

SHAAREY ZEDEK RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Judaic Focus 2018-2019/ 5770: Torah

GAN- KITTAH BET/ PreK-2nd grades

Fun, age-appropriate Jewish learning including arts and crafts, stories, play, *Shira* (music), *Sifreya* (library time), family programming, and weekly *Tnua Ivrit* (Hebrew through Movement) and *T'fillah* (prayer service). Special monthly Mother Goose on the Loose program for PreK-K students and interested parents.

KITTOT GIMMEL – ZAYIN/ 3rd-7th grades

Engaging Jewish learning focusing on Judaic Studies, Hebrew reading and *T'fillah* (prayer studies). Includes *Shira* (music), *Sifreya* (library time), family programs and weekly *Chugim* (interest groups), *Tnua Ivrit* (Hebrew through Movement), and *T'fillah* (prayer service).

3rd-6th grade classes include a focus *mitzah*, and 4th-7th grades include self-paced, ability-level Hebrew reading program.

KITTAH ZAYIN/ 7th grade

7th grade program focuses on "Becoming a Responsibility-Bearing Member of the Jewish Community." Students study Torah, Prophets, the Holocaust, and prayer. Program includes family study sessions and field trips to the Fredrik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids and the Holocaust Memorial Museum in West Bloomfield. Students lead a prayer service for themselves and their families.

TICHON 8th-12th grades

Students gather for pizza lunch with "Rabbs" followed by class.

"What Does it Mean to be Jewish" for 8th-9th graders explores Judaism and Jewish living from a more mature perspective and examines what being Jewish means to us today. Topic includes SZRS yearly theme. Taught by Professor Margot Valles.

"Jewish Responses to Life's Challenges" for 10th-12th graders explores what Judaism has to say about the Big Questions in life. Topics include Comparative Judaism & Comparative Religions, God, and Jewish Texts on 3-year rotating basis. Topics chosen by students are also included each year. Taught by Rabbi Bigman.

OTHER TICHON PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Madrichim-in-Training program for 8th graders prepares students to become youth leaders in the religious school. Includes helping projects and *Madrichim* seminars.

Madrichim program for 9th-12th graders incorporates students as paid junior staff members in the PreK-7th grade SZRS program.

Confirmation provides 10th graders the opportunity to "say yes!" to Judaism and publicly confirm their commitment to the Jewish people. Culminates in a Friday night Confirmation service.

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