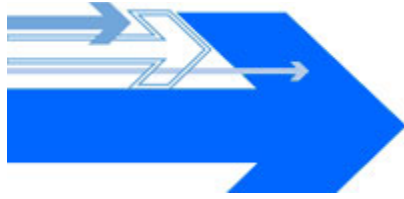


Curriculum Descriptions



We Offer Pre-K Through 12th Grade Programs

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CURRICULUM

PRE-KINDERGARTEN:

Students will begin their Jewish journey with an introduction to the concept of “being Jewish” and having a Jewish identity. They will develop a connection to the Temple and Religious School.

KINDERGARTEN:

Students will continue building the foundations of Jewish life and practice by exploring the integral role Judaism plays in their lives.

FIRST GRADE:

Students relate to the three strands of the CHAI curriculum (Torah, Avodah – worship, and G’milut Chasadim – good deeds) through the theme of “discovering myself in the Jewish story.”

SECOND GRADE:

Students continue to learn about the personal relevance and power of Torah (Jewish learning), Avodah (prayer) and G’milut Chasadim (good deeds).

THIRD GRADE:

Students refine their understanding and definition of k’dushah (holiness) and apply that understanding to how ritual objects, symbols, prayer and behaviors can make moments and places special, holy and closer to God.

FOURTH GRADE:

Students learn about the ways in which individuals utilize and interact with Jewish communal agencies, the connection between Torah and Am Yisrael, and the land of Israel from a community and spiritual perspective.

Hebrew: Students will learn to identify each Hebrew letter and work on Hebrew decoding skills. Students will also learn key vocabulary words and blessings. 4th - 6th grade students will continue to participate in the Hebrew Through Movement curriculum.

FIFTH GRADE:

Students learn about the prophets, the purpose of prayer in the Reform movement, and the importance of performing acts of G'milut Chasadim as members of the Jewish community.

Hebrew: Students will be able to translate key vocabulary words related to Hebrew prayers. They will begin reading and chanting specific prayers recited regularly in worship services. 4th - 6th grade students will continue to participate in the Hebrew Through Movement curriculum.

SIXTH GRADE:

Students learn about the timeline of Jewish history by studying great Jewish communities and individuals, the role of communal experience in Jewish history, and the importance of our ethical principals in modern daily life

Hebrew: Sixth grade Hebrew is a continuation from the year before. Students will learn additional prayers, and be able to recite, chant and explain the concepts behind certain prayers. 4th – 6th grade students will continue to participate in the Hebrew Through Movement curriculum.

4th - 6th GRADE HEBREW LEARNING— An Option for Everyone!

1. Hebrew Plus

Students who select this track will attend classes on Sundays as well as one afternoon during the week: Monday at Temple or Wednesday at Seaholm or West Hills. Midweek class meets from 4:30 PM - 6 PM at Temple, or at the end of the public school day. Students who participate in our 2-day per week Hebrew program learn Hebrew at a faster pace and tend to feel more comfortable leading prayer. This program is a wonderful way for our students to be engaged in Jewish learning and to develop their Hebrew skills.

2. Sunday and Home Tutoring Program

This program will meet the needs of students who are not able to attend regular Hebrew School classes during the week and would like to work one-on-one with a Hebrew Tutor instead.

- There will be an additional fee of \$950.
- Families with more than one student will receive a 20% discount for the second student or for each additional student.
- Tutors are provided through Temple Israel ONLY.
- Mid-Week tutoring sessions are 40 minutes in length. Tutors are not available on Sundays.
- This option is subject to the availability of tutors.

3. Sunday ONLY Hebrew Program

This program will meet the needs of students who are not able to attend regular Hebrew School classes during the week.

- Classes will meet at Temple Israel.
- Regular attendance and completion of homework will be mandatory. This is even more critical since students will only meet once per week.

4. Thursday ONLY Hebrew Program

- Classes will meet at Derby Middle School from 4:15-6:15 PM.
- Students will study Hebrew and Judaica on Thursday afternoons.
- Regular attendance and completion of homework will be mandatory. This is even more critical since students will only meet once per week.

Monday Night at Temple

Our students will join together for fun and socializing and dinner at 6 pm on Monday evenings.

SEVENTH GRADE:

Students will participate in classes and all-group programs designed to introduce them to these three topics:

- **Israel** – Explore Israel through the lens of modern culture, innovation, politics and our responsibility to the Jewish homeland.
- **Living Jewish** - A great opportunity for students to sharpen their understanding of Jewish prayers and rituals.
- **Holocaust** - An in-depth study of the Holocaust that will include a visit to the Holocaust Memorial Center.

EIGHTH GRADE:

One of the best ways our students learn is through activities and programs. We will begin our year by strengthening the social connections our students have with each other and exploring their Jewish identities. Our year will continue with a speaker's series, each being followed by related activities. During this year students will learn how to put Jewish values into action! We will be exploring concepts like hunger, respect for the elderly, caring for people who are sick, and living safely – all through Jewish activities and programs.

NINTH - TWELFTH GRADE:

ROOTS is Temple Israel's experiential learning program for teens in 9th-12th grade that encourages community-building, leadership skills, development of Jewish identity, and a deep connection to Jewish life. ROOTS is a supportive, caring and welcoming space where teens are empowered as learners and leaders by one another and by dedicated clergy and faculty who serve as positive, accessible Jewish role models.

Teens will build their own program by choosing at least one elective-style class per quarter. They will learn and connect in ways that are personally meaningful and Jewishly significant, getting to know their peers and clergy in both formal and informal settings.

MADRICHIM:

Madrichim are classroom assistants or student shadows. The Madrichim Program is open to our 8-12th grade students. Students in this program spend their 8th grade year training and receive periodic classroom placements. Our Madrichim work on Sundays and during the week helping in our classrooms and/or being shadows for our students with special needs. Beginning in 9th grade, students are assigned a placement and qualify for a stipend. Students must be approved to participate in this program. If you would like more information, please contact Alicia Mendelson in the Religious School office at 248-661-5725.



If you have any questions or would like to discuss these options please call the school office at 248-661-5725.