

Religious School
Registration
2017-2018



*The Jewish Center
435 Nassau Street
Princeton, New Jersey*

Dear Religious School Families,

We are pleased to provide you with the registration packet for the 2017 - 2018 school year!

The goal of our curriculum is to educate our students to be:

1. Jews who express pride in their heritage, who are excited about being Jewish and who observe and practice Jewish traditions.
2. Jews who are familiar with the rituals and customs associated with Shabbat and holidays, who understand the reasons for these observances and who celebrate these occasions appropriately.
3. Jews who can describe the different ways Jewish people have conceptualized God throughout history and who can affirm and act upon a personal perspective of God and spirituality.
4. Jews who have a clear understanding of the nature of prayer (what it is and why we pray), who are knowledgeable and comfortable with the structure and contents of the prayer book and who themselves participate in T'fillah with Kavanah.
5. Jews who can explain the important values/mitzvot which have guided Jews for 4,000 years, who know the reasons for Jewish devotion to these values and who themselves are committed to live by these values.
6. Jews who understand the place of Hebrew in Jewish tradition and who cherish and use this holy language of the Jewish people during synagogue worship and home celebrations.
7. Jews who are familiar with the origins and meanings of Jewish customs and practices, including life cycle events and all forms of Jewish practice, and who observe these Jewish ceremonies on the significant occasions in their lives.
8. Jews who enthusiastically support and participate in the life of the synagogue, their Jewish community and their community at large.
9. Jews who see themselves as an important link in the chain of Am Yisrael (the Jewish people) for whom the history of the Jewish people is familiar, meaningful and central.
10. Jews who affirm their historic bond to Eretz Yisrael (the Land of Israel), who visit Israel and who work for its well-being.

The courses and classes we offer this year reflect our goals and we ask you to choose them carefully.

We are very excited for another year of Religious School and look forward to a year of exploration, celebration and learning.

B'Shalom,

Gila Levin

Director, The Jewish Center Religious School

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Description of Grade Levels

Yad B'yad (10-24 months)

- Exciting new class
- Spend time with your child singing, celebrating Shabbat and holidays, making new friends and building community

Ganon (3-4 years old)

- 3rd Sunday of the month 9 - 11 am (snack provided)
- Interaction of music, art and games to introduce students to Shabbat, Bible, holidays and the Alef-Bet

Gan Katan (Pre-K, 4-5 years old)

- Every Sunday 9 am - 12 pm (snack provided)
- An engaging mix of games, music and art designed to introduce students to Jewish rituals, Jewish living, Torah, holidays and the Alef-Bet

Gan, Alef and Bet (Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades)

- Sundays 9 am - 12 pm
- Developing Jewish identity through creative play, music, movement and art
- Exploring the Jewish year, Shabbat and holidays, Torah stories and Bible heroes, Jewish symbols, Jewish family and community and the synagogue
- Introduction to the Alef-Bet, blessings for the Shabbat candles, wine and challah, the Four Questions for Passover seder and basic service melodies

Gimmel, Daled, Heh and Vav (3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Grades)

- Refer to the Summary Chart and/or Registration Form for selection of class offerings
- **All** students will be placed in a Hebrew class which is suitable for their level of Hebrew knowledge
- **Shabbat** trimester for **Gimmel, Daled and Heh** students will meet from 9:30 - 10:30 am for individual grade classes followed by students attending Shabbat Layeladim (Jr. Congregation)
- Parents are welcome to attend class and/or services with their child
- **Shabbat** trimester for **Vav** students will meet from 9:30 - 10:30 am followed by students joining services in the Main Sanctuary. Parents are encouraged to attend with their child.

Advanced Hebrew

- *This is a high level Hebrew class for the more advanced Hebrew-speaking students*
- *Students will learn Israeli culture through music, books and television shows*

Zayin (7th Grade)

- The B'nai Mitzvah year is a challenging and interesting year.
 - Sunday 9 - 10 am - "Step Up for Israel" with Riva Levy
 - An interactive educational course for teens developed by Jerusalem University
 - Designed to challenge the assumptions and teach the facts
 - A film-based turnkey curriculum introducing the fundamental issues concerning the State of Israel today
 - Subjects that will be discussed:
 - From Here to There - the European Jews journey toward the State of Israel
 - Nation Reborn
 - Shaping the State
 - Refugees
 - The Palestinian Narratives
 - Israel Inside
 - Understanding Media
 - Crossing the Line - Anti-Semitism in the Modern Era
 - Speak Up for Israel
 - Sunday 10 - 11 am - Leadership and Community with Riva Levy
 - Study the characteristics of a community
 - Study the characteristics of a Jewish community
 - Get to know The Jewish Center as a community
 - Define and describe leadership
 - Get to know The Jewish Center leadership positions
 - Work with The Jewish Center leadership on new programming and problem-solving
 - The students will:
 - Learn about leadership, our Jewish community and how to be a leader in our Jewish community
 - Work with TJC leadership to study the needs and find solutions to some of the challenges facing our community
 - Meet interesting personalities in our community and learn what makes them choose TJC
 - Sunday 11 am - 12 pm - B'nai Mitzvah preparation classes
 - Tropes class with Cantor
 - Prayer class
- Note:** These two classes have an attendance requirement of **80%**. Students who miss more than two tropes classes will **not** be able to start individual tutorial and will have to arrange for **private tutoring** to make up for the missed classes before starting any other b'nai mitzvah preparations.
- Wednesday 6 - 6:30 pm - Dinner with Tichon students
 - Wednesday 6:30 - 8 pm - classes
 - Family Journey through Jewish American History with Cyndi Kleinbart
 - The Holocaust with Ellen Pristach
 - Shabbat 9:30 am - 12 pm
 - Class will meet in the Beit Midrash and students will go together to the main sanctuary with Debbie Dunn Solomon
 - Following Ashrei (~11:30 am) students will go to the school building for a Parashat Hashavuah (the weekly Torah portion) class

Note: Zayin students are required to participate in our Shabbat program 12 times before the bar/bat mitzvah date.

Summary Chart of Classes
2017 - 2018

Gimmel and Daled (3rd and 4th Grade)

	Sunday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Fall	Wandering in the Desert - Carol Tzedakah - Alexandra What's in the Bible - Tamara	Modern Era Jewish Heroes Ellen Virtual Israel - Carol	Ritual Objects - Ellen Israel's Heroes - Carol Canaan, Egypt and Back -Cyndi
Winter	The Jews in Europe - Carol Life Cycle - Alexandra The Jewish Calendar - Tamara	In the Image of God / Health the Jewish Way - Ellen Jewish Heroes - Carol	Women in the Bible - Ellen Passport to Israel – Carol Matriarchs & Patriarchs - Cyndi
Spring	Prophets w/Modern Twist - Carol Jewish Values in Genesis Alexandra Founder of State - Tamara	My Synagogue - Ellen Israeli Heroes - Carol	10 Commandments - Ellen Jewish Folktales - Carol The Jewish Calendar - Cyndi

Heh and Vav (5th and 6th Grade)

	Sunday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Fall	Birth of State - Carol Caring for Community - Alexandra Bible Alef to Tav - Tamara	Jews in the Muslim World - Ellen Israel Matters - Carol	Values through Science Fiction – Ellen The Middle East - Cyndi Judaism's Great Debates - Carol
Winter	Megilat Ester - Tamara Stories We Live By - Alexandra Prophets - Carol	Kashruth - Ellen The Bible and Beyond - Carol	Jewish Humor – Ellen Jews in Europe - Cyndi The History of the Jewish People - Carol
Spring	Megilat Ruth - Tamara The Middle East - Carol Our Shared World - Alexandra	Jewish Art - Ellen Passover - Carol	Golden Age of Spain - Ellen Zionism - Carol Israel today - Cyndi

Yachdav Program Multi-sensory Learning Environment

Objectives

To support students with unique learning styles

To create a multi-sensory learning environment

To cultivate a love of Jewish learning in a nurturing and accepting environment

To provide students with meaningful Jewish learning experiences

Description

- Individualized Jewish educational plans are created for each student in consultation with parents and the Yachdav Program Coordinator
- Small group learning
- Multi-aged classroom to encourage supported learning from skilled peers
- One:one teaching as needed
- Bar and Bat Mitzvah preparation
- Hands on learning including:
 - “Field Trip” to the sanctuary to explore our Torah
 - Q+A sessions with the Rabbi and Hazzan
 - Making monthly casseroles for Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK)
- Use of games, Lego’s, interactive computer programs and Smart Board lessons to learn Hebrew, Jewish texts, history, Israel and Jewish living
- Students may attend Hebrew or Judaica classes to best support their Jewish education

Note: Families interested in this program should contact Gila Levin, Director of the Religious School at 609-921-7207 to set up a consultation.

Chugim

Chugim are club-style classes offered on Sundays from 11 am - 12 pm during the third hour of Religious School for any Gimmel, Daled, Heh and Vav student.

Each trimester will offer another set of chugim (ie. Cooking, Arts and Crafts, Yoga, Poetry, Games, Technology, Improv and Theater).

ALL chugim are **free** of charge.

Instructions for Registration Forms

Registration Overview

- The school year is comprised of **3 trimesters** (Fall, Winter and Spring)
- Each trimester is comprised of **10 weeks**:

Trimesters	Sunday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Shabbat
Fall Begins Ends # sessions	September 10 November 19 10	September 12 November 21 11	September 13 November 15 7	September 16 November 18 8
Winter Begins Ends # sessions	December 3 February 25 9	November 28 February 27 13	November 29 February 21 12	December 2 February 24 9
Spring Begins Ends # sessions	March 4 May 13 9	March 6 May 15 10	March 7 May 16 9	March 10 May 19 9

Please note that trimester dates may change; parents will be notified via email if this occurs.

- The curriculum will be offered on a **2-year cycle** for grades Gimmel, Daled, Heh and Vav
- School is held on:
 - Sundays (9 am - 12 pm)**
 - Tuesdays (4 - 6 pm)**
 - Wednesdays (4 - 6 pm and 6 - 8 pm)**
 - Shabbat mornings (9:30 am - 12 pm)**
- All classes will fall under one of five pillars.
- Please see the additional document for the objectives and descriptions for each pillar.
 - 1st Pillar - **Hebrew** - the language of the Jewish people
 - 2nd Pillar - **Sacred Texts of the Jewish People** - Bible and Rabbinic literature
 - 3rd Pillar - **Story of the Jewish People** - Jewish history and Israel
 - 4th Pillar - **Jewish Living** - practices and values of the Jewish people
 - 5th Pillar - **Shabbat** - prayer, theology and spirit of the Jewish people
- **All 3 trimesters must be registered for at this time although we are happy to accommodate later changes if possible.**
- All registration forms submitted **by May 19, 2017** will have the same priority in order to get first choice classes.
- Registration forms received **after May 19, 2017** will be dated upon arrival and priority will be given on a first-come, first-served basis depending on class availability.

How to register

1. **Every family** must fill out the following forms:
 - a. Family Pages (2)
 - b. Permission and Release Form
 - c. Medical and Insurance Form
2. **Gimmel, Daled, Heh and Vav students ONLY**
NOTE: Please fill out the **additional** form for selection of class choices.

If you have any additional comments regarding your child(ren)'s educational learning experiences, please fill out the "Additional Education Information Form".

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FAMILY PAGE
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Please complete this form and return it by May 19, 2017 with a deposit for each child enrolled.

Parent #1

Name _____
Home Address _____

Email _____
Home Phone # _____
Cell # _____
Work # _____
Jewish (Please Circle): Yes No

Parent #2

Name _____
Home Address _____

Email _____
Home Phone # _____
Cell # _____
Work # _____
Jewish (Please Circle): Yes No

Parent #3

Name _____
Home Address _____

Email _____
Home Phone # _____
Cell # _____
Work # _____
Jewish (Please Circle): Yes No

Parent #4

Name _____
Home Address _____

Email _____
Home Phone # _____
Cell # _____
Work # _____
Jewish (Please Circle): Yes No

Mailings - Please send information to (Please Circle): Parent #1 Parent #2 Parent #3 Parent #4 All
E-mails -- Please send to (Please Circle): Parent #1 Parent #2 Parent #3 Parent #4 All

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**Ganon (3-4 yo), Gan Katan (pre-K), Gan (K), Alef (1st), Bet (2nd)
Gimmel (3rd), Daled (4th), Heh (5th), Vav (6th)
Zayin (7th)**

Child #1

Name _____
Hebrew Name _____
School Attending _____
Grade _____
Birthday _____

Child #2

Name _____
Hebrew Name _____
School Attending _____
Grade _____
Birthday _____

Child #3

Name _____
Hebrew Name _____
School Attending _____
Grade _____
Birthday _____

Child #4

Name _____
Hebrew Name _____
School Attending _____
Grade _____
Birthday _____

NOTE: For Gimmel, Daled, Heh and Vav students – please fill out ADDITIONAL form for selection of classes.

Deposit Amounts

Please check the correct option.

Amount
(# of children x fee)

- _____ Up to **May 19, 2017**: A \$50 deposit per child is enclosed which will be credited toward tuition. _____
- _____ Families new to our community:
A \$50 deposit per child (regardless of date registered) is enclosed
and will be credited toward tuition. _____
- _____ *A late fee of \$50 per family will be applied after May 19, 2017, which does not go towards tuition.* _____

Credit Card Information

Amount \$: _____ Credit Card (Please Circle): Visa Mastercard AmEx
Account #: _____ Expiration Date: _____
Print name as it appears on card: _____ Signature: _____

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PERMISSION and RELEASE FORM
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Family Name

Please check the correct option

PHOTO RELEASE

___ I **GIVE** permission to The Jewish Center to use photographs of my child(ren), _____, _____, _____, _____ and/or myself, including my/our name(s), in any social media venues.

___ I do **NOT** give permission to The Jewish Center to use photographs of my child(ren), _____, _____, _____, _____ and/or myself, including my/our name(s), in any social media venues.

Note: TJC's standard practice is that photographs are **NOT** routinely placed with children's names in print or on Facebook, as well as TJC's Facebook page is set up to prevent people from tagging photos.

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Please check the correct option

FRIEND FINDER

___ I **GIVE** permission to use all contact information including my name, child(ren)'s name(s), address, email and phone number for the "Friend Finder".

___ I do **NOT** give permission to use all contact information including my name, child(ren)'s name(s), address, email and phone number for the "Friend Finder".

Note: The "Friend Finder" can be used to encourage as well as promote community among our students and parents. Families can use it to help set up play-dates, call other families to go to synagogue events and to keep in touch with one another. The contact information is only used within the Religious School community.

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Please check the correct option

WALK HOME

___ I **GIVE** my child(ren), _____, _____, _____, _____ permission to walk and/or bike home from Religious School on the day(s) he/she attends.

___ I do **NOT** give my child(ren), _____, _____, _____, _____ permission to walk and/or bike home from Religious School on the day(s) he/she attends.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

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MEDICAL and INSURANCE FORM
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Note: Please specify ALL allergies - please supply us with as much information as possible.

Parent Name(s) _____ Family Name _____

Please name a non-parent contact person who is available during Religious School hours.

Name _____ Relationship to child(ren) _____
Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Child(ren)'s Physician _____ Phone number _____
Physician's Address _____

Child's Name	Insurance Company Name / Policy Number
Child #1 _____ Grade _____	_____ / _____

Medical conditions/allergies:

Child #2 _____ Grade _____	_____ / _____
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Medical conditions/allergies:

Child #3 _____ Grade _____	_____ / _____
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Medical conditions/allergies:

Child #4 _____ Grade _____	_____ / _____
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Medical conditions/allergies:

In the event that I/we or my/our contact person cannot be reached in an emergency situation, we authorize The Jewish Center to obtain emergency medical treatment for my/our child(ren).

By signing this form, I/we hereby confirm that The Jewish Center will not be responsible for any cost incurred for medical care as a result of an injury or illness to my/our child(ren) listed above.

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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ADDITIONAL EDUCATION INFORMATION FORM
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Please review this form and complete if applicable for your child(ren).

Family Name _____

I am interested in Special Education Programming.

My/our child (*name*) _____ is classified and receives Special Education Services in school.

My/our child (*name*) _____ is not classified but has the following special needs and/or learning challenges:

Please indicate any other information that we should know about your child (i.e. personal issues, family issues, etc.).

Print Name _____ Signature: _____

Registration Form: Gimmel and Daled (3rd and 4th Grade)

Name of Student: _____ Please Circle Student's Grade: Gimmel (3rd) or Daled (4th)

Step 1: Please indicate which trimester student will be attending Shabbat. One trimester per year has to be Shabbat. Circle the appropriate choice:

SHABBAT (Circle ONE): **Fall** **Winter** **Spring**

Step 2: For each trimester, please circle at least two days the student will be attending. If you have chosen Shabbat for that trimester you are to choose at least ONE additional day.

Step 3: After you have indicated the day your child will be attending Religious school classes, please rank your class choices below: (1 is first choice, 2 is second choice, 3 is third choice). Classes offered will be dependent upon demand.

	Sunday	Rank	Tuesday	Rank	Wednesday	Rank
Fall	Wandering in the Desert _____ Tzedakah _____ What's in the Bible _____		Modern Era Jewish Heroes _____ Virtual Israel _____		Ritual Objects _____ Israel's Heroes _____ Canaan to Egypt & Back _____	
	Sunday	Rank	Tuesday	Rank	Wednesday	Rank
Winter	The Jews in Europe _____ Life Cycle _____ The Jewish Calendar _____		In the Image of God / Health the Jewish Way _____ Jewish Heroes _____		Women in the Bible _____ Passport to Israel _____ Patriarchs & Matriarchs _____	
	Sunday	Rank	Tuesday	Rank	Wednesday	Rank
Spring	Prophets w/Modern Twist _____ Jewish Values in Genesis _____ Founder of State _____		My Synagogue _____ Israeli Heroes _____		10 Commandments _____ Jewish Folktales _____ The Jewish Calendar _____	

**** Course descriptions are in a separate document that will be emailed to you. If you do not receive it, please call the office.****

Registration Form: Heh and Vav (5th and 6th Grade)

Name of Student: _____ Please Circle Student's Grade: Heh (5th) or Vav (6th)

Step 1: Please indicate which trimester student will be attending Shabbat. One trimester per year has to be Shabbat. Circle the appropriate choice:

SHABBAT (Circle ONE): Fall Winter Spring

Step 2: For each trimester please circle at least two days the student will be attending. If you have chosen Shabbat for that trimester you are to choose at least one additional day.

Step 3: After you have indicated the day your child will be attending Religious school classes, please rank your class choices below: (1 is first choice, 2 is second choice, 3 is third choice). Classes offered will be dependent upon demand.

	Sunday	Rank	Tuesday	Rank	Wednesday	Rank
Fall	Birth of State _____ Caring for Community _____ Bible Alef to Tav _____		Jews in the Muslim World _____ Israel Matters _____		Values through Science Fiction _____ The Middle East _____ Judaism's Great Debates _____	
	Sunday	Rank	Tuesday	Rank	Wednesday	Rank
Winter	Megilat Ester _____ Stories We Live By _____ Prophets _____		Kashruth _____ The Bible and Beyond _____		Jewish Humor _____ Jews in Europe _____ The History of the Jewish People _____	
	Sunday	Rank	Tuesday	Rank	Wednesday	Rank
Spring	Megilat Ruth _____ The Middle East _____ Our Shared World _____		Jewish Art _____ Passover _____		Golden Age of Spain _____ Zionism _____ Israel Today _____	

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