

Gersten School Philosophy

- The Talmud states, "The talk of the child in the street is that of his father or mother at home."

Love for, and participation in, a Jewish life comes first from the home, reinforced with a Gersten School education

- Jewish Values are relevant in all aspects of daily life; family, community, mitzvot, tikkun olam, gemilut chasadim, responsibility, relationship with G-d, ancestral connection, Israel

Gersten School's Pledge

We will:

- present a Torah and Hebrew curriculum which is substantive; activating and engaging students and parents
- incorporate themes, hands-on, cooperative learning, projects, and individual work, making Jewish learning valuable and fun
- support families to live an active Jewish life

What do I need to do to register my child?

- ✓ Make a meaningful commitment to Jewish education
- ✓ Be a member of TBS in good standing (if you are not a member, contact religiousschool@tbssanleandro.org)
- ✓ Complete registration and fees
- ✓ Sign up for Parent Participation

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He who studies but does not repeat his lessons is as one who plants but does not enjoy the fruit.

-Talmud



Tefillah



Why should we care about Community?

A connection to Judaism goes beyond the classrooms at Temple Beth Sholom. This historic bond requires us to nurture the community as part of a shared effort to care for one another's interests today and into the future. Living an active Jewish life within our community lends itself to satisfaction and fulfillment.

Connecting to our community, and the Jewish community as a whole, can mean many things; attending services, celebrating holidays, performing ritual, joining haverot, adult education, visiting Israel, volunteering.

In other words, we all benefit, individually and as a collective, when we participate in Community.

Culture



The world stands on three things:

- Torah (Values)
- Avodah (Work/Prayer)
- Gemilut Chasadim
(Acts of Loving Kindness)
-Ethics of the Fathers 1:2

Temple Beth Sholom's Gersten School's educational philosophy is to give its students a deep knowledge, understanding, respect, and love of Jewish values; the importance of mitzvot and their connection to the Torah; and *Gemilut Chasadim*, what make the world a better place in which all of us live. These ideals will benefit them, not just up until they become b'nai mitzvah, but through the rest of their lives.

Community



Culture plays an integral role in the life of a Jew.

Whether your family is Ashkenazi, Sephardic, Mizrahi, Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, Jew-by-Choice, Interfaith, or any other flavor, Jewish culture plays a large part in what it means to be Jewish, and Jewish within the greater community.

The students and families of the Gersten School will explore Jewish foods, music, language, literature, all things Israel, dress, Israeli dancing, the Holocaust, the way we behave within the walls of the synagogue, traditions we follow, the way we mourn, and the way we celebrate; all the things that make us uniquely Jewish.