



# Mercaz

Religious School

2021-2022

Mosaic Law Congregation



# Dear Families,

We are excited to present you with our new program for the coming year. Based on the “best of” our pre-Covid programming and the overwhelmingly positive experiences of our virtual learning this year, we have updated the Mercaz Pre K-7 structure, outlined in the following slides.

We are planning a hybrid program, comprised of in-person and virtual classes, with significant modifications for safety. Additionally, we will offer an online option for those who are enrolled in 3rd - 5th grade.

We are so excited to see our students and families again!

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# Mercaz Pre K-7 Overview

- Our Pre K-6 program's main components are: Jewish History and Culture, Hebrew language, Israel, Bible, and Jewish Holidays.
- Jewish History and Culture, taught on Sundays and Wednesdays, is a multi-disciplinary subject interwoven with Jewish values, holidays, traditions and Bible.
- Hebrew language will be held on Sundays and Wednesdays.
  - In 1st -2nd grade, individualized instruction will be offered in addition to Sunday school.
  - In 3rd-6th grade, Mercaz teachers will teach virtually, in small groups on Wednesdays. This new structure is based on feedback received from Mercaz families in May in which families overwhelmingly voted to keep some of the classes virtual in addition to in-person teaching.
- MLC will offer a virtual option called "Partnership for Jewish Learning" for 3rd - 5th grade families who choose to continue virtual schooling for their children. Please see more information on slide 14.

# Mercaz Pre-K-6 Jewish History & Culture

- Focus on gaining literacy and finding meaning in all aspects of Judaism from Jewish holidays to life cycle rituals to Jewish values.
- Annual Bible project includes options for arts, music, nature, outdoor time, and creative connection with Jewish culture and values throughout the year.
- Tefillah (prayer service) on Sunday mornings allows students to learn to lead, sing and pray together in an upbeat, developmentally appropriate environment, and deepens their connection to the Hebrew language. There is an emphasis on Bar/Bat Mitzvah prayer texts.
- Provides ample time and space for social connection amongst students through in-person and virtual gatherings.

# Safety Protocols

- In the 2020-21 school year, MLC successfully and safely held virtual schooling. We are ready to welcome our *Merc* students back in person on Sundays with safety protocols in place and clear communication with families.
- All MLC programs and procedures for the coming year have been, and will continue to be, evaluated by the Re-Opening Committee and the MLC Board of Trustees.
- MLC's educational programs will follow all safety guidelines as set out by these bodies, as well as the by the State of California and the County of Sacramento, including wearing masks, keeping strict rules for hygiene, and limiting numbers of students per group.
- All in-person programming is conditional upon the assessed safety of our community.

# Safety Protocols, Cont'd

- Effective June 15, 2021, the California Department of Public Health issued guidance that masks or face coverings are not required for fully vaccinated individuals indoors. **However, to ensure the safety of our children masks are required on campus, outdoors and indoors, particularly, children under the age of twelve.**
- **Pre-K-7 Students will meet in grade-level groups** and will not mix in classrooms with other grade-level groups. Any teacher who meets with Mercaz students must be vaccinated.
- Because of current safety guidelines around groups, at this time we are not planning large group or family programming in the building on Sunday mornings or Wednesday afternoons. We are designing meaningful ways to celebrate holidays and the important ritual moments of the year with our families.
- For families/students who do not feel safe with in-person learning on Sunday mornings, there will be a virtual “Partnership for Jewish Learning” option. Please see slide 14.

# One More Word About Safety

- **A child who tests positive need 10 quarantine days from school.** The Director will inform all parents about the exposure.
- **During snacks and recess student-groups will be staggered outdoors** while maintaining social distancing.
- Our greatest desire is to be back safely in community. We understand there are still many uncertainties about the Fall, and State guidelines continue to evolve. If, at any point over the next year, we need to close to in-person learning for more than one teaching session, we will provide online options for that period of time.
- We expect our safety protocol for virtual learning to stay the same as what we used throughout this year, and we are developing detailed safety protocols for Sunday mornings and other in-person events. We will send you updated safety information closer to the beginning of our school year.
- Zoom information will be published closer to the beginning of school for each grade level.



# Pre K - K Program

## כיתת גן

**Teacher:** Ido Agranov

**Schedule:** Sundays from 9am-12:30pm at MLC (in-person classes)

9:00-9:30: School-wide Tefillah

9:30-10:30: Hebrew

10:30-11:00: Snack & recess

11:00-12:15: Bible

12:15-12:30: Israel/Holidays

12:30: Student pick up

# 1st & 2nd Grade Program

## כיתה א' & ב'

**Teacher:** Rebecca Ray

**Schedule:** Sundays from 9am-12:30pm at MLC (in-person classes)

9:00-9:30: School-wide Tefillah

9:30-10:30: Hebrew

10:30-11:00: Snack & recess

11:00-12:15: Bible

12:15-12:30: Israel/Holidays

12:30: Student pick up

# 3rd & 4th Grade Program

## כיתה ג'-ד'

**Teacher:** Miri Levine

**Schedule: Sundays from 9am-12:30pm at MLC (in-person classes)**

9:00-9:30: School-wide Tefillah

9:30-10:30: Tefillah/Hebrew

10:30-11:00: Snack & Recess

11:00-12:15: Bible

12:15-12:30: Israel/Holidays

**Wednesdays at 4pm-6pm via zoom in small groups.** The teacher will contact 3rd & 4th grade's families with the groups' schedules in early September.

# 5th & 6th Grade Program

## כיתה ה'-ו'

**Teacher:** Samantha Avneri

**Schedule: Sundays from 9am-12:30pm at MLC (in-person classes)**

9:00-9:30: School-wide Tefillah

9:30-10:30: Tefillah/Hebrew

10:30-11:00: Snack & recess

11:00-12:15: Bible

12:15-12:30: Israel/Holidays

**Wednesdays from 4pm-6pm via zoom in small groups.** The teacher will contact 5th & 6th grade's families with the groups' schedules in early September.

# B'nai Mitzvah (7th Grade) Program

## כיתה ז - בני מצווה

**Teacher:** Rebecca Ray

**Schedule:** Thursdays at 4pm-5:30pm

**Dates:** 9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, **10/28**, 11/4, 11/11, **11/18** (no school: 11/25), 12/9, 12/16 (no school: 12/2, 12/23, 12/30), 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, **1/27**, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17, **2/24**, 3/3, 3/10, 3/24, **3/31** ( no school: 3/17), 4/7, 4/14, **4/28** (no school: 4/21), 5/5, 5/12, **5/19**

**\*\* Dates in bold are in-person. Rest of dates are virtual.**

# Partnership for Jewish Learning

Begun during Covid, this initiative is a collaboration between three Conservative Synagogues. Mosaic Law Congregation will partner with Beth Shalom Congregation in Seattle and Neveh Shalom Congregation in Portland for a virtual religious school program.

The educational programs will combine successful elements to offer a virtual Sunday morning alternative program to families who choose to maintain distance learning. In addition to the formal learning component, this initiative will also provide expanded opportunities for the students to socialize virtually with Jewish friends in Washington, Oregon and California.

**Grades:** 3rd - 5th grade

**Schedule:** Sundays from 1pm -2:30pm

**Context:** Judaica, Tefillah& Israel

Please contact Dr. Irit Winston for registration and more information [iwinston@mosaiclaw.org](mailto:iwinston@mosaiclaw.org)

# Mercaz Tuition Information & Calendar

Mosaic Law's Mercaz program is membership-based programs - enrollment is open to MLC members and non-members with different tuition rates.

Mercaz tuition does not cover the cost of our education program. We understand you contribute to Mosaic Law in other ways and Mosaic Law, in turn, offsets the operating costs of Mercaz. As always, financial aid is available.

Mercaz's school calendar will remain the same whether we will teach in-person or virtually.

# Mercaz Calendar

## September:

**Mercaz:** 9/12, 9/19,

**No Mercaz:** 9/15, 9/22, 9/26, 9/29

## October:

**Mercaz:** 10/3, 10/6, 10/10, 10/13, 10/17,  
10/20, 10/24, 10/27, 10/31

## November:

**Mercaz:** 11/7, 11/10, 11/14, 11/17

**No Mercaz:** 11/21, 11/24, 11/28

## December:

**Mercaz:** 12/8, 12/12, 12/15.

**No Mercaz:** 12/1, 12/5 (Marathon), 12/19, 12/22,  
12/26, 12/29 (Winter break)

## January:

**Mercaz:** 1/5, 1/9, 1/12, 1/19, 1/23, 1/26, 1/30

**No Mercaz:** 1/2, 1/16 (MLK)

## February:

**Mercaz:** 2/2, 2/6, 2/9, 2/13, 2/16, 2/27

**No Mercaz:** 2/20, 2/23  
(President's Day & Ski week)

## March:

**Mercaz:** 3/2, 3/6, 3/9, 3/13 (Purim carnival),  
3/16, 3/20, 3/23, 3/27, 3/30

## April:

**Mercaz:** 4/3, 4/6, 4/24, 4/27

**No Mercaz:** 4/10, 4/13, 4/17, 4/20  
(Passover & Spring break)

## May:

**Mercaz:** 5/1, 5/4, 5/11, 5/15, 5/18, 5/22

**No Mercaz:** 5/8 (Mother's Day)



# Tuition Information

<u>GRADE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>TUITION</u>	
	Members	Non-Members
Pre K-2nd (Sundays only) & 7th (schedule TBD)	\$550	\$590
3rd-6th (Sundays & Wednesdays)	\$900	\$950
6th grade, Shalom School families	\$550	N/A
8th-12th Midrasha program N/A		\$230
Youth Group (Infants - 7th grade)	\$65	N/A
USY (8th - 12th grade)	\$80	\$90

**Mercaz's teaching staff, clergy, and I are  
looking forward to seeing you and your  
families in the next 2021-22 school year.**

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