



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

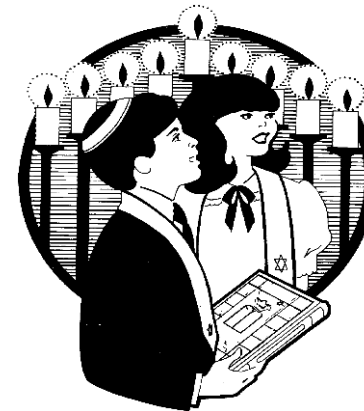
Confirmation continuing education available post-Bar/Bat Mitzvah.



## Religious School

“A Meaningful Jewish Education”

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## ***Goals***

The Religious School was established in September 2000 with a handful of students. Today, it is a vibrant, full service Religious School with over 300 students under the supervision of Educational Director Miriam Schaffer RJE. The School program begins with Kindergarten and continues through Confirmation in 10<sup>th</sup> Grade. The goal of the Religious School is to help students make informed choices so they can develop a sense of faith in their lives and identification with the Jewish people. This is done through the study of Torah, Prayers, Israel, Holidays and Jewish Values, utilizing a creative, hands-on curriculum that encourages students to become life-long learners.

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.