

Learning Themes for the Sunday Teen Program:

8th Grade: Jewish Values and Repairing the World

How can Judaism help me change the world?

Through conversation, study, guest speakers and volunteering with local organizations, 8th graders will explore the interplay between Jewish values and contemporary issues such as climate change, environmental protection, hunger and homelessness, and immigration. Sessions will be held at Temple Sinai and nearby locations. Specific information will be sent in advance for off-site days and community service credit will be given.

The 8th grade year includes the Civil Rights Journey (more details below in the Teen Trips section).

9th Grade: Jewish Communities around the World

What does it mean that I am part of the Jewish people?

Through an exploration of Jewish food, music, art, and stories from around the world, 9th graders will engage with what it means to be part of the global Jewish people. Sessions will focus on Jewish communities around the world, both historically and today, with a goal of appreciating the distinctions and finding connections.

The 9th grade year includes the Civil Rights Journey (more details below in the Teen Trips section).

10th Grade: Jewish Belief and Identity - Confirmation

What do I believe and what does being Jewish mean to me right now?

10th graders will join Rabbi Glazer in her office each week to grapple with Jewish ideas about God, prayer, spirituality, community, social justice and, most importantly, what being Jewish means to each of us. The confirmation year includes the RAC trip to Washington, DC and culminates in a beautiful confirmation service led by the 10th graders.

11/12th Grade: Judaism and My Life

How can Jewish wisdom and Jewish community help me cope with all that life throws at me?

11th and 12th graders will explore current events and the everyday experience of being in high school, all through a Jewish lens. Each week, our oldest teens will gather to discuss topics ranging from addressing antisemitism and understanding Israel, to dealing with stress and redefining success. The 11th/12th grade year includes the RAC trip to Washington, DC and culminates in a graduation celebration as we send our seniors off with blessings and a reminder that they always have a home at Temple Sinai.