

TEMPLE MENORAH

JEWISH LEARNING AND LIVING 2021-2022*

* Formerly known as Religious School

At Temple Menorah, we strive to make our Jewish learning program engaging for both learners and their families.

Our goal is to give everyone an opportunity to not just learn about Judaism, but to live it as well.

Our Shabbat-based model brings students and families to learn about and celebrate Jewish life together.

Program Core Components

Mifgash ("Gathering") - Age-based groups for all learners, flowing into the Shabbat Service

Hebrew (grades 3-7) - Decoding and prayer skills in ability-level groups

Enrichment - Project-based elective (virtual)



Note: These photos are from 2019-2020; all learners and teachers will be masked and distanced until further notice

JUDAICA

Jewish learning happens in Mifgash ("gathering"). Judaism provides a path for:

- ☆ **becoming** - personal growth and fulfillment as an individual
- ☆ **belonging** - in a family, in our community, and in the world
- ☆ **behaving** - via sacred routines, as well as hands-on work to repair the world

Through the celebration of holidays, engagement in creative rituals, study of our sacred texts, exploration of Jewish values, and connections to the Jewish community, our learners and their teachers will discover - individually and in collaboration with others - meaning and purpose. After Mifgash, learners and their families are strongly encouraged to join the community in our participatory and joyous Shabbat service.


HEBREW

Learners in grades 3-6 will work in ability-level groups to learn decoding skills, become confident Hebrew readers, and master Shabbat evening and morning prayers. As part of their Hebrew studies, learners will also explore the meaning and history of the liturgy, developing and deepening their personal understanding of the prayer experience. In part, this will include building a portfolio of artwork, and photographs to compile their Visual Tefilah portfolios. Each week, all Hebrew learners also participate in all-school Tefilah and Kehilah (prayer and community) and have the option to visit our Hebrew Lab for one-on-one or small group support. Alternatively, we offer small-group virtual Hebrew instruction depending on enrollment.

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CLASS SCHEDULE

MIFGASH (K-6TH)	HEBREW (3RD-6TH)	ENRICHMENT (3RD-6TH)	SEVENTH	8TH-12TH
Friday 5:00-6:30 pm Followed by Shabbat service	Wednesday 4:30-6:15 pm	Thursday 5:30-6:30 pm	Wednesday 4:30-6:15 pm	Madrichim Wednesday 4:30-6:15
or	or		and	and/or
Saturday 9:00-10:00 am Followed by Shabbat service	Virtual Hebrew Day and time TBD		Saturday 9:00-10:00 am Followed by Shabbat service	Tichon Wednesday 6:30-8:30 pm



FAQs

ENRICHMENT (3RD-6TH)

In addition to the core curriculum, learners who are ready for more may also choose an elective. All electives are project-based, whether that means working with a group to write and produce a play, or curating a slideshow detailing the learner's family history. In addition, each elective will include exploration of Jewish history, ritual, culture, or philosophy as relates to the topic. Learners will switch electives throughout the year to expand their experiences.

Options may include cooking, STEM activities, book groups, graphic novels, drama and musical theater, and more.

So how many days is Jewish Learning and Living (formerly known as Religious School) now?

K-2 students will attend once per week. For 3rd-6th grades, the schedule is flexible! All students attend on Wednesdays, but families can choose a Friday or Saturday option for Mifgash. Seventh grade attends Hebrew class on Wednesday and Torah class and the Shabbat service on Saturday.

So there's really not class on Sunday?

Nope! Enjoy a family day - but keep an eye out for Social Action Days and other special events for the whole community.

What if my child can't make the Enrichment session?

No problem! While we expect these classes to be fun, engaging, and popular, we understand if your family needs a break from screens or your learner has other commitments.

How will you keep our kids safe?

After operating both Tuvia Preschool, the Learning Lab, and Camp Menorah safely, we are experienced with COVID-19 health and safety protocols such as masking, frequent hand-washing, and holding classes outdoors as much as possible.

What about additional surges?

We are prepared to take our program online if needed without losing any of the momentum, learning, or fun.

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