



Shalom! Welcome and welcome back to Congregation Ner Shalom's Religious School! We are so excited to learn with you!

Ner Shalom continues to partner with the Institute of Southern Jewish Life (ISJL), based in Jackson, MS. Through this partnership, we are provided programs and resources - including digitized lesson plans for all our classroom needs this year - along with synagogues varying sizes and denominations throughout the South. The ISJL is dedicated to promoting, celebrating, and educating about Judaism. We believe this partnership and curriculum ensures our religious school continues to be always fun and engaging, as well as provides thorough and consistent education.

One thing we love about this curriculum is that the Hebrew lessons and Judaic Studies lessons are integrated. To get the most out of our time, it is imperative that students arrive promptly at 9:30 so that class can start on time. We have made a great investment in this curriculum and want to use it to the fullest! Additionally, in order to keep up week-to-week, students will be expected to practice reading Hebrew throughout the week, approximately 5 minutes a day, at least 5 days a week. Parents should sign off on "Take 5" sheets to ensure students are taking their studies seriously.

We at the religious school would also like to inform and remind families that students should arrive in class having already eaten breakfast, although snacks are also allowed during specific periods of classtime.

Make sure to keep up to date on our calendars! We encourage participation in every part of communal life at Ner Shalom, so plan to attend designated Shabbat services in addition to Sunday mornings, and let Rabbi Lizz or your teacher know when your family will not be present for a religious school class or event.

Shalom and a Sweet School Year!

Religious School Calendar 2023-2024 // 5784

August 13, 2023	Open House Picnic 11:30 AM-2:30 PM
August 20, 2023	First Day of Religious School! 9:30 AM-12:00 PM
August 27, 2023	Religious School 9:30 AM-12:00 PM
September 3, 2023	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL (Labor Day Weekend)

September 10, 2023	Religious School 9:30 AM-12:00 PM
September 17, 2023	Religious School 9:30 AM-12:00 PM
September 24, 2023	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL (Yom Kippur)
September 29, 2023	Sukkot Potluck 6:00 PM Family Shabbat w/ RS participation 7:00 PM

October 1, 2023	Religious School (Sukkot) 9:30 AM-12:00 PM
October 8, 2023	NO SCHOOL (Indigenous People's Day)
October 15, 2023	Religious School 9:30 AM-12:00 PM
October 22, 2023	Religious School 9:30 AM-12:00 PM
October 27, 2023	Family Shabbat w/ RS participation 7:00-8:30 PM
October 29, 2023	Religious School 9:30 AM-12:00 PM

November 5, 2023	Religious School 9:30 AM-12:00 PM
November 12, 2023	Religious School 9:30 AM-12:00 PM
November 17th, 2023	Family Shabbat w/ RS participation 7:00-8:30 PM
November 19, 2023	Religious School 9:30 AM-12:00 PM
November 26, 2023	NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving weekend)

December 3, 2023	Religious School 9:30 AM-12:00 PM
December 10, 2023	Religious School (Chanukah) 9:30 AM-12:00 PM
December 15, 2023	Latke Dinner 6:00 PM Family Shabbat w/ RS participation 7:00-8:30 PM
December 17, 2023	Religious School 9:30 AM-12:00 PM
December 24, 2023	NO SCHOOL (Winter Recess)
December 31, 2023	NO SCHOOL (Winter Recess)

January 7, 2024	Religious School 9:30 AM-12:00 PM
January 14, 2024	NO SCHOOL (MLK Day weekend)
January 21, 2024	Religious School (Tu BiShevat) 9:30 AM-12:00 PM
January 26, 2024	Family Shabbat/Tu BiShevat Seder w/ RS participation 7:00-8:30 PM
January 28, 2024	Religious School 9:30 AM-12:00 PM

February 4, 2024	Religious School 9:30 AM-12:00 PM
February 9, 2024	Family Shabbat w/ RS participation 7:00-8:30 PM
February 11, 2024	Religious School 9:30 AM-12:00 PM
February 18, 2024	NO SCHOOL (Presidents' Day weekend)
February 25, 2024	Religious School 9:30 AM-12:00 PM & Field Trip (Ticket Entrance begins at 10:15am)

March 3, 2024	Religious School 9:30 AM-12:00 PM
March 10, 2024	Religious School 9:30 AM-12:00 PM
March 17, 2024	Religious School (Hamantaschen and Purim Carnival) 9:30 AM-12:00 PM
March 22, 2023	Family Shabbat w/ RS participation and Megillah Reading 7:00-8:30 PM
March 24, 2024	NO SCHOOL (Spring Recess)
March 31, 2023	NO SCHOOL (Spring Recess)

April 7, 2024	Religious School 9:30 AM-12:00 PM
April 14, 2024	Religious School 9:30 AM-12:00 PM
April 19, 2024	Family Shabbat w/ RS participation 7:00-8:30 PM
April 21, 2024	Religious School (Passover) 9:30 AM-12:00 PM
April 23, 2024	Community Seder 6 PM
April 28, 2024	Religious School 9:30 AM-12:00 PM

May 5th, 2024	LAST DAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 9:30 AM-12:00 PM
June 11th, 2024	Shavuot and Teen Shul In 6:30 PM-????

Differently Programmed Sundays to Note:

- Note Holidays to teach/we will have all-school programs for are on the calendar, just before the holiday actually starts
- Teacher Enrichment (October 22nd)
- Parent Breakfast/Family Program (November 12th)
- Teacher Enrichment (January 21st)
- Parent Breakfast/Family Program (March 3rd)
- Teacher Enrichment (April 28th)
- End of Year Picnic and Awards (May 5th)