

A Note for Our Parents of 7th-12th Grade Students

Dear Parents,

Our Hebrew High program has provided enriching opportunities for our 7th-12th graders to explore Judaism at a deeper and richer level. We want our teenagers to feel that Congregation Shir Hadash is a space for them to express themselves, ask questions about Judaism, and find answers that are meaningful to them. We also want our teenagers understand how Judaism can help them articulate their own ethic and moral compass.

In recent years, we have provided the option for our 7th and 8th grade students to attend class either on Sunday mornings or Tuesday evenings. This has proven to be especially helpful for our 7th grade families whose children are preparing for their B'nai Mitzvah.

However, our students this year expressed a strong desire to have separate classes for each grade. This is a possibility for our Tuesday classes, but due to space constraints, we are unable to make this change for our Sunday classes.

After consideration, 7th grade students will continue to be given the option to attend class on Sunday mornings or Tuesday evenings. Beginning this Fall, 8th grade classes will only meet on Tuesday evenings. However, we strongly encourage all 7th graders to enroll in our Tuesday evening program.

On Tuesday evenings, our 7th-12th grade students come together as a community. 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students take elective classes together. Special programs create unique learning experiences. This year, Tuesday students have had the opportunity to learn from the Anti-Defamation League, meet Jewish sports heroes, and form our teen-led youth group. We are looking forward to even more learning experiences during the 2019-2020 school year.

Our school calendar is now inclusive of both Sunday Kulanu and Tuesday Hebrew High! This calendar is subject to change, but we do look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday, September 8 or Tuesday, September 10 for the first days of school. **An updated calendar will be sent prior to the beginning of the school year.**

As always, do not hesitate to contact us with questions and concerns. We are excited for another year of growing, learning, and fun.

Sincerely,

Rabbi PJ Schwartz
Rabbi Educator