

2023 – 2024 School Year for GRJC Hebrew School

Tree of Life Pathways at GRJC: Roots (*Shorashim*) and Branches (*Anafim*)

Guiding principles:

Both the one day and two-a-week paths will provide a core knowledge of Judaism and nourish positive Jewish experiences.

To the extent possible students in both paths will interact with each other as often as possible.

The Tree of Life Pathways will be enhanced for all students with both Shabbat and special Sunday programs.

All students in Gan – Bet (Kindergarten – 2nd grade) and **Zayin** (7th grade) will continue to meet once/week. All Gan – Bet students will meet on Sunday mornings from 9 – 10:55 am (with a rotating special class, like art). Zayin will meet on Mondays from 3:45 – 5:45 pm.

Grades Gimel – Vav (3rd – 6th grade)

Shorashim (= Roots) One day/week path:

Shorashim students in **Gimel – Vav** will meet on Tuesday afternoons from 3:45 – 6:45 pm with a 30-minute dinner break.

Anafim (= Branches) Students in two day/week path (Gimel – Vav):

Anafim students in **Gimel – Vav** will meet on Sundays from 11:15 – 1:10 pm and on Tuesdays from 3:45 – 6:00 pm (with a 30 minute dinner break).

Shorashim and **Anafim** students will meet together from 3:45 – 5:00 on Tuesdays. Subjects will include Jewish rituals, holidays, customs, Torah, Israel, Jewish values in the Bible. From 5:00 – 5:30 all students will have a light dinner and break. When Shorashim and Anafim meet separately, they will be studying Hebrew, t'filah (prayer), engage in Project Based Learning (PBL), and have their special classes (e.g.: art, music, cooking).

Special Shabbat and Sunday programming:

Shabbat: Participation in Shabbat programming including Shabbat together, Mishpacha Minyan, Havdalah and Shabbatonim will continue to be an integral part of Hebrew School.

Sunday student and family programming: Approximately six times/year special programming will be offered for all Hebrew school students/families. For example, Sukkah Decorating, Jewish Trivia Day, Purim Carnival, Israel Fair, Maccabiah (sports festival), Zemriyah (song festival).