



TEMPLE CHAI
RELIGIOUS
SCHOOL



2017/2018

Pre-Kindergarten – 12th Grade



Sundays
9:00am - 12:15pm



Curriculum,

Schedules, and Tuition

Pre-K (Ktanim), Kindergarten (Gan Yeladim), and 1st Grade (Kitah Aleph)

Our focus with our youngest students is to provide them with an environment in which they will have fun, make friends, and begin to learn what it means to be Jewish. Our teachers incorporate games, projects, music, stories, and hands-on activities to foster our students' Jewish identity and their sense of belonging at Temple Chai and in the Jewish community. Students are taught Hebrew letters and basic vocabulary in order to help prepare them for the more formal Hebrew study which begins in 2nd grade.

All of our students spend 15 minutes every week participating in community building activities (*mitchabrim*) with their classmates and 30 minutes singing and learning about prayer with Cantor Wolman.

Sample Sunday Schedule for Pre-K, Kinder, and 1st Graders

9:00 - Let's Discover Judaism/Project Period
10:15 - Kabbalat Shabbat/Snack/Recess
10:30 - Music and T'fillah with Cantor Wolman
11:00 - Hebrew games and vocabulary building
11:30 - Story-time
11:40 - Mitchabrim (Let's Connect) and wrap-up activity
12:15 - Dismissal

Tuition

Pre-K: \$690

*Pre-K is free for members with students currently enrolled in our ECC.

Kindergarten: \$690

*Kindergarten is ½ price for members with students who are graduates of our ECC.

1st Grade: \$750

2nd Grade (Kitah Bet) & 3rd Grade (Kitah Gimel)

Continuing with our *Let's Discover Judaism* program, our 2nd and 3rd graders will use hands-on learning to study holidays, customs, middot, Torah, tzedakah, tikkun olam, and mitzvot. Our teachers incorporate art, movement, cooking, creative writing, and imaginative play to lay the foundation for more advanced Judaic study for these young students in years to come. The 2nd and 3rd grade students will work with a Hebrew teacher each week to learn to read Hebrew. Our 2nd grade students learn basic Hebrew reading skills and our 3rd graders work on becoming fluent readers. Both grade take at least one field trip each year to perform a mitzvah project.

Our students spend 15 minutes every week participating in community building activities (*mitchabrim*) with their classmates and 30 minutes singing and learning about prayer with Cantor Wolman. Also, starting in 3rd grade, our students get the opportunity to attend our optional Hebrew Hangout program on Wednesday afternoons at no additional cost.

2nd Grade (Kitah Bet) Sample Sunday Schedule

9:00 - Hooray for Hebrew
9:50 - Let's Discover Judaism/Project Period
10:50 - Kabbalat Shabbat/Recess/Snack
11:10 - Music and T'fillah with Cantor Wolman
11:40 - Project Wrap Up/Story time
12:00 - Mitchabrim (Let's Connect)
12:15 - Dismissal

3rd Grade (Kitah Gimmel) Sample Sunday Schedule

9:00 - Hooray for Hebrew
10:10 - Let's Discover Judaism/Project Period

10:50 - Kabbalat Shabbat/Recess/Snack
11:10 - Music and T'fillah with Cantor Wolman
11:40 - Project Wrap Up
12:00 - Mitchabrim (Let's Connect)
12:15 - Dismissal

Tuition

2nd Grade Tuition: \$750

3rd Grade Tuition: \$800

4th Grade (Kitah Dalet)

This is the year when our students put their Hebrew reading skills to work as they begin to learn prayers and blessings. They will use music, technology, and activities to explore the meanings of prayers and gain a strong Hebrew foundation, giving them the confidence and knowledge to take on the challenges of becoming a Bar/ Bat Mitzvah.

Our 4th grade students will also spend the year creating a family Shabbat book to explore holidays, customs, and Jewish values. They spend 15 minutes every week participating in community building activities (*mitchabrim*) with their classmates and 30 minutes studying and singing with Cantor Wolman. Along with all of that, these students help organize and run our annual Mitzvah Mall.

In 4th grade, our students get to join us for the Hebrew School retreat in Prescott as well as attend a shabbaton event here at Temple Chai. They also can attend our optional Hebrew Hangout program on Wednesday afternoons (at no additional cost).

5th Grade (Kitah Hey) and 6th Grade (Kitah Vav)

Students in 5th and 6th grade will be working on an advanced Hebrew curriculum in which they will study prayers and blessings and engage in activities that will give them a deeper understanding of our traditional Shabbat service.

Students in these grades will also be working on an advanced Judaic Studies curriculum which will be taught using an experiential approach. Along with holidays and doing at least one mitzvah project, students will also be studying the following topics:

5th Grade

Jewish Middot (Values) and Israel Today: Using STEAM to Learn About Israel

6th Grade

Jewish Life Cycles and Modern Israel

Our 5th and 6th graders participate in our *Chuggim @ Chai* program (electives). They also join us on our school retreat in Prescott, AZ and begin gathering with other 5th graders and their families throughout the year in preparation for their bar/bat mitzvah.

In 6th grade, our students and their parents get to attend a special B'nai Mitzvah retreat.

Tuition

4th Grade: \$1050

5th Grade: \$1050

6th Grade: \$1050

7th Grade (Kitah Zayin)

Our focus with our 7th graders is to educate them while also giving them time to further cement the bonds they have made with their Jewish friends. They will use the backdrop of the Holocaust to study human rights in one class and they will discuss and discover Jewish values and ethics in their second class. These students will also continue to brush-up on their Hebrew skills and begin training to become a madrich or madricha.

Seventh graders participate in our *Chuggim @ Chai* program (electives). The *Chuggim @ Chai* program is explained in more detail below. They also join us on our school retreat weekend at Camp Stein in Prescott, AZ.

7th Grade (Kitah Zayin) Sample Sunday Schedule

9:00 - Chuggim
9:45 - 1st Hour Class (Holocaust or Ethics)
10:45 - 2nd Hour Class (Holocaust or Ethics)
11:45 - Hebrew
12:15 - Dismissal

Tuition

7th Grade: \$750

Chai School

8th-12th Grade

9:30am-12:00pm

Temple Chai's Chai School is a fun and interactive program that allows our teens to learn, explore, and bond with other Jewish teens. Class topics include ethics, tolerance, tikkun olam, relationships, community, life skills, and much more. Our 8th and 9th graders meet 3 times a month, 10th graders meet every Sunday, and 11th and 12th graders meet one time each month. Please see the "special programs" section of this packet for information on the local and national youth group and madrichim opportunities.

10th Grade Confirmation

In 10th grade, students will move from the brit of fate to the brit of faith. The students discuss issues such as relationships, community, commitment, and real-life Judaism. The class has speakers and field trips throughout the year, including a trip to Washington DC through the Religious Action Center's L'Taken Social Justice Seminar.

The year concludes with the 10th graders leading their families and their community in a beautiful Havdalah service.

Tuition

8th and 9th Grade: \$350

10th Grade: \$600

11th and 12th Grade: \$240