

Kehillat Shalom

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For many of us, Jewish learning is at its best when it is about *participation* and *experience*.

Join us as we enhance Temple Shalom's youth and family education, engaging both children and parents as we emphasize Jewish learning and spirituality in an active, dynamic environment.

Q: What is Kehillat Shalom?

A: *Kehillat Shalom* ("Community of Peace") is an enhanced learning and community-building initiative at the religious school, which includes:

- Extra *chugim*, or activity choices for students. Examples: Israeli dancing, *Krav Maga* (Israeli martial arts), cooking, art, singing.
- School-wide themes, rotating from year to year.
- Congregation-wide learning opportunities based on the theme.
- Experiential and project-based learning (more projects, ritual practice, active learning).
- Whole-family learning opportunities with field trips, adult education, and retreats as part of the family education experience.
- "Shabbat in Real Jewish Time" experiences, such as welcoming Shabbat on Friday evening and Saturday morning and observing *Havdallah* on Saturday evening.

Q: How will Kehillat Shalom affect my family?

A: Parents of pre-K – 5th graders are expected to participate in some whole-family Jewish learning experiences. Calendars for each grade will be distributed before the start of the school year.

- Students in each grade (along with their families) will participate in Friday evening, Saturday morning, or Saturday evening Shabbat programming on pre-scheduled weeks during the school year, some of which will be in lieu of regular Sunday religious school. ("Shabbat in Real Jewish Time").
- Parents will attend adult-focused programming on certain pre-scheduled Sunday mornings (approximately once per month during the school year): Special lectures from

outside experts; discussion groups with the clergy; activities or projects; book discussions; and more!

Q: What about my 6th-12th graders?

A: Middle and High School students will attend religious school on Sundays from 6-8 p.m. They will experience an emphasis on project-based learning (for example, mitzvah projects for 8th-9th graders) as well as more traditional academic learning options. As *Kehillat Shalom* continues to grow, programming will continue to expand.

Kehillat Shalom Mission

Temple Shalom strives through education to build an intentional Jewish community in which learners of all ages:

- acquire knowledge;
- develop Jewish identities and values;
- participate in and live a meaningful Jewish lives.

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