Religious School | Curriculum Highlights

Journey towards Kabbalat Torah:
Beit Sefer Shalom/Religious School Curriculum Highlights

Orr Shalom
9th – 12th Grades

12th Grade – Senior Seminar
Leads to Kabbalat Torah Graduation Shabbat

9th – 12th Grades
• Build leadership skills, study with clergy / educators and make a difference
• Choose your own topics for study on Wednesdays at Crown Family High School
• Lobby on Capitol Hill at the L’taken Teen Social Justice Seminar with the Religious Action Center in Washington, D.C.
• Help with younger grades in the Madrichim Teen Teacher Assistant Program
• Join the Orr Shalom High School Youth Group Executive Board
• Plan and Lead the High School Retreat at OSRUI
• Chaperone the 5th – 8th grade Youth Retreat at OSRUI
• Plan and run the Purim Carnival

Noar Shalom
6th – 8th Grades

8th Grade – Netivot Shalom/
Pathways: Becoming a Community Leader

• Discuss your values, taking responsibility and what it means to be a Jewish adult
• Visit Anshe Emet, Anshe Sholom, The ARK & Milt’s Kosher BBQ
• Ta’am Yisrael (Taste of Israel) Chicagoland Community Trip
• Midweek Madrichim (& training)
• Plan and lead 5th – 8th Grade Youth Retreat at OSRUI

• Lead Yom HaShoah (Holocaust) Memorial Tekes (Program) for 3rd – 7th Graders
• Receive Torah from graduating seniors at Kabbalat Torah Graduation Shabbat

7th Grade – Modern Jewish History:
The Reform Movement, Zionism and The Shoah

• Study an overview of Jewish history leading through WWII, the Holocaust, and the founding of the modern state of Israel
• Celebrate Becoming B’nai Mitzvah
• Visit the Illinois Holocaust Museum
• Present your personal social justice project at the Mitzvah Fair (7th & 8th Grades)

6th Grade – Study with the Rabbi

• Learn a deeper understanding of prayer, text & community
• Prepare to become Bar / Bat Mitzvah
• Lead Passover Seder for younger students (6th – 8th Grades)
• Join (and lead) 6th – 8th Grade T’filah (Prayer)
• Join Noar Shalom 6th – 8th Grade Youth Group
• Help run a booth at the Purim Carnival (6th – 8th Grades)

4th Grade – Bamidbar / Numbers:
Israel, Prayer, and Accepting Differences

• Learn about Am Yisrael, Eretz Yisrael, Medinat Yisrael (people, land and state of Israel)
• Study stories from Bamidbar / Numbers – the fourth book of Torah
• Begin planning for becoming B’nai Mitzvah

3rd Grade – Vayikra / Leviticus:
Holy People, Places, Objects, Times and Actions

• Learn about Tikkun Olam (repairing the world), ritual and worship traditions
• Formal beginning of (midweek) Hebrew program
• Study stories from Vayikra / Leviticus – the 3rd book of Torah
• Join Chavrei Shalom 3rd – 5th Grade Youth Group
• Begin Social Justice work with family trip to Cradles to Crayons
• Begin Mensch Circles (3rd – 12th) with Rabbi Conover and other practitioners

Chavrei Shalom
3rd – 5th Grades

5th Grade – Jewish Life Cycle

• Learn about Jewish customs for birth, B’nai Mitzvah, wedding, conversion and mourning
• Visit our Community Mikvah
• Meet with a Mohel, our Lakeshore Funeral Director, and a Jew by Choice
• Begin helping to Feed the Hungry (5th – 8th Grades)
• Attend Youth Retreat at OSRUI (5th – 8th Grades)

2nd – Shemot / Exodus: Feeling Connected to God and Mitzvot (Commandments)

• Learn about leadership and being part of a Jewish community
• Study stories from Shemot / Exodus – the 2nd book of Torah
• Visit Mitzvah Fair and choose where to donate your Tzedakah (means righteousness but sometimes refers to charitable donations) (2nd – 6th Grades)
### Opportunities Through The Years

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