

## SZRS SHAAREY ZEDEK RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS AND START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR INFO

### Calling all 4- and 5-year-olds! We can't wait to see you in school!

Our core Sunday program begins at age 4 or 5 in our *Gan* (literally, garden), where we plant the seeds for a lifelong relationship with Judaism, nourish new growth, encourage our students to develop strong Jewish identities and to practice being a *mentsh*. See the full description on the following page.

School begins at 9:30 a.m. with a family *Havdalah* service and pick-up is at 12:00 p.m.



**R**egistration is open for the 2021-2022 school year for all students from *Gan* (Pre-K/K) through Twelfth Grade. Read about our programs on the next page and begin the registration process, here: <https://forms.office.com/r/JFozAwK3f>

Or, point your phone camera at this QR code: →



The official enrollment form and additional information will be sent via email and can be snail-mailed to you upon request. Please contact Menahel Margot ([menahel.margot@shaareyzedek.com](mailto:menahel.margot@shaareyzedek.com) or 412-614-0310) for more information.

### CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK SHABBAT MORNING T'FILOT EXPERIENCE FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY AN IN-BUILDING SZRS Open House and *Gan* (Pre-K/K) Student Orientation

for students, families, teachers, staff and friends of the SZRS.  
Join us in the temple's backyard for a fun, musical, and participatory service designed for **kids of all ages** then follow us inside to meet our teachers and other students, explore the classroom wing, and learn about the school.

**Saturday, August 28**  
**Service begins at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Open House begins at 11:00 a.m.**

This service will be held inside in the event of bad weather.  
Masks are required for EVERYONE indoors.





# SZRS

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## Introducing Kadima

Our new monthly program for families with kids 0-4!

On one Sunday a month (normally the first), join SZRS for Havdalah at 9:30 and then at 9:45, small children and their families will have an hour-long program with all kinds of activities, stories, play time and an opportunity for adults to chit-chat. While the program officially ends at 10:45, kids (accompanied by an adult) are welcome to stay and play for the rest of the school day.

This program will be led by Sisterhood President Karen Weinstein whose educational background is in early childhood education and development.



**GOT QUESTIONS?  
CONTACT**

## CORE PROGRAMS

### GAN, KITAH ALEF AND KITAH BET (PRE-K - 2ND GRADE)

**SUNDAYS ONLY 9:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**

Our program for students in pre-K (4 years old and up) through 2nd grade, is taught by warm, responsible teachers who facilitate growth and learning, love of Judaism and knowledge of its values and holidays through hands-on activities, short lessons and creative play. Students in these grades become familiar with Jewish ritual items, letters of the alef bet and many aspects of Jewish culture. Students in these grades get introduced to Jewish music through shirah (singing) with Morah Susi, t'filah (prayer) with Rabbi Bigman, and Modern Hebrew through movement.

### KITAH GIMMEL - KITAH ZAYIN (3RD-7TH GRADE)

**SUNDAYS 9:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. AND WEDNESDAYS 4:30 - 6:00 P.M.**

Our program for students in 3rd through 7th grade includes all the learning opportunities available for younger students (see above) but adds on several more sophisticated components, including learning to read in Hebrew, participate in and lead services, and grade appropriate knowledge of foundational Jewish texts (Torah, Talmud and more). We also engage students in introductory level discussions of Jewish history, current events and Israel!

Our seventh-graders participate in a transitional journey to teen-hood that includes additional deep learning and processing, including a unit on the Shoah (Holocaust).

### TICHON (HIGH SCHOOL) (8TH-12TH GRADE)

**SUNDAYS 12:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M. INCLUDING A PIZZA LUNCH**

Our program for students in 8th through 12th grade is incredibly special, combining elements of youth group with a deep learning experience. At 12 o'clock, as the younger students leave the building, our high schoolers gather in the social hall for a pizza lunch with their friends and teachers. The students love being with their Jewish friends and getting to know their teachers (including Rabbi Bigman!) as people. After saying Birkat Hamazon (the grace after meals), the students go to their classrooms to learn. The topics are very sophisticated covering everything from life in Ancient Judea to "Sex, Drugs and Rock'n Roll." Eighth- and ninth-graders meet with our returning teacher and longtime congregant, Amy Shapiro, and the tenth-through twelfth-graders meet with Rabbi Bigman.

## ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### MADRICHIM-IN-TRAINING (MIT) FOR 8TH AND 9TH GRADERS

**TWO SUNDAYS A MONTH 9:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**

Responsible high schoolers serve as *madrachim* (guides/classroom assistants) in the younger students' classes. The *Madrachim-in-Training* (MIT) program gives our future *madrachim* the opportunity to learn how to be most helpful to the students and teachers in our school through study, observation and, most importantly, hands-on experience. The dates of these sessions are listed in the calendar.

### CONFIRMATION CLASS

**ONE SUNDAY A MONTH 11:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**

Our tenth-graders have the opportunity to deepen their understanding and commitment to Judaism through a once-a-month class with Rabbi Bigman. The program culminates with a special Shabbat Confirmation Ceremony in June. The dates of these classes are listed in the calendar as "Confirmation Class."

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# 2021-2022 ◆ 5782 SCHOOL YEAR SZRS SCHOOL CALENDAR

- SZRS for Pre-K through 7th-Graders
- SZRS for Pre-K through 7th-Graders and *Tichon* (High School)
- SZRS for 3rd- through 7th-Graders
- ! Special Day (see notes below each month for details)
- ★ Confirmation Class meets with Rabbi Bigman
- ◆ MiT (*Madrichim-in-Training*) meets.

September						
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## Special Days:

September 12: First day of SZRS for pre-k through seventh grade; Meeting for Parents/Guardians with the director, *Menahelet Margot* at 10:00 a.m.

September 22: First Wednesday for third through seventh grade;

"Pizza in the Hut" *Sukkot* Program begins at 6:00 p.m. in the synagogue's backyard.

September 26: Consecration for all new students in *Gan*, First and Second Grade and *Simchat Torah* Celebration at 11:00 a.m.

November						
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## Special Days:

November 7: Global Day of Jewish Learning joint program with *Kivunim*; 10:00 a.m. start time.

November 24 and 28: No School.

October						
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## Special Days:

October 3: First day of SZRS for *Tichon*;

First day of Confirmation Class;

First day of MiT meeting.

December						
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## Special Days:

December 1 and 5: Special *Chanukah* programming; details TBA.

December 19, 22, 26 and 29: No School.

Please contact *Menahelet Margot* for a greyscale or text only version of this calendar.

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January						
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## Special Days:

January 2: No School.

January 16: Special programming celebrating *Tu Bishvat* and MLK Day.

February						
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## Special Days:

February 20: No School.

February 25-28: L'Taken Seminar for 10th-12th Graders.

March						
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## Special Days:

March 16: *Purim* at SZRS with *Megilah* Reading.

March 20: *Purim* at SZRS.

March 27 and 30: No School.

April						
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## Special Days:

April 3: No School.

April 17: No School.

April 20: *Pesach* at SZRS.

April 24: Last Day of *Tichon*.

## Special Days:

May 8: No School.

May 22: Last Day of School;  
Confirmation Rehearsal  
begins at 11:00 a.m.

**New this year:**  
**SZRS THROUGH MAY**  
another month of  
community, growth and  
learning!

May						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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SZRS Family Picnic and  
Shavuot Celebration  
Sunday, June 5



You must be a member of Congregation Shaarey Zedek to register your child/ren.

Shaarey Zedek strongly values education and is committed to providing a quality program for all SZRS students, regardless of financial ability. **If tuition is a financial hardship, please contact synagogue administrator Patty Warshaw [email: executive@shaareyzedek.com; call: (517) 351-370 ext. 1], or, synagogue president Todd Cook [email: toddcook@hotmail.com; text: (517) 281 - 4042] before the registration deadline.**

Student's Name	Grade and / or Program	Tuition
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
<div> Please note: A 3% surcharge will be added with use of a credit card. There is no charge if you sign up for payment through Fifth Third Bank's Automated Clearing House (ACH). </div>		Subtotal
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		Donation
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<div> If paying by check, please make check payable to Congregation Shaarey Zedek. </div>	<div> If paying by ACH, please attach a voided check by September 1 and your checking account will be charged on the 10th day of the month. </div>	<div> If paying by Credit Card, please complete your credit card information: <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard </div>
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