

Life Long Education

Student Teachers

Our teenagers are a vital part of the Temple Sinai community! We offer our 8th through 12th grade students the opportunity to be student teachers in our Religious School. While earning community services hours, teenagers are able to gain the skills and practice they need to eventually become teachers themselves. There are also educational and social aspects to this program which keep our teenagers connected to each other and to the larger community.



Class Schedule

Sunday School:

Sunday 9:00AM - Noon

Religious School:

Sunday: 9:00AM – Noon.

- AND -

Wednesdays: 4:00-5:15PM

OR – 5:15-6:30PM.

Sinai Chai:

Monday: 6:00-8:00pm



A Reform Congregation

Nurturing Souls for a Fuller Jewish Life

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Temple Sinai Religious School

The Religious School at Temple Sinai offers our students and families a first-class, high quality and innovative congregational religious school for students in Kindergarten through Middle School. Our mission is to offer our students the knowledge, resources, and connection to a caring and engaging community that will become the cornerstone of their future in the greater Jewish and world communities. Our program is divided into three branches:

- ⇒ Sunday school (K- 2nd grade);
- ⇒ Religious School (3rd-6th grade), and
- ⇒ Sinai Chai (7th-8th grade).

Religious School

Kindergarten - 2nd grade

The Sunday school at Temple Sinai is a unique Kindergarten through 2nd grade program designed to engage children in Jewish learning through song, dance, study, drama, and excitement! Motivated by the beauty of all that Judaism has to offer and the active engagement of young minds and talent, students and families are launched into an unmatched and captivating experience.

Engaging children through hands-on activities is a fundamental tenet of our Sunday School philosophy. A multi-modal approach, matched with developmental levels, allows children to actively participate in the classroom and learn about their heritage in ways that encourage the development of a positive identity with Judaism and with Temple Sinai.

The Sunday School curriculum covers three important and interconnected subjects: Holidays & Traditions, Hebrew, and Torah.

3rd - 6th grade

The Religious School at Temple Sinai offers our 3rd through 6th graders the knowledge and experiences they need to take on the responsibilities and joys of becoming an active participant in the Jewish community. Our curriculum gives our students access into the worlds of Jewish texts, prayer, history, culture, and values that will offer them entry into a lifetime of Jewish learning. Students in the Religious School meet twice weekly and discover Judaism by exploring different, but interconnected areas of

study.

Jewish Texts

In the Religious School we expand our students' Jewish textual learning by delving deeper into Torah study and including texts found throughout our tradition. We give our students a taste of the ideas and topics that our tradition offers while inspiring them to find their own voices in our eternal conversation.

Hebrew

Wednesday's sessions will be dedicated to Hebrew. By focusing primarily on fluency in reading, reciting, comprehending, and connecting to Jewish Liturgy, students will be able to acquire the basic skills for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation.

While we seek to offer our students the skills to participate in communal worship, we also strive to connect students with prayer on personal and spiritual levels.

To accommodate other afternoon programs, students choose one of the following sessions: 4:00-5:15pm or 5:15-6:30pm.

Sinai Chai (7th – 8th grade)

B'nai Mitzvah commemorates one of the most important milestones in the life of every Jewish child. Prior to B'nai Mitzvah our children dedicate months of preparation, in readiness for their first *aliyah* and the taking on of adult responsibilities. However, it is only the beginning.

As many students have already achieved the goals of becoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah, this program offers our 7th through 8th graders the knowledge and experiences they need to take on the responsibilities and joys of becoming an active participant in the Jewish

community.

As much as becoming B'nai Mitzvah commemorates the transformation from childhood to adulthood, adolescence also plays a major role in shaping our children's personalities and their ability to set priorities and make the right choices.

At Temple Sinai we believe in a life-long education.

The program will be held on Mondays between 6:00pm and 8:00pm, and will include several types of activities to engage our teens with the wider Jewish community and to train them as the next leaders of the community, including formal instruction, fun activities, social action projects, and opportunities to gain leadership experience as volunteers in our Religious School.

Projects

The program of Sinai Chai covers three important and interconnected subjects: The International Jew; *tikkun olam* (social action); and Holocaust.

Students are given the opportunity to explore and express their individual interests. Each trimester, using a successful organizing model, students will decide on an area of Judaism that interests and inspires them, and culminate their research in a final project that will be presented at the end of the trimester.

Whether it will be guiding a tour for parents in the Holocaust Memorial, planning the congregational Mitzvah Day, or connecting with other teens in other world-wide Jewish community