

Or Shalom Religious School Learning Options, 2020-2021

Class Name	Options	Description	Tuition
Preschool	Preschoolers and their parents learn about the Jewish holidays and symbols through arts & crafts, stories, music, food and games. Preschool families will build relationships with each other and to the greater Or Shalom community.		150
	8:45a-10:30a	One Sunday per month	
Kindergarten	Our Kindergarten students are introduced to the beauty of Jewish life, customs and traditions. Students begin to develop their own Jewish identity and pride in being Jewish. Through stories, games, crafts and music, students will experience and understand what it means to be part of a Jewish community.		800
	8:45a-10:30a	Sundays	
1st grade	The curriculum focuses on an understanding of the Jewish holidays and the child's role in the family's observance of holidays. Students will learn each holiday story along with its key ritual objects, vocabulary, and blessings. Students are introduced to the concept of being created in God's image, which leads into discussions about mitzvot and how to treat others.		800
	8:45a-10:30a	Sundays	
2nd grade	Second grade students learn about the people and ritual objects found in the synagogue. The goal of the year is to acquaint each student with all aspects of the synagogue as a place where Jews gather to pray, study and meet other Jews. We will also introduce the concept of <i>gemilut chasadim</i> (acts of lovingkindness)		800
	8:45a-10:30a	Sundays - Early	
	10:45a-12:30p	Sundays - Late	
Alef - 3rd grade	Students' aural Hebrew language skills are developed through Jewish Life vocabulary – learning letters and words of the week. Students are immersed in Hebrew language with Hebrew through movement and weekly prayer services. Jewish customs, traditions and holidays are interwoven throughout the year.		1200
	Alef Sun/Wed	Sundays, 8:45-10:30AM and Wednesdays, 4:30-6:30PM	
	Alef Kehillah	Sundays, 10:45AM-12:30PM and weekly 20 minute Zoom call (held in late afternoon or early evening on a weekday. Attendance at 3 Shabbat services per semester.	
Bet - 4th grade	Students gain familiarity with the Shabbat evening prayer service, both in the words of the prayers and their meaning. Oral Hebrew language skills continue to be developed. Jewish values are taught through Family school lessons.		1200
	Bet Sun/Wed	Sundays, 8:45-10:30AM and Wednesdays, 4:30-6:30PM	
	Bet Kehillah Early	Sundays, 8:45-10:30AM and weekly 20 minute Zoom call (held in late afternoon or early evening on a weekday. Attendance at 3 Shabbat services per semester.	
	Bet Kehillah Late	Sundays, 10:45AM-12:30PM and weekly 20 minute Zoom call (held in late afternoon or early evening on a weekday. Attendance at 3 Shabbat services per semester.	
Gimmel - 5th grade	Students' Hebrew decoding skills are developed and emphasis is placed on reading and understanding prayers as well as some modern Hebrew short stories. Students gain familiarity with the stories and lessons of the Torah.		1200
	Gimmel Sun E/Wed	Sundays, 8:45-10:30AM and Wednesdays, 4:30-6:30PM	
	Gimmel Sun L/Wed	Sundays, 10:45AM-12:30PM and Wednesdays, 4:30-6:30PM	
	Gimmel Kehillah	Sundays, 10:45AM-12:30PM and weekly 20 minute Zoom call (held in late afternoon or early evening on a weekday. Attendance at 3 Shabbat services per semester.	
Dalet - 6th grade	Sixth graders enjoy learning the traditions and explanations of our Jewish life-cycle events. Students gain familiarity with the prayers of the Shabbat morning service and their meanings, in preparation for their B'nai Mitzvah year.		1200
	Dalet - Sun E/Wed	Sundays, 8:45-10:30AM and Wednesdays, 4:30-6:30PM	
	Dalet - Sun L/Wed	Sundays, 10:45AM-12:30PM and weekly 30 minute Zoom call (held in late afternoon or early evening on a weekday. Attendance at 5 special 6th grade programs on Wednesday afternoons,	
7th grade	Students start the evening with a pizza & pasta dinner spending time together as community. 7th graders have a 7 week Holocaust unit and a 7 week Active Mitzvot unit and then have a choice of electives with a variety of topics - e.g. Jewish cooking, Jews in Sports, Planning the Purim Carnival, Jews in TV/Movies. 7th grade is required to become b'nai mitzvah at Or Shalom and there is no refund if a student does not complete the year.		975
	6:30p-8:15p	Tuesdays	
	6:00-6:30PM before class	OPTIONAL - Hebrew Reading Review class designed for students with late spring-summer 2021 b'nai mitzvah dates to keep Hebrew reading skills sharp. (Class meets Sept.-Dec. 2020)	
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8th grade	6:30p-8:15p Tuesdays	Students begin the evening with a pizza & pasta dinner spending time together as community. The curriculum is developed based on students' interests and questions. A multi week Israel unit serves to prepare students who are participating in the JUF 8th grade Israel trip.	975
9th grade	11:15a-12:30p Two Sundays per month	Students meet bi-weekly to discuss Jewish ethics and dilemmas. Classes are taught by Rabbi Margolis and are designed to create memorable experiences in the lives of teens to enable them to discover what being Jewish means on a personal level.	570
10th grade	11:15a-12:30p Two Sundays per month	Students explore and challenge their values, philosophy and belief in God. The goal for each student is to leave our program with a deeper understanding of not only what Judaism is, but more significantly, why Judaism is important in their life.	570
11th-12th grade Post-Confirmation	9:15a-10:30a One Sunday per month	Rabbi Ari leads a monthly discussion-based class with our 11th and 12thgrade students, and well as joining in <i>tikkun olam</i> and social justice events in our community.	280