



Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation is provided by the Cantor and the Rabbi during an additional time slot, beginning 6 months prior to Bar/Bat Mitzvah

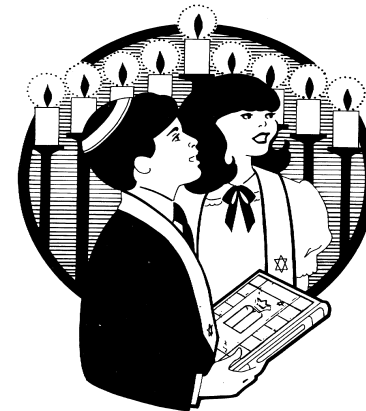
Confirmation continuing education available post-Bar/Bat Mitzvah.



Religious School

“A Meaningful Jewish Education”

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Goals

The goals we set for our Religious School at Temple Shaarei Shalom include: using our heritage, tradition and history to make our lives today more meaningful, all the while encouraging commitment to Jews the world over. This year we are launching the Chai curriculum in grades 2-6. Developed by the Reform movement, with input from scholars, rabbis, and educators (both religious and secular), the program will involve parents who can participate in discussions and activities with their children, teachers, rabbi, educational directors and staff.

At the Religious School, we hope to achieve these specific objectives:

Worship

Creating a positive attitude toward prayer and worship through mastery of significant blessings, prayers and hymns; being able to read and understand our prayer book, “*The Gates of Prayer.*”

Ethics and Values

Appreciating the contribution of Jewish tradition and how it can influence one’s personal life; applying the values of our Jewish heritage to issues of personal living in today’s complex world.

Ceremonies

Instilling a positive appreciation of ceremony in a religious life (traditions) through familiarity with the Jewish religious calendar; developing personal habits of ceremonial observance and through actively participating in a wide array of Jewish practice.

The Hebrew Language

Developing an appreciation and concern for the special importance of the Hebrew language in the life of the Jewish people in the United States, in Israel and the world over; exposing the students to the Hebrew language and encouraging its use in prayer and as a living language.

The Bible

Developing in the students a habit and a desire to read the Bible as a source of inspiration and to gain appreciation of its religious and cultural values through a familiarity with selected elements of Biblical literature.

The Jewish People

Developing a sense of identification with the Jewish people and actively participating in all aspects of the Jewish community; acquiring knowledge of Jewish life in America, past and present; understanding the importance of the State of Israel and its history.

Theology

Developing a personal religious orientation and commitment through an understanding of the problems that have universally concerned mankind; studying how the Jewish people have dealt with these problems in the past and the importance of Reform Judaism’s contributions in this important area.