



Congregation Agudath Israel

Education Department

2019-2020



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Welcome from the Director

Welcome to Congregation Agudath Israel's Religious School and Education Department. Our outstanding staff and the dedicated lay leaders who serve on the education cabinet are committed to bringing to "every age and stage" of learners a wealth of opportunities to connect to our sacred tradition.

Our education goals are inspired by the CAI mission of creating programming paths to Judaism through diverse gateways of Friendship, Learning, Spirituality, Social Action, Israel, and Volunteerism. We consider ourselves guides who are privileged to teach, inspire, and direct our learners and their families on their journeys of discovery.

The goal of the CAI education department is to create life-long Jewish learners who will be engaged in the Jewish community, contributing their insights and wisdom to our people's legacy. We are all links in the chain of Jewish tradition that began thousands of years ago, and we welcome you to join that chain and be part of its growth and strength from generation to generation!

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CAI MISSION STATEMENT

Congregation Agudath Israel of West Essex is a leading proactive, pluralistic and egalitarian Conservative congregation based upon six principles:

Chevrah (Friendship/Community)

Torah (Learning)

Avodah (Spirituality/Religious Practices)

Tikun Olam (Caring/Making a Better World)

Klal Yisrael (Connecting to Jews around the World) **Shutafim** (Volunteerism/Stake-holders)

We provide a wide variety of religious, educational, cultural, social, and activist venues for Jewish living. We are led by an exceptional professional staff, an engaged lay leadership, and an open and growing team of volunteers. We seek to enable our diverse and multi-generational membership to experience Judaism in ways that have personal meaning and promote Jewish values as they move through the Jewish life cycle. We seek to assist our members in participating in the activities that best meet their personal interests and needs, and to thereby ascend the Jewish “ladder of commitment” at their own pace. We strive to create an environment in which our members consider Congregation Agudath Israel to be “a second home.”

EDUCATION VISION STATEMENT

- To foster and fulfill the educational and spiritual needs of our congregants during all stages of the Jewish life cycle.
- To provide an environment of learning that will frame the overall culture of our synagogue community.
- To continue the sacred mission of “L’dor V’dor,” passing our heritage to the next generation.

EDUCATIONAL GOALS

- To create life-long learning role models so that children come to view that Jewish education goes beyond the childhood years. Examples are family education, adult education, peer-led experiences, etc.
- To build a relationship with the State of Israel.
- To assist in one’s spiritual journey and provide ways to develop one’s relationship to God.
- To create many opportunities to develop a strong Jewish identity, e.g., Jewish camps, JCC activities, travel, conferences, youth gatherings, federation involvement, connections to Israel and world Jewry.
- To continue to create a partnership between home, synagogue, and the larger Jewish community.
- To challenge each child and family member to ascend the ladder of Jewish commitment.



Religious School Policies

Parents' attitudes toward Religious School affect a child's feelings and performance. Parents who did not have a positive Religious School experience may convey a negative attitude toward Religious School. Religious schools have changed greatly; ours offers stimulating and exciting learning activities. Please encourage your children to approach Religious School as part of their overall education; to attend regularly, to be on time, and to come well equipped. We welcome your involvement in our many activities.

Congregation Agudath Israel Religious School is committed to promoting Judaism as an active force in the hearts and minds of our children. Our congregational community proudly regards our Religious School as a top priority, and we reflect this commitment in our educational program. The following policies support our Religious School objectives.

Attendance Policy

We have so little time and so much to teach. It is important for our students to attend Religious School regularly. Students who are frequently absent often have a difficult time keeping up and making progress. Excessive absences lower the status of Religious School in the eyes of the child and may negate our efforts to maintain standards.

The following is our attendance policy:

Please notify the school office, (973) 226-3600 x 123 or jgluska@agudath.org if your child will be absent. Teachers will be notified, and the absence will be reflected in our records.

Parents will be alerted if there are excessive absences. A child who has had excessive absences will be required to make up work in order to complete the semester.

Behavioral Expectations

1. Class guidelines and expectations are created with students and posted in each classroom.
2. Students behaving in a way which negatively affect the classroom community, after attempts at redirection, will be sent to the office and a phone call will be made to the student's guardians.
3. A behavior contract between the student, teacher, and Education Director may be developed when necessary.
4. If a student leaves the building without permission, does not attend class while in the building, physically harms another student, or damages school property, the student will be placed on probation. The student will be expected to do a set amount of community service, as determined by the Education Director. In the event of another similar incident, the child will be removed from the classroom and will be required to have private tutoring at the parents' expense. *The most important component of our Behavioral Expectations is parental support. Please help us create the best learning environment for all of our students.*



Tzedakah

Tzedakah (money donated for charitable causes) is collected every class period. We ask our students to participate in this and other tzedakah-related projects in order to develop their sense of responsibility to other people and to the Jewish and general community.

Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures

We are very concerned about the safety of your children. Please help us make the drop-off and pick-up process as organized and safe as possible. Drop-off and pick-up will take place at our school entrance on Academy Road.

All students will remain inside of the school during dismissal time. We will collect names of carpools; these names will then be called out in order.

No child will be permitted to leave for pick-up unless his/her car is in the line-up. This system requires a great deal of patience - please remember: Safety is always our priority.

Snacks and Allergies

NOTE: Due to our kashrut and allergy policies, please do NOT send additional snacks to school. Snack is provided for our students. If students bring snacks, they will be asked to finish snacks outside of the building. Water bottles and fresh fruit are permitted.

Snow Days

Religious School is automatically cancelled when the Caldwell-West Caldwell Public Schools are cancelled. In any other situation, as when the weather deteriorates during the day or the weather is bad on a Sunday morning, **an email, phone call or text will be sent from Honeywell.** A Honeywell permissions email will be sent in the beginning of the year. Please make sure to approve Honeywell notifications and confirm that we have your correct email address, home and cell phone number and business number, in order to receive important notifications. Decisions regarding Shabbat programming will be made on Friday.

If you are uncertain whether Religious School is being held, please contact the school office, (973) 226-3600 x 123 or jgluska@agudath.org.



Education Department Staff

Education Director	Susan Werk
Administrative Coordinator of Education Department	Lori Weinberg
Administrative Assistant	Jacey Gluska
Al Galgalim	Adrienne Himmelberger
Monthly K, 1 & 2	Shari Bricker
Gan (Kindergarten)	Alexis Gruber
Aleph (First Grade)	Jackie Rosenblatt Cindy Goldstein
Bet (Second Grade)	Jackie Rosenblatt Cindy Goldstein
Gimmel (Third Grade)	Alison Barbag Cindy Goldstein Jessica Jacobs Tal Wolf (Hebrew Lab)
Dalet (Fourth Grade)	Tammy Epstein Ruth Foroutan Tal Wolf (Hebrew Lab)
Hay (Fifth Grade)	Nancy Caplan Piedad Gutierrez Lindsey Skurkovich Lauren Gardner Tammy Epstein (Hebrew Lab)
Vav (Sixth Grade)	Lea Whitney Jerry Shapiro Renee Buckler
Teen Program (Seventh-Twelfth Grade)	Jerry Shapiro Paul Kotlewski Jacey Gluska Cindy Goldstein
B'Tzelem (Special Needs)	Felice Nichols Morgan Engel
Chaverim (K-2 Grade)	Erin Mossberg
Baker Tov	Erin Mossberg



Chalutzim (3-5 Grade)	Tammy Epstein
Kadima (6-8 Grade)	Jacey Gluska
USY (9-12 Grade)	Jacey Gluska
Teen Buddy (9-12 Grade)	Cory Lewis
Better Together	Leslie Tubul
Shabbat Staff	Tal Wolf Adrienne Himmelberger Sloane Lipson Cindy Goldstein Leslie Tubul
Play & Special Programming	Shari Ornstein

CAI Religious School Program Offerings

Monthly K, 1 & 2	Monthly, Sunday 9:30 – 11:15 AM
Gan (Kindergarten)	Sunday 9:15 – 11:15 AM
Aleph (First Grade)	Sunday 9:15 – 11:15 AM
Bet (Second Grade)	Sunday 9:15 – 11:15 AM
Gimmel (Third Grade)	Sunday 9:15 – 11:30 AM Tuesday 3:30 – 5:45 PM
Dalet (Fourth Grade)	Sunday 9:15 – 11:30 AM Wednesday 3:30 – 5:45 PM
Hay (Fifth Grade)	Sunday 9:15 – 11:30 AM Tuesday 3:30 – 5:45 PM
Vav (Sixth Grade)	Sunday 9:15 – 11:30 Wednesday 3:30 – 5:45 PM
Teen Program (Seventh-Twelfth Grade)	Weekly, Wednesday 6:00 – 7:30 PM Monthly, Wednesday 6:00 – 7:30 PM



OPENING 🍏 DAYS!

Religious School 2019-2020

First Sunday, September 8th

Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary

3rd through 6th Grades at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary

Parents are invited to join their child in the Sanctuary for our Welcome Ceremony.

After our Welcome Ceremony, students will proceed to their classroom until regular pick up time, K-2nd at 11:15 am and 3rd-6th at 11:30 am.

First Tuesday, September 10th

3rd and 5th Grades from 3:30-5:45 pm

First Wednesday, September 11th

4th and 6th Grades from 3:30-5:45 pm

First Monthly Sunday, September 15th

Monthly Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades from 9:30-11:15 am

Teen Info Session, Wednesday, September 18th

7th through 12th Grades from 6:00-7:00 pm



Preschool Infant to Age 4

Mission: Welcome young families into our community and provide them the opportunity to grow within the structure of our synagogue. Provide age-appropriate programs and opportunities in a stimulating Jewish environment for the physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development of young children.

Our Programs

Al Galgalim (with parents)

Social & Educational Group led by Adrienne Himmelberger

Our Al Galgalim “Training Wheels” program is designed for families with preschool-aged children. Children will enjoy crafts, games and songs while learning about the Jewish holidays and Shabbat. **The program will be held from 10:00- 11:30 am on the following dates:**

September 15, October 13, November 17, December 15, January 12, February 9, March 8, April 5 and May 3.

Shabbat in Pajamas (with parents)

with Susan Werk

Families with preschool-aged children are welcome for dinner and an age appropriate, child friendly, Friday night service. **Dinner begins at 5:30 pm on the following dates:**

September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20, January 17, February 21, March 20, April 24 and May 15.

Torah for Tots (with parents)

led by Adrienne Himmelberger and Tal Wolf

Weekly Shabbat friendly activities, games, plays and more on Saturdays at 11:00 am.



Kindergarten-Second Grade

Gan (Kindergarten), Aleph (First) and Bet (Second)

Mission: To provide an engaging, interactive, enjoyable introduction to synagogue involvement, while developing a positive foundation for Jewish education. To nurture friendships among children as they engage in activities and enriching experiences that foster involvement in Jewish life within their families, the community and the world.

Our Programs

Religious School

Weekly Religious School Sunday mornings
9:15-11:15 am

Monthly Religious School Sunday mornings
9:30-11:15 am

**September 15, October 20, November 17,
December 15, January 12, February 9,
March 8, April 5 and May 3.**

Chaverim

Social Youth group led by Erin Mossberg

Many of our youngsters attend different schools and live in many different neighborhoods. These activities provide a venue where Jewish friendships can be nurtured.

October 20, 11:30 am-12:45 pm

December 15, 11:30 am-12:45 pm

February 9, 11:30 am-12:45 pm

April 5, 11:30 am-12:45 pm

Breathe in a Blessing *with Cindy Goldstein*

A mindfulness practice for our Kindergarten, First and Second Graders from 11:00-11:45 am on the following dates:

October 5, November 9, December 7, January 11, February 29, March 28, April 25, May 30.

Shabbat in Sweats *with Renee Buckler*

Families with preschool-aged children are welcome for dinner and an age appropriate, child friendly, Friday night service. **Dinner begins at 5:30 pm on the following dates:**

**September 20, October 18, November 15,
December 20, January 17, February 21,
March 20, April 24 and May 15.**

Shabbat Friends *Led by Sloane Lipson and our Teens for K, 1 and 2*

11:00 am on the following dates: September 14, 28, October 12, 26, November 2, 23, December 14, 21, January 18, 25, February 1, 8, March 7, 21, April 4 and May 2



Third-Fifth Grade

Gimmel (Third), Dalet (Fourth) and Hay (Fifth)

Mission: To create a foundation of Jewish learning, encompassing Hebrew, holidays, values, Tanach, and Jewish experiences through memory-based programs, holiday observances, trips, and more to be built upon throughout life.

Our Programs

Religious School

Gimmel 3rd Grade: Sunday 9:15-11:30 am and
Tuesday 3:30-5:45 pm

Dalet 4th Grade: Sunday 9:15-11:30 am and
Wednesday 3:30 pm- 5:45 pm

Hay 5th Grade: Sunday 9:15-11:30 am and
Tuesday 3:30 pm- 5:45 pm

Chalutzim *Social Youth group led by Tammy Epstein*

Many of our youngsters attend different schools and live in many neighborhoods. These activities provide a venue where Jewish friendships can be nurtured.

October 27 at 11:30am Minute to win it!

December 15 at 11:30am Chalutzim Gives Back

January 5 at 11:30am Movie & Lunch

February 9 at 11:30am Escape the Room

April 16 at 11:30 am Dance Party

Mindfulness Fun

Weekly Sundays from 8:30-9:15 am **beginning October 27th**

Weekly Shabbat Morning Services

Each Saturday morning at 11:00 am, we engage our third, fourth and fifth graders in an interactive, child friendly service. These services include prayers, storytelling and games.

Special Events:

Family Hanukkah Lego Event: December 22



Sixth Grade Vav

Mission: To develop a sense of responsibility to our community, our country, Israel and worldwide Jewry. To provide opportunities to engage in social action projects while fostering friendships among the diverse populations.

Our Programs

Religious School

Sunday 9:15-11:30 am and

Wednesday 3:30 pm- 5:45 pm

Kadima

Social Youth Group led by Jacey Gluska

Kadima is a place for 6th through 8th graders to socialize, explore their Jewish identities and connect to the CAI community, both as a people and a space. Kadima strives to keep our preteens and teens engaged through meaningful relationships and

supports them to develop their natural leadership.

Kadima Dates:

**September 15, October 13, November 24,
December 15, January 12, February 9,
March 9, April 5 and May 3**

Mindfulness Fun

Weekly Sundays from 8:30-9:15 am **beginning
October 27th**

B'nai Mitzvah Project Brunch:

Sunday, September 22 at 10:00 am

**Keep your eyes open for upcoming Social
Action opportunities. It's in the Werks.**



Seventh & Eighth Grade

Teen Info Meeting

Wednesday, September 18,
6:00-7:00 pm

Teen Learning

Weekly on Wednesdays, 6:00-
7:30 pm

Pizza dinner is included

Our curriculum helps to continue the development of Jewish Identity. Classes will include cooking, media, art and movement, while relationships are developed with our outstanding Teen staff.

Kadima Dates

(Sunday afternoons):

September 15, October 13,
November 24, December 15,
January 12, February 9, March
9, April 5, May 3

Mussar & Me

Monthly on Wednesdays
6:00-7:30 pm

Pizza dinner is included

Once a month, our students are invited to learn a bit of mussar, which is the study of Jewish values/Middot. Through the lens of these values, we will bring in special guests to both challenge and engage our students in utilizing and exemplifying our Jewish values.

Mussar & Me Dates

September 25, October 16, November
20, December 18, January 15, February
26, March 18, April 22, May 13

Mitzvah Projects

Projects throughout the year

On the following dates our students are invited to join in unique projects, which will also count as community service hours:

November 12, 4:00 - 7:00 pm
(Community Food Bank)
November 20, 6:00 -7:30 pm
February 26, 6:00 -7:30 pm
May 13, 6:00 -7:30 pm



Ninth-Twelfth Grade

Mission: Our mission is to develop a sense of responsibility to our community, our country, Israel and worldwide Jewry. We provide opportunities to engage in social action projects while fostering friendships among the diverse populations.

Our Programs

Teen Learning Wednesdays

Open House and Info Session on **Wednesday, September 18 @ 6 pm**

Weekly Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30 pm

Monthly Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30 pm on the following dates:

September 25, October 16, November 20, December 18, January 15, February 26, March 18, April 22 and May 13

USY

Social Youth Group led by Jacey Gluska

September 18	7:15-9:00 pm
October 23	7:30-9:00 pm
November 20	7:30-9:00 pm
December 18	7:30-9:00 pm
January 15	7:30-9:00 pm
February 19	7:30-9:00 pm
March 11	7:30-9:00 pm
April 1	7:30-9:00 pm
May 27	7:30-9:00 pm
June 10	7:30-9:00 pm



Volunteering at CAI

For four years, our families and community members have been volunteering at Toni's Kitchen. We have found in this partnership a shared mission of Tikkun Olam and continue to work together to fight hunger in our community and beyond.

For our **2nd-5th graders** and their parents, we have backpack packing and organizing at Toni's Kitchen on the following Sundays:

October 27 from 1:00-2:30 pm
December 8 from 1:00-2:30 pm
February 9 from 1:00-2:30 pm
April 5 from 1:00-2:30 pm

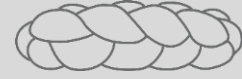
For our **Middle School and High School** students, we have meal serving at Toni's Kitchen on the following Sundays (Community Service Hours are earned):

November 24 from 3:00-6:15 pm
January 19 from 3:00-6:15 pm
March 15 from 3:00-6:15 pm
May 17 from 3:00-6:15 pm

** A Google form to sign up for Toni's Kitchen will be sent out via email in September.



Shabbat Programming



Preschool Infant to Age 4

Shabbat in Pajamas (with parents) with Susan Werk

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Torah for Tots (with parents) led by Adrienne Himmelberger and Tal Wolf

Weekly Shabbat friendly activities, games, plays and more on Saturdays at 11:00 am.

K-Second Grade

Shabbat in Sweats with Renee Buckler

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Shabbat Friends Led by Sloane Lipson and our Teens for K, 1 and 2

11:00 am on the following dates: September 14, 28, October 12, 26, November 2, 23, December 14, 21, January 18, 25, February 1, 8, March 7, 21, April 4 and May 2

Third-Sixth Grade

Torah Reading Team (4th – 7th grade)

Shabbat Mornings 10:15 – 11:00 AM

Be a member of the Torah Reading Team (TRT) and learn the basic Torah trope (cantillation symbols) and how to read and chant Torah. Students voluntarily take a verse (or more) and work with teenagers and staff members to learn their assigned reading which will be chanted later at a Junior Congregation service.

Sep. 14, 28 (ST Prep)	Feb. 8, 22
Oct. 12 (ST prep), 26	March 7, 21
Nov. 2, 16	April 4, 18
Dec. 7, 14	May 2, 16 (Maftir main sanctuary)
Jan. 4, 18, 25	Lunch & Leyn for Megillah: Feb. 22 & March 7



Shabbat Family Dinners:

November 1, 6:00-7:30 pm for K, 1 and 2 and family
January 10, 6:00-7:30 pm for 3rd & 4th grade and family
February 7, 6:00-7:30 pm for Tu B'Shvat Seder and service
March 27, 6:00-7:30 pm for 5th & 6th grade and family

Tov M'od Choir Second-Sixth Grade

Our very successful Tov M'od choir for 2nd – 6th graders meets on Sunday mornings.

Please contact Cantor Caplan for more information at jcaplan@agudath.org.

SUNDAY REHEARSALS: 11:30-12:00

September 15, 22. (Not 1, 8 or 29)	January 5, 12, 26. (Not 19)
October 13, 27. (Not 6 or 20)	February 2, 9, 23. (Not 16)
November 3, 17, 24. (Not 10)	March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.
December 8, 15. (Not 1, 22, 29)	April 5, 19, 26. (Not 12)
	May 3

We are looking forward to our CAI children's play performance, directed by our very own, Shari Ornstein. Stay tuned for more details!



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Academic Year Calendar 2019-2020

Sept. 2019		
Sept. 3-5	ALL RS Staff	Religious School Prep (3:30-5:45 pm)
Sept. 4	ALL RS Staff	Religious School Staff Meeting (3:30-5:45 pm)
Sept. 8	Kindergarten, 1 st & 2 nd	First Day of Religious School (9:15-11:15 am)
Sept. 8	3 rd through 6 th	First Day of Religious School (9:15-11:30 am)
Sept. 10	3 rd & 5 th	First Day of Religious School (3:30-5:45 pm)
Sept. 11	4 th & 6 th	First Day of Religious School (3:30-5:45 pm)
Sept. 14	Teen leaders & K, 1 & 2	Shabbat with Friends (10:30-11:00 am, 11:00-12:00 pm)
Sept. 15	3-5 years	Al Galgalim (10:00-11:30 am)
Sept. 15	Monthly K, 1 & 2	Monthly Religious School (9:30-11:15 am)
Sept. 15	6 th through 8 th	Kadima Kick Off Event (12:00 pm noon)
Sept. 18	7 th through 12 th	Teen Information Meeting (6:00-7:00 pm)
Sept. 18	9 th through 12 th	USY Kick off BBQ & Installations (7:15-9:00 pm)
Sept. 20	ECC & K, 1 & 2	Shabbat in PJs & Shabbat in Sweats (5:30-6:30 pm)
Sept. 22	6 th Grade & Parents	B'nai Mitzvah Project Brunch (10:00 am)
Sept. 25	7 th through 12 th	Teen Monthly (6:00-7:00 pm)
Sept. 28	Teen leaders & K, 1 & 2	Shabbat with Friends (10:30-11:00 am, 11:00-12:00 pm)
Sept. 29	ALL	RS Closed- Erev Rosh Hashana



<u>Oct. 2019</u>		
Oct. 1	ALL	RS Closed- Rosh Hashana
Oct. 5	Kindergarten, 1 st & 2 nd	Breathe in a Blessing (11:00-11:45 am)
Oct. 8	ALL	RS Closed- Kol Nidre
Oct. 9	ALL	RS Closed- Yom Kippur
Oct. 12	Teen leaders & K, 1 & 2	Shabbat with Friends (10:30-11:00 am, 11:00-12:00 pm)
Oct. 13	3-5 years	Al Galgalim (10:00-11:30 am)
Oct. 13	6 th through 8 th grade	Kadima (12:00 pm noon)
Oct. 15	ALL	RS Closed-Sukkot
Oct. 16	7 th through 12 th	Teen Monthly (6:00-7:30 pm)
Oct. 18	ECC & K,1 & 2	Shabbat in PJs & Shabbat in Sweats (5:30-6:30 pm)
Oct. 20	Monthly K, 1 & 2	Monthly Religious School (9:30-11:15 am)
Oct. 20	Kindergarten, 1 st & 2 nd	Chaverim Event (11:30 -12:45 pm)
Oct. 22	ALL	RS Closed- Simchat Torah
Oct. 23	7 th through 12 th	First Day of Teen Semester #1 (6:00-7:30 pm)
Oct. 23	9 th through 12 th	USY Event (7:30-9:00 pm)
Oct. 26	Teen leaders & K, 1 & 2	Shabbat with Friends (10:30-11:00 am, 11:00-12:00 pm)
Oct. 27	3 rd through 5 th	Chalutzim Event
Oct. 27	2 nd through 5 th	Backpacking at Toni's Kitchen (1:00-2:30 pm)
<u>Nov. 2019</u>		
Nov. 1	K, 1 & 2 & Family	Shabbat Dinner & Service (6:00-7:30 pm)
Nov. 2	Teen leaders & K, 1 & 2	Shabbat with Friends (10:30-11:00 am, 11:00-12:00 pm)



Nov. 6	ALL	RS Closed
Nov. 9	Kindergarten, 1 st & 2 nd	Breathe in a Blessing (11:00-11:45 am)
Nov. 10	ALL	RS Closed
Nov. 15	ECC & K,1 & 2	Shabbat in PJs & Shabbat in Sweats (5:30-6:30 pm)
Nov. 17	3-5 years	Al Galgalim (10:00-11:30 am)
Nov. 17	Monthly K, 1 & 2	Monthly Religious School (9:30-11:30 am)
Nov. 20	7 th through 12 th	Teen Monthly (6:00-7:30 pm)
Nov. 20	9 th through 12 th	USY Event (7:30-9:00 pm)
Nov. 23	Teen leaders & K, 1 & 2	Shabbat with Friends (10:30-11:00 am, 11:00-12:00 pm)
Nov. 24	6 th through 8 th grade	Kadima (12:00 pm noon)
Nov. 24	6 th through 12 th grade	Meal Prep/Serving at Toni's Kitchen (3:00-6:15 pm)
Nov. 27	ALL	RS Closed- Thanksgiving
<u>Dec. 2019</u>		
Dec. 1	ALL	RS Closed
Dec. 7	Kindergarten, 1 st & 2 nd	Breathe in a Blessing (11:00-11:45 am)
Dec. 8	2 nd through 5 th	Backpacking at Toni's Kitchen (1:00-2:30 pm)
Dec. 13	ECC & K,1 & 2	Shabbat in PJs & Shabbat in Sweats (5:30-6:30 pm)
Dec. 14	Teen leaders & K, 1 & 2	Shabbat with Friends (10:30-11:00 am, 11:00-12:00 pm)
Dec. 15	3-5 years	Al Galgalim (10:00-11:30 am)
Dec. 15	Monthly K, 1 & 2	Monthly Religious School (9:30-11:30 am)
Dec. 15	6 th through 8 th grade	Kadima (12:00 pm noon)
Dec. 15	Kindergarten, 1 st & 2 nd	Chaverim Event (11:30 -12:45 pm)



Dec. 15	3 rd through 5 th	Chalutzim Event
Dec. 18	7 th through 12 th	Teen Monthly (6:00-7:30 pm)
Dec. 18	9 th through 12 th	USY Event (7:30-9:00 pm)
Dec. 21	Teen leaders & K, 1 & 2	Shabbat with Friends (10:30-11:00 am, 11:00-12:00 pm)
Dec. 22	K through 6 th	Special Hanukkah Family Program
Dec. 24- Jan. 1	ALL	RS Closed- Winter Break
<u>Jan. 2020</u>		
Jan. 1	ALL	Closed – New Year’s Day
Jan. 5	3 rd through 5 th	Chalutzim Event
Jan. 8	7 th through 12 th	First Day of Teen Semester #2 (6:00-7:30 pm)
Jan. 10	3 rd & 4 th & Family	Shabbat Dinner & Service (6:00-7:30 pm)
Jan. 11	Kindergarten, 1 st & 2 nd	Breathe in a Blessing (11:00-11:45 am)
Jan. 12	3-5 years	Al Galgalim (10:00-11:30 am)
Jan. 12	Monthly K, 1 & 2	Monthly Religious School (9:30-11:30 am)
Jan. 12	6 th through 8 th grade	Kadima (12:00 pm noon)
Jan. 15	7 th through 12 th	Teen Monthly (6:00-7:30 pm)
Jan. 15	9 th through 12 th	USY Event (7:30-9:30 pm)
Jan. 17	ECC & K,1 & 2	Shabbat in PJs & Shabbat in Sweats (5:30-6:30 pm)
Jan. 18	Teen leaders & K, 1 & 2	Shabbat with Friends (10:30-11:00 am, 11:00-12:00 pm)
Jan. 19	ALL	Mitzvah Fair (9:30-11:30 am)
Jan. 19	6 th through 12 th grade	Meal Prep/Serving at Toni’s Kitchen (3:00-6:15 pm)
Jan. 25	Teen leaders & K, 1 & 2	Shabbat with Friends (10:30-11:00 am, 11:00-12:00 pm)



<u>Feb. 2020</u>		
Feb. 1	Teen leaders & K, 1 & 2	Shabbat with Friends (10:30-11:00 am, 11:00-12:00 pm)
Feb. 7	ALL	Family Tu B'shvat Seder and service (6:00-7:30 pm)
Feb. 8	Teen leaders & K, 1 & 2	Shabbat with Friends (10:30-11:00 am, 11:00-12:00 pm)
Feb. 9	3-5 years	Al Galgalim (10:00-11:30 am)
Feb. 9	Monthly K, 1 & 2	Monthly Religious School (9:30-11:30 am)
Feb. 9	6 th through 8 th grade	Kadima (12:00 pm noon)
Feb. 9	Kindergarten, 1 st & 2 nd	Chaverim Event (11:30 -12:45 pm)
Feb. 9	3 rd through 5 th	Chalutzim Event
Feb. 9	2 nd through 5 th	Backpacking at Toni's Kitchen (1:00-2:30 pm)
Feb. 16- 18	ALL	RS Closed- President's Day
Feb. 19	9 th through 12 th	USY Event (7:30-9:30 pm)
Feb. 21	ECC & K,1 & 2	Shabbat in PJs & Shabbat in Sweats (5:30-6:30 pm)
Feb. 26	7 th through 12 th	Teen Monthly (6:00-7:30 pm)
Feb. 29	Kindergarten, 1 st & 2 nd	Breathe in a Blessing (11:00-11:45 am)
<u>Mar. 2020</u>		
Mar. 4	7 th through 12 th	First Day of Teen Semester #3 (6:00-7:30 pm)
Mar. 7	Teen leaders & K, 1 & 2	Shabbat with Friends (10:30-11:00 am, 11:00-12:00 pm)
Mar. 8	3-5 years	Al Galgalim (10:00-11:30 am)
Mar. 8	Monthly K, 1 & 2	Monthly Religious School (9:30-11:30 am)
Mar. 9	6 th through 8 th grade	Kadima Purim Pregame (6:00 pm)
Mar. 10	ALL	RS Closed- Purim



Mar. 11	9 th through 12 th	USY Event (7:30-9:30 pm)
Mar. 15	6 th through 12 th grade	Meal Prep/Serving at Toni's Kitchen (3:00-6:15 pm)
Mar. 18	7 th through 12 th	Teen Monthly (6:00-7:30 pm)
Mar. 20	ECC & K,1 & 2	Shabbat in PJs & Shabbat in Sweats (5:30-6:30 pm)
Mar. 21	Teen leaders & K, 1 & 2	Shabbat with Friends (10:30-11:00 am, 11:00-12:00 pm)
Mar. 27	5 th & 6 th & Family	Shabbat Dinner & Service (6:00-7:30 pm)
Mar. 28	Kindergarten, 1 st & 2 nd	Breathe in a Blessing (11:00-11:45 am)
<u>Apr. 2020</u>		
Apr. 1	9 th through 12 th	USY Event (7:30-9:30 pm)
Apr. 4	Teen leaders & K, 1 & 2	Shabbat with Friends (10:30-11:00 am, 11:00-12:00 pm)
Apr. 5	3-5 years	Al Galgalim (10:00-11:30 am)
Apr. 5	Monthly K, 1 & 2	Monthly Religious School (9:30-11:30 am)
Apr. 5	6 th through 8 th grade	Kadima (12:00 pm noon)
Apr. 5	Kindergarten, 1 st & 2 nd	Chaverim Event (11:30 am-12:45 pm)
Apr. 5	2 nd through 5 th	Backpacking at Toni's Kitchen (1:00-2:30 pm)
Apr. 7-15	ALL	RS Closed- Passover Break
Apr. 22	7 th through 12 th	Teen Monthly (6:00-7:30 pm)
Apr. 24	ECC & K,1 & 2	Shabbat in PJs & Shabbat in Sweats (5:30-6:30 pm)
Apr. 25	Kindergarten, 1 st & 2 nd	Breathe in a Blessing (11:00-11:45 am)
Apr. 26	3 rd through 5 th	Chalutzim Event
<u>May 2020</u>		
May. 2	Teen leaders & K, 1 & 2	Shabbat with Friends (10:30-11:00 am, 11:00-12:00 pm)



May. 3	3-5 years	Al Galgalim (10:00-11:30 am)
May. 3	Monthly K, 1 & 2	Monthly Religious School (9:30-11:30 am)
May. 3	6 th through 8 th grade	Kadima (12:00 pm noon)
May. 10	ALL	RS Closed- Mother's Day
May 12	3 rd & 5 th	Last Day of Religious School
May. 13	4 th & 6 th	Last Day of Religious School
May. 13	7 th through 12 th	Teen Monthly (6:00-7:30 pm)
May. 15	ECC & K,1 & 2	Shabbat in PJs & Shabbat in Sweats (5:30-6:30 pm)
May. 17	Kindergarten, 1 st & 2 nd	Last Day of Religious School
May. 17	6 th through 12 th grade	Meal Prep/Serving at Toni's Kitchen (3:00-6:15 pm)
May. 19	ALL STAFF	Teacher Banquet (6:00-7:30 pm)
May. 27	9 th through 12 th	USY Event (7:30-9:30 pm)
May. 30	Kindergarten, 1 st & 2 nd	Breathe in a Blessing (11:00-11:45 am)
<u>June 2020</u>		
June 10	9 th through 12 th	USY Event (7:30-9:30 pm)



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Tour Pricing

DISCOUNTED PRICE FOR CHECK PAYMENT

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per person in a double room
Land and Air Package - \$5715
per person in a double room
Single Room Supplement - \$1240

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Land Only Package - \$4322
per person in a double room
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REDUCTIONS

Third Person Adult, in a triple room - Subtract \$310
Child, Age 2-12 as a third in a triple room - Subtract \$515
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3rd & 4th Person, sharing a room in a quad - Subtract \$220

Round trip air: EWR - Tel Aviv - Return

Added to the costs above are tips for Guide, Driver, Restaurants, and Porterage - \$210

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**Tour price is based on 25 participants; price will increase with less than the 25 participants and be reduced at 30 or more

Contact Rabbi Ari Lucas or Susan Werk at 973-226-3600 or email Rabbi at alucas@agudath.org or Susan at swerk@agudath.org
Tour manager Yafa at yafa@israeltour.com - ITC Tours LLC at 973-535-2575

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Tour Package Includes:

- Hotels: Dan Panorama Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, Kibbutz Lavi Hadar Wing North, Ramon Inn, Mitzpe Ramon
- All Breakfasts, Shabbat Dinner and Shabbat Lunch, 6 Weekday dinners and 4 lunches as per itinerary
- Touring with Susan Werk and one of Israel's Top Tour Guide educators in a WiFi enabled deluxe touring Motor Coach

A Few Tour Highlights:

- Shekhiyanu - Welcome blessing on top of Tel Jaffa overlooking modern Tel Aviv
- Tour Old Jaffa, ancient port city known as Zion Gate where Jonah tried to flee and where Solomon brought the Cedars of Lebanon
- Visit the Palmach Museum in Ramat Aviv to learn about the elite underground organization
- Discover City of Sand and Sea, a mosaic fountain created by artist and writer Nachum Gutman
- Israel Innovation Center, located in the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange
- Free time to explore the Nachalat Binyamin crafts fair, checkout the nearby Carmel Market and bohemian Sheinkin Street
- Explore ancient Tzippori and study a Jewish text in the ruins of the city where Rabbi Judah Hanasi sealed the Mishna
- Tour mystical Tzfat's old synagogues and alleyways. Tzfat was the cradle of Kabbalah (Jewish mysticism) in the 16th century
- Walk in the lush Tel Dan Nature Reserve, source of the Jordan River.
- Tour the Golan Heights for a perspective on Israel's complex geopolitics
- Barbeque dinner with young Israeli soldiers who are giving some of the best years of their lives to the defense of Israel.
- Explore the bustling Machane Yehuda Market and take in a slice of local life as you see Jerusalemites prepare for Shabbat
- Greet the Sabbath at the Western Wall, pray together at the egalitarian section the "Masorti Kotel"
- Engage in hands on tzedakah preparing food packages for some of Israel's neediest people at Pantry Packers
- Guided tour of Yad Vashem, Israel's national Holocaust memorial and museum, including the Holocaust History Museum
- B'nai Mitzvah ceremony at the Masorati Kotel to connect a Jewish past with a Jewish future, festive B'nai Mitzvah lunch
- Discover the archaeological story of the Western Wall from rabbinic texts while standing where Jewish pilgrims did 2,000 years ago
- Set out early across the Judean Desert and ascend Masada by cable car to tour the ruins of King Herod's palace
- Jeep tour to explore Makhtesh Ramon (Ramon Crater) and discover magnificent desert landscapes
- Visit Paula Spack and Michael Nelson, CAI congregants who made Aliyah and live in Beer Sheba, the capital of the Negev

Trip Costs and Reductions

Discounted price for check payment
 Land Only Package - \$4195
 Land and Air Package - \$6045
 Single Room Supplement - \$1240

Full price for credit card payment
 Land Only Package - \$4363
 Full cost Land and Air Package - \$6287
 Single Room Supplement - \$1289

Reductions
 3rd adult in a room - \$150
 Child, age 2-12 as 3rd in a triple room - \$415
 Bar/Bat Mitzvah, 12-13 as 3rd in room - \$560
 Third and Fourth sharing in quad - \$210

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