



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.

JEWL's High School years provide opportunities to deepen connections with peers and Temple Israel's clergy. Learners build their personal Jewish identities as teens while tackling the challenges of being a citizen of the world. Each Wednesday evening session begins with dinner for all learners together.

## Here are some details of our Wednesday evening sessions:

### Cultivation: Growing Our Practice and Purpose

9<sup>th</sup> grade with Rabbi Moss

Suddenly, things are feeling different—a new school, new questions, new challenges. Join Rabbi Moss in an exploration of how Jewish practices and meaning-making can help us respond to our changing lives. Drawing upon Jewish text, creative arts, chevruta (partner) study, and our personal stories, we will cultivate our whole selves—our intellectual curiosities, our passions, our relationships, our bodies, and our souls. Let's dig deeper.

### Confirmation

10<sup>th</sup> grade / Confirmation with Rabbi Jason Klein

What have you always wanted to know about Judaism, Jews, or Jewish communities but never asked? We will join together to grapple with big questions, exploring Jewish perspectives on important topics shared around our learners' interests, with plans to organize our year into four modules: Judaism and Other Faith Traditions | The Body, Gender, and Sexuality | God Ideas, Faith, and Doubt | Taking Care of Ourselves, Taking Care of Each Other: exploring equity & justice and health of mind, heart, neighbors and society. The opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. to spend Shabbat with other youth from across the country, complete with lobbying on Capitol Hill for a better society, scheduled for February 25-28, and leading our Confirmation service Sunday morning, June 5, are two highlights of the year.

### Jewish Life Hacks

11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade with Rabbi Jennifer Hartman

What's Jewish about changing a tire? Doing laundry? Preparing dinner? The final years of high school are a time when teens may be beginning to plan their future (and are certainly told to plan their future!), which can be overwhelming to think about. At Temple Israel, we want our teens to build, maintain, and strengthen their sense of community and belonging with their Jewish classmates and help guide them

through some of the challenges of young adulthood. In addition to our learners' personal practices at home and at Temple, Jewish values and wisdom can guide us in our relationships with family, teammates, classmates, or friends; when dating or at a party; when choosing classes and how to spend free time; when communicating online or in person; at the workplace, as a volunteer, and as citizens or in leadership roles in the world. As learners prepare for life after high school, this class is also a safe space to express some of the stress of junior and senior year and share hopes, anxieties, and dreams for the future. Our teens are invited to give us feedback on what they are most excited to learn about in order for us to serve them best!



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