

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT THE COMMUNITY SYNAGOGUE

The Community Synagogue Religious School offers a dynamic and engaging environment for learning. With over 500 students in the school from Grades K-12 and a staff of over 30 teachers, there is always something exciting happening in our school hallways. Jewish education at The Community Synagogue is designed to deepen one's Jewish experience and knowledge in order to strengthen faith in God, love of Torah, and identification with the Jewish people. We want our children to grow up with a sense of what it means to be a Jew, be comfortable participating in a prayer service, and to have positive feelings about their Jewish identity. Making connections to the home and partnering with parents is essential to our mission, and we offer many opportunities to make Jewish education a family experience.

CONTACT US

If you would like more information about our school, please feel free to contact us!

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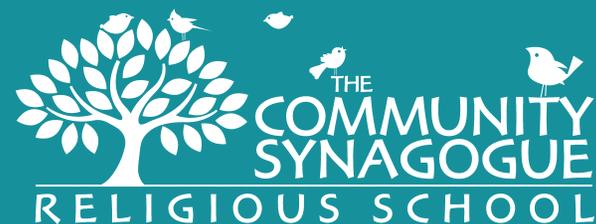
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CURRICULUM

The Community Synagogue's curriculum uses a value-based approach to Jewish education to enable our students to embrace seven key values that we see as central to Judaism: *Kedushah* (holiness), *Talmud Torah* (importance of study), *Kehillah* (community), *Mispacha* (family), *Tikkun Olam* (repairing our world), *Ahavat Olam* (love of Israel), *Klal Yisrael* (unity of the Jewish people), *Ivrit* (Hebrew language & prayer). In each grade,

we seek to introduce students to new concepts and challenge them to explore their Judaism in new ways. Each grade has a specific curricular focus for its yearly studies. In addition, Hebrew language and learning about the holidays are built into each grade's curriculum. For students with special needs, we offer our *Efshar* Class which provides a Jewish experience in a self-contained classroom.

POWTY, our Youth Engagement Program for teens in Grades 7-12, offers exciting ways for our post *B'nai Mitzvah* students to participate in the life of our community. Our Senior POWTY program offers multiple entry points for teens to continue their personal Jewish journey within our Jewish youth community.



GRADES & SCHEDULES

GRADES K & 1

- ★ Sunday, 9:00-10:45am

GRADES 2 & 3

- ★ Sunday, 9:00-10:45am AND Thursday, 4:00-5:30pm

GRADES 4 & 5

- ★ Traditional Track: Sunday, 9:00-10:45am AND Tuesday, 4:00-6:00pm
- ★ FLAME Track: Tuesday, 4:00-6:00pm for class and monthly Family Learning Mornings and Social Action Projects

GRADE 6

- ★ Class time: Tuesday, 4:00-6:00pm
- ★ Torah Study: Beginning in January, 6th Grade students will attend Torah Study on Saturday mornings from 9:00-10:15 am

GRADES 7 & 8 – MPOW

- ★ Tuesday, 6:00-7:45pm AND Shabbat Torah Study, 9:00-10:15am (7th Grade students are expected to attend Torah Study on Saturday mornings through December.)

EFSHAR

- ★ Thursday, 5-6pm

POWTY

(FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12)

- ★ Tuesday evening, 6:00-7:45pm

FAMILY EDUCATION

In our religious school, we believe that the value of time spent together when child and parent take part in educational programs side by side is immeasurable. We hope that participation in our family education programs will help families create wonderful Jewish memories.

The PACE (Parent and Child Education) Programs are designed to promote learning together as a family, and we hold PACE Programs for every grade in the school. Through our PACE Programs, we hope to send our students a clear message that engagement in Jewish learning is important and a lifelong endeavor. FLAME, which stands for Family Learning and Mitzvah Education, is an alternate and optional religious education experience offered to our 4th & 5th grade students and families. The FLAME Program offers a flexible learning model to families who are interested in being a part of a community of families who learn together throughout the year.

YOUTH & TEEN ENGAGEMENT

POWTY, which stands for Port Washington Temple Youth, is the name for The Community Synagogue's youth & teen engagement programs. POWTY is broken down into three different groups: Senior POWTY is for our 9th-12th grade students, MPOW is for our 7th and 8th graders and Junior POWTY or JPOW is for our 4th-6th grade students. POWTY offers our students opportunities to engage in meaningful, inspirational, educational and enjoyable activities with their peers in an environment that is grounded in Jewish faith and traditions. We have a calendar packed with a ton of exciting events including community service projects, trips, overnights and more.