

The mission of The Mitzner Family Religious School is to foster the development and ongoing growth of Jewish identity for everyone associated with our programs: children, parents and teachers. The cornerstones of this program are faith in God, love of Torah, and identification with the Jewish people and Israel through involvement in the synagogue and Jewish life.

Hebrew is part of the formal Religious School experience beginning in the Kindergarten.

Students participate in T'filah on a weekly basis.

Early Childhood Education

Students will be exposed to Jewish values and holidays. This will be done by creating a multi-sensory experience through hands on activities, such as creating a treasure box and other art projects.

Kindergarten

Students will focus primarily on Jewish holidays and stories from the Torah. They will also be introduced to מצוות (*mitz'vot*, commandments) as well as why Jews follow them.

First Grade

Students will learn more about מצוות (*mitz'vot*, commandments) and how they impact everyday life. Students will begin to explore the concept of God along with a continued exploration of holidays.

Second Grade

Students will explore the Jewish community and their role in it. They will do this through the celebration of lifecycle events, and learning about Jewish symbols, prayers and holidays. Students will also begin their exploration of Israel as the Jewish homeland.

Third Grade

Students will begin to understand the Torah and its value in a more insightful way. Through learning about the concept of God, and their relationship with God, students will develop their spirituality while still studying holidays.

Fourth Grade

Students will begin to critically think about their concept of God and Jewish holidays. This year focuses on the prophets found throughout the תנ"ך (*TaNakh*, Torah, Prophets and Writings/Hebrew Bible).

Fifth Grade

Students will take a "Jewish Journey" through the lens of eight Jewish values. These values will be associated with different lifecycle events and cities in Israel throughout the year in order for students to gain a deeper understanding of all three topics.

Sixth Grade

Students will study various portions of the Torah and identify five main themes found throughout each portion as they prepare to become a Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Through this they will further develop their concept of God.

Seventh Grade

Students will learn about the Prophets found throughout the תנ"ך (*TaNakh*, Torah, Prophets and Writings/Hebrew Bible) in relation to various social justice issues. This will enable students to visualize their role in the greater Jewish community.

B'nai Mitzvah

Six months prior to Bar/Bat Mitzvah, students meet mid-week with the Hebrew tutor and Rabbi in preparation for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Bar/Bat Mitzvah dates are assigned in the spring of the fourth grade year.

Family Shabbat

Each grade participates in a Family Shabbat experience.

Family Education

Each grade has a Family Education Day in which families are encouraged to get to know each other better through experiential activities and the sharing of family stories.

Special Needs

All of our students' religious education is important to us. If a child receives assistance in regular school we may need to adapt our curriculum to insure the students' success. We have a Special Needs Coordinator on staff to assist in communication between parents, students and teachers.

ROAD TO CONFIRMATION

8th and 9th grade, Chai 5 meets for experiential learning 8 times per year that combines with a parallel program of social action, mitzvah, volunteerism to TKC and/or charitable organizations and much more to choose from when building points toward Confirmation in 10th grade.

Our 10th grade, completes the Chai 5 program in the fall. During the spring semester they will meet an average of 3 times per month, to work on their Confirmation service.