



Religious School

Temple Emanu El Religious School (TEE RS) includes weekly learning occurring on:

- Sundays (9:30am-12:00 pm) for Grades Pre-Kindergarten-6 and Madrichim (TEEn teaching assistants)
- Monday (6:30 pm-8:30 pm) for Grades 7-12
- Tuesday Hebrew (4:15 pm-6:00 pm) for Grades 3-6

All of TEE's Religious School programs have the dual goals of developing *Kehillah* (community) and engaging students with learning (Jewish values and culture, Jewish texts, and holidays and Hebrew). Our core beliefs are for students to be ready to learn and to feel emotionally safe and connected. We strive for connection between peers, teachers, Jewish learning, and to Temple Emanu El

On Sunday mornings, Pre-K thru sixth graders participate in a learning service with Rabbi Matt, then join their classes in learning about holidays as well as Jewish rituals and customs through the lens of a Jewish value. Each year, a distinct set of values is highlighted. Each grade begins with an activity called *Kulanu B'yachad* (all of us together). Since students come from so many different school systems, it is important to have a ritual that defines us as a learning community.

Our Monday night TEEn Kotel program begins with dinner then transitions to classes taught by Rabbi Matt and Family and Youth Program Director/TEEn Kotel Director Beth Mann. The topics vary annually and range from Jewish traditions to current events. The evening ends with the whole group coming together for "cookies and conversation."

On Tuesdays, the learning focus is decoding Hebrew with exposure and practice to the Hebrew used on Jewish holidays, rituals, and at services; it is infused into the day in a multitude of ways, from greetings, songs, games, and projects. Part of the day is spent in pairs and small groups to allow learning to be differentiated by comfort level and abilities. We use teaching strategies that appeal to all types of learners, making sure to include movement and multi-sensory options.

After a family joins our congregation, we email a registration link. Thereafter, registration occurs in July annually.

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