



JEWL builds a love and passion for Judaism grounded in Jewish values and nourished by art, music, and the natural world. As they connect with Jewish heritage, texts, the Hebrew language, and Israel, our learners will see themselves reflected in Judaism to instill a sense of belonging. Exploring the diversity of Jewish tradition, from Shabbat ritual to ethical tenets, allows students to make informed choices about their own Jewish behavior. Wrestling with beliefs about God elevates curiosity to a sense of wonder as our learners develop spiritually.

Shaped by Jewish values, Middle JEWL encourages questions and relationships with Jewish role models, as learners approach their high school years. Our learners bond as a cohort as they begin to travel through adolescence together, preparing for b'nai mitzvah celebrations and beyond.

Here are some details of grades Vav (6) through Chet (8).

Vav (grade 6) learners meet one weekday and for five kallot (Shabbat weekend retreats) at Camp TEKO. They will...

Broaden their understanding of biblical characters in Jewish text—the good, the bad, and the ugly—through their weekly class by working together as a classroom with fresh and engaging activities; advance their knowledge of Shabbat prayers; and **engage** with their peers in Israel through our school partnership.

Vav Learners Experience five Shabbat weekend retreats all with their own unique theme: Kehilah Kedosha (community), B'tzelem Elohim (value of humanity), Israel and the Holocaust, Tikkun Olam (repairing the world), and Asking Big Questions. Throughout our time together we will create a trusting community where we can share our own experiences and learn from others

Creating lifelong bonds with other learners at Temple is one way we experience kehilah kedosha.

Our learners' hard work will be celebrated during the year at a special Shabbat Service in which they have the opportunity to showcase skills they are learning.

Zayin (grade 7) learners meet one Sunday per month, monthly in small volunteer groups, and for one kallah. They will...

Gain a fundamental understanding of the liturgy used in Shabbat morning services by exploring the language of prayer in Hebrew and English.

Search for personal meaning in the prayers that they so diligently study during the Bnai Mitzvah years. We will explore history of and ideas expressed in these prayers, explore what they mean to us today, and connect prayer and social action.

Act as leaders in our community as a regular at a volunteer site helping individuals who are experiencing homelessness and/or food insecurity. Before the year begins, learners will be split into small groups, *kehilot*, to volunteer with monthly order to create closer bonds with Temple friends and assigned a mentor, *kehilah leader*, who will help guide the volunteering experience for the learners.

Experience a retreat focused on helping repair our world and spotting injustices. Throughout our time together we will create a trusting community where we can share our own perspectives and learn about the perspectives of others.

Create lifelong bonds both with other learners at Temple as well with individuals at the volunteer sites. All of our learners' hard work will be celebrated at the end of the year with a special Shabbat Service at which they are honored.

Chet (grade 8) learners meet one Sunday per month, monthly in small volunteer groups, and have the opportunity to participate in a long weekend adventure. They will...

Explore structures of power and privilege in the world. In class each month, learners will focus on insidious "-isms" such as racism, sexism, classism in order to address our own privilege, and approach our world with understanding, kindness, and action.

Act as leaders in our community as a regular at a volunteer site each month helping individuals who are experiencing homelessness and/or food insecurity. Before the year begins, learners will be split into small groups, *kehilot*, to volunteer with in order to create closer bonds with Temple friends and assigned a mentor, *kehilah leader*, who will help guide the volunteering experience for the learners.

Experience a Shabbat weekend trip focused on learning about and repairing systemic injustice. Throughout our time together we will create a trusting community where we can share our own perspectives and learn from each other.

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