

Dear Religious School Families,

Welcome to our Temple Shir Shalom Religious School year! We are glad to have your family with us in our Religious School Community, and are excited to work with your child.

Below is information regarding our programming at Religious School that you may find insightful. Should have questions, feel free to reach out to Ross, our Director.

Our Schedule

**May change for special events*

9:00-9:05	Welcome, come-in activity (in class)
9:05-10:10	Hebrew
10:10-10:30	'Flex' time (additional Hebrew/Judaica)
10:30-10:45	Challah/Recess break
10:50-11:50	Judaica (ISJL Curriculum)
11:55-12:00	Havdalah (family invited!)
12:00	Dismissal

Hebrew

We use a mix of textbook learning, games, digital practice, and songs for students to grow in their learning and use of Hebrew. Instruction is focused in the early grades on learning letters, vowels, and sounds. Later grades develop blending sounds together to read Hebrew fluently. Understanding of Hebrew words enters through a mix of Hebrew and Judaica study. Students are encouraged to practice at home, but there is no required Hebrew homework.

Judaica

We base our Jewish studies (holidays, history, etc.) on our partnership with the Institute for Southern Jewish Life (ISJL), based out of Jackson, Mississippi. For more information on the ISJL, go to isjl.org. ISJL provides a year-long curriculum that involves a mix of hands-on and community building lessons, with developmentally appropriate learning guides at each grade level.

Community

We strive to provide an inclusive community for our students and families. To us, this means that we address needs of our students as individually as we can, acknowledging that no two learners are the same. In this spirit, we work with our Religious School Committee to design enjoyable experiences for all, and are pleased to offer opportunities for family members to volunteer with our Religious School on many occasions.

We cannot wait for the year ahead! Thank you for being an active part of our Religious School!

Sincerely,
 Shir Shalom Religious School Faculty

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