. Each rotation will be geared toward experiential learning around campus in a camp-like format.

WELCOME AND T`FILLAH

Groups will come together in song at the beginning of the day on Sunday and in prayer at the end of the day.

ROTATIONS

Israel, Hebrew Through Movement/Hebrew Helpers, Art, Torah and Jewish Values, Cooking and Holidays, Clergy, and more!

BENEFITS

Built in **movement breaks**, when going to rotations.

Students will get to experience ways that they can **live their lives Jewishly**.

Students will have **access to all Judaica teachers**.

3rd through 6th Grade

These grades will participate in experiential programming and our traditional Hebrew instruction.

FORMAT:

**ON-SITE 9:00-11:30AM
SUNDAYS, ONLINE HEBREW
ON WEDNESDAY OR
THURSDAY**

Judaica rotations and Hebrew will take place on Sundays at Beth Israel, while Hebrew will take place online on Wednesdays or Thursdays for 40 minutes.

WELCOME AND T`FILLAH

Groups will come together in song at the beginning of the day on Sunday and in prayer at the end of the day.

ROTATIONS

Hebrew class, Bibliodrama and Torah Exploration, Israel and Israeli Culture, Art, Cooking and Holidays, Clergy and more!

BENEFITS

Built in **movement breaks**, when going to rotations.

Students will get to explore **actively being Jewish**.

Students will have **access to all Judaica teachers**.

Rotations

For the grades participating in rotations, there will be a focus of those rotations for each year. This will ensure that we are able to address various content areas over the years, like students would do in their traditional classes.

This is a spiral curriculum, so students will revisit topics on a higher level, as well as exploring new topics within the same theme as they get older, in order to develop a deeper understanding and a more lasting memory.

PRE-K THROUGH 2ND GRADE

Year 1: Jewish values and community

Year 2: Torah stories

Year 3: Deep dive into holidays and traditions

Year 4: Jewish heroes

3RD-6TH GRADE

Year 1: Jewish values, community, and social justice

Year 2: Torah stories and Jewish heroes - modern and historical

Year 3: Deep dive into holidays and traditions

Year 4: Israel and Israeli culture

7th through 12th Grade

These grades will participate in core classes, community building activities, and trips.

7TH

ON-SITE TUESDAYS 4:30-6:00

10 minutes of socializing and/or snack facilitated by our youth department, followed by a 1 hour class. The day will end with a 20 minute t'fillah experience.

8TH-12TH

ON-SITE TUESDAYS 6:30-8:00PM, 8TH GRADE 5:45-8:00PM

30 minutes of dinner and/or socializing facilitated by our youth department, followed by a 1 hour class. 8th grade is on-site longer to accommodate Madrichim in Training - a training program, so teens can be teaching assistants in the Religious School.

BENEFITS

We will give teachers time to **focus on core classes** that have been successful in the past.

We are **creating time and space for social programming** to help build community.

Camp and Immersive Travel

It is our plan continue to offer camp weekends and immersive travel this year that will enhance the learning experiences that we provide in class. These weekends at camp and trips are contingent upon guidelines in our destinations, local guidelines, and travel advisories.

CAMP WEEKENDS

4TH/5TH & 6TH/7TH

We plan to have our 4th/5th grade and 6th/7th grade camps this coming school year. The focus of these weekends will be bonding and community building. We are working with camp on appropriate safety protocols and are looking to head to camp in the spring!

L'TAKEN

10TH

L'Taken, a national social justice seminar focused on public policy, will take place in person during the 2021-2022 school year. We look forward to taking our 10th grade students on this fantastic trip, where they will learn to lobby for causes that are important to them with other Reform teens.

PLATT TRIP TO ISRAEL

11TH AND 12TH

Our 11th and 12th grade students will have the opportunity to attend our annual Platt Trip to Israel, with Beth Israel staff and clergy. We are working closely with our travel agents to ensure a meaningful experience for all of our attendees!

AIPAC

12TH

We hope that this bipartisan policy conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, will be in person in the 2021-2022 school year and we are awaiting detailed information about plans for this event, as it is a large-scale gathering. When more information is released, we will share with families.



Communication

Our team is committed to communicating with families as best we can. We will continue to examine our communication techniques and best practices in the field to improve in this area.

Hebrew Reading Exercises

We need a section of the website to be resources and tools for students to practice Hebrew effectively at home, in case parents aren't able to help. This will take pressure off of parents and allow students to take responsibility for their learning in another way. Overall, our section of the website needs to be examined, but this is the priority.

Parent Connection

We would like to partner with Parent Connection to bring back Soul Sundays and start things like grade level parent's nights. This will help build community amongst the parents.