

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is Kulanu?

Kulanu means “all of us.” Kulanu encompasses our formal and informal education and engagement programs for our youth and families. We believe in forming a sacred community - kehillah kedoshah - that fosters Jewish identity formation, builds meaningful connections, and creates a sense of joy and belonging.

2. When will my child(ren) be attending Kulanu?

Our Kulanu Learning program for Grades K-6 will take place on Sunday mornings from 9:30am-12:00pm. Our Kulanu Hebrew program for Grades 3-6 will take place in one-hour, small group sessions either on Sundays from 12:30pm-1:30pm, Tuesdays from 3:45pm-4:45pm, or Tuesdays from 5:00pm-6:00pm. Our teen program, JET (Jewish Experiences for Teens) will take place on Tuesdays from 6:30pm-8:00pm.

3. What is tuition?

Our tuition and fees schedule can be found [here](#). We have not increased tuition for the 2021-2022 academic year. For those who need financial assistance, scholarships are available. Applications can be found [here](#), and we do not want finances to be a barrier to your child(ren)'s Jewish education.

4. What COVID protocols are in place?

We are committed to following CDC and county guidelines, as well as following guidance from our Re-Opening Taskforce. We may choose to be more conservative in our decision making than what the CDC and county will allow.

That said, all class sizes will be limited to **16 students**. We will do our best to practice social distancing, require masks, and maintain stable groupings. We have already made some upgrades to our facilities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and all of our staff and teachers will be fully vaccinated.

5. I have a child with special needs. How can you best support him or her?

On your registration form, there is a question prompting you to identify if your child has special needs or has an IEP. Please be as honest as possible so that we can discuss ways to respond to their individual needs.

6. I do not know my child(ren)'s extracurricular schedule for the Fall. Why do I need to select a session for Hebrew now?

Due to COVID-19, it is important that we maintain evenly distributed class sizes and maintain stable groups. We also believe that consistency in classes helps our teachers best instruct our students. While all of our teachers will be following the same curriculum in their respective grades, each class is different. Please make your best guess in terms of when your child can attend Kulanu Hebrew.

7. Are you providing snacks?

At this time, we will be limiting the distribution of and eating of food on our campus. We will be assessing what this looks like closer to the beginning of the school year. We will provide opportunities for our students who are attending Kulanu Hebrew on Sundays and Tuesdays to eat lunch or snacks prior to class. We will not be having JET dinners prior to class on Tuesday evenings. We will reassess as CDC and county guidelines change and evolve.

8. Where can I find the school calendars? A tentative calendar for Kulanu Learning and Hebrew can be found [here](#). A tentative calendar for JET can be found [here](#). If there are errors or inconsistencies, please contact Rabbi Schwartz at rabbischwartz@shirhadash.org.

9. Who do I go to with questions?

Please do not hesitate to contact Rabbi Schwartz at rabbischwartz@shirhadash.org or (678) 575-3949 with any questions or concerns. You may also contact our Youth and Family Programs/Office Assistant, Samantha Meister, at samantha@shirhadash.org.