

TEMPLE SINAI SCHOOL OF JEWISH LIFE AND LEARNING
2021-22
GENERAL INFORMATION

Dear Parents,

We are working hard, planning an interesting, joyful, and meaningful year of Jewish education and related activities.

PLEASE KEEP THIS INFORMATION AS A REFERENCE, and do not hesitate to call our office (381-6890) or e-mail Ilan Adar (iadar@tsinai.org) if you have questions or concerns regarding any of the information provided in this packet.

SCHEDULE

Please Note: The information provided herein is in accordance with the current situation of having our classes online. It will be revised if/when we are permitted to come back to our classrooms (may it be soon!).

Sunday:

Each Sunday will begin at 9:30 with a 20-minute online T'filaton (short service) for K-3rd grade students and parents in our Sanctuary; and classes for our 4th-7th grade.

The full schedule is as follows:

Sprouts (twice a month) 10:00-12:00 (welcome to attend the T'filaton at 9:30)

Kindergarten – 7th Grade: 9:30-12:00

Keshet (8th - 10th grade) 11:00 12:00

Bogrim (once a month) 11:00 12:00

Wednesday

3rd - 7th grade: 4:30 – 6:00

Calendar of Events:

To give you a head start on marking your family calendar for the next school year, we have posted a tentative SJLL calendar on our website. Please mark your calendar accordingly. We will let you know in advance when changes occur.

TUITION

Tuition rates for the 2021–22 school year are as follows for Temple Sinai members:

Sprouts	\$220 (members)
Sprouts	\$240 (non-members)
K – 2 nd	\$345 plus \$15 fee for grade level & holiday programming
3 rd – 7 th	\$435 plus \$15 fee for grade level & holiday programming
Keshet (8 th – 10 th)	\$247 (members); \$597 (non-members)
Bogrim	\$90 (members and non-members)

Please contact our office (381-6890) if financial aid is needed. All information will be kept strictly confidential.

Please Note: Because of the generous grant we received from the Farash Foundation, we can continue offering tuition free for the third (and above) child. This offer will be considered on a year-by-year basis.

ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

The following are the categories for enrollment:

Sprouts

Open to all Jewish children of our Jewish community who are 3 to 5 years old and not yet in Kindergarten.

Kindergarten – 7th Grade:

* Students entering our Kindergarten program must be 5 years of age by December 1.

* All students need to be children/grandchildren of active members.

Keshet

Open to all 8th - 10th grade students of our Jewish community at large.

Bogrim

Open to all 11th - 12th grade students of our Jewish community at large.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Attendance

- Students are expected to attend all classes on a regular basis. They are expected to show up on time, and to remain attending the class for the duration of the session.
- If a child is expected to be absent from class, parents are asked to notify the teacher prior to such absence.
- Because excessive absence may affect the student's progress, and therefore, his /her participation in class, absence from more than two consecutive classes may result in having to complete make-up work.

Dress Code:

- Students should be dressed appropriately for their classes
- Please help our students remember that clothing, speech, and demeanor reflect their value system.

Classroom Rules

- Classes will begin on time (9:30/4:30).
- Students will behave appropriately and respectfully toward classmates, teachers, and Madrichim.
- Students will handle books and other classroom materials appropriately and respectfully
- No food and/or drinks are permitted during class unless otherwise permitted by the teacher

Communication between School and Home

Class Newsletter: Our teachers are asked to send a weekly email/letter to their students' homes. The purpose of the Class Newsletter is two-fold: First, it will inform you about the class' activities; and second, it will open a channel of communication between parents and teachers.

Parent-Teacher: Parents are encouraged to contact their child's teacher (please call our office for a teacher's phone number), or the Education Director, with any question, concern, or even just to say how happy they are with their child's progress.

Home Assignments: Students attending 3rd thru 7th grade classes will have a weekly Hebrew reading/chanting assignment. Parental support and cooperation is a crucial key for the completion of the assigned homework.

Parental Observance of Class

Parents/grandparents are welcome to join their children during class with prior agreement by the teacher.

DESCRIPTION OF POST-BAR/BAT MITVAH PROGRAMS

We believe that the Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony marks an important milestone that prepares Jewish teens for more advanced exploration of Judaism and the role it will have in shaping their lives.

Kesher

8th and 9th Grade: Our Kesher program for the 8th and 9th grade students consists of a two-year curriculum cycle.

Year 1:

During the first year students explore issues relevant to their lives today. How are they connected to the historical road map of Judaism; and how can they influence their future decision making according to Jewish values, tradition, culture, and practices.

Year 2:

In the second year, students follow a four-part curriculum: comparative religion, comparative Judaism, Jewish ethical values and mitzvot; and Lifecycle. During visits to a variety of houses of worship, they compare Judaism to other religions such as Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, and Islam, as well as branches of Christianity such as Catholicism and Protestantism. Students also learn about the similarities and differences among Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox Jews. They explore Jewish ethics and mitzvot; and discuss Jewish lifecycle events.

10th Grade Confirmation:

The curriculum for the 10th grade (Confirmation) class includes three topics: (1) Students will discuss “teens’ contemporary topics” and how they are related to their personal Jewish identity; (2) social action (tikkun olam) “in our texts” and in practice; (3) “The road map of Jewish emigration to America: From Ellis Island to the Land of Opportunities.”

The final event of the year is the Confirmation service and ceremony, held on the eve of Shavuot, the holiday celebrating the time of the giving of the Torah.

Bogrim

While the Confirmation class concludes the formal Jewish education, we provide for our youth, we provide our 11th and 12th grade students with the opportunity to continue their Jewish education in an informal setting, once a month on Sunday.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Library:

The library is an integral part of our school program. Students check out books weekly and use the library as a resource center. Parents are urged to cooperate by seeing that books are returned on time. We will appreciate any help offered by parents.

Our K – 2nd grade classes will be scheduled to visit the library every other week; and our 3rd – 7th grade classes will be scheduled to visit the library once a month.

Music Class:

Music classes are offered every other week.

Family Service:

We offer Family Service on the first Friday of every month. These services are geared for fourth thru seventh grade students and their families (see service schedule for dates). However, **all** children are welcome to attend these services as well.

Young Family Service:

Once a month we offer Young Family Service on Friday evenings at 5:30 p.m. These services are geared for preschool age children thru 3rd grade students and their families (see service schedule for dates).

Jewish/Hebrew Educational Enhancement Program for Adults:

We strongly believe that the Jewish education we provide our students with is a family endeavor. We, therefore, encourage our parents to take advantage of the adult education program we provide weekly on Sunday morning.