



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, each Sunday, and for five kallot (Shabbat weekend retreats) at Camp TEKÖ. 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: Kehillah 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 kehillah kedosha.

Zayin (grade 7) learners meet each Sunday and one weekday until their B'nai Mitzvah, and for four kallot (Shabbat weekend retreats) at Camp TEK0. 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 diligently study during the B'nai Mitzvah years. We will explore the history of and ideas expressed in these prayers, explore what they mean to us today, and connect prayer and social action.

Experience retreats 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.

Chet (grade 8) learners meet each Sunday and for four kallot (Shabbat weekend retreats) at Camp TEK0. 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, and classism in order to address our own privilege and approach our world with understanding, kindness, and action.

Experience Shabbat retreats 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.

Create lifelong bonds both with other learners at Temple as well as 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.