



CAARS



CONGREGATION AGUDAS ACHIM
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

2021 - 2022

VALUES: [THE 5 C'S]

(1) Culture: Learners = students and their whole families. Judaism begins in the home.

(2) Community: “Raising Menschen” – building relationships to each other and to the world, using social-emotional learning – growing emotional intelligence.

(3) Communication: Transparent curriculum goals, student progress, and communication between school and home. Jewish education is a partnership between your home and our school.

(4) Curriculum: An experiential curriculum to DO JEWISH. Intentional spiritual curriculum, covering breadth and depth of Jewish literacy.

(5) Choose Your Own Adventure:
Inclusive and personalized education plans.
Optional and add on programs, activities,
and more!

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VISION: [THE WHY]

We will joyfully engage learners with Jewish experiences and skills, inspiring them to lead an empowered Jewish life.



MISSION: [HOW]

EXPERIENCE: We offer an experiential model of education, which allows each learner to explore and discover meaning and identity through Jewish tradition and thought. We emphasize creating positive relationships, joyful learning, questioning, and critical thinking through hands-on activities. Our curriculum incorporates Hebrew language, Torah study, Jewish values, holiday celebrations, prayer literacy, learning about Israel's history and culture, and more.

COMMUNITY: We are ALL learners. We embrace our learners, seeking to build connections to history, their community, each other, and themselves. We strive to “raise mensches” – preparing them to be lifelong learners and active citizens of the world through a Jewish lens.

PARTNERSHIP: We work in partnership with families to foster excitement and commitment to all that Judaism has to offer. We seek to address the needs of our community, through personalized and inclusive learning.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

We're proud to partner with the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life (ISJL) to ensure our children an excellent Jewish education. The ISJL is a regional, trans-denominational Jewish organization serving a thirteen-state southern territory. Our school is one of 70 religious schools across this region sharing in the ISJL's Curriculum, coming together each summer for the ISJL Education Conference, and getting visits from our ISJL Education Fellow.

PRE-K - 2ND GRADE CAARS

- Sundays 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
 - Pre-K meets twice per month
- Tefillah [*prayer*] and song session with Rabbi and Adra
- Sunday learning focused on Judaics, Tefillah, and community-building
- Focus on experiential and project-based learning

3RD - 6TH GRADE CAARS

- Sunday learning focused on Torah, traditions, holidays, and Jewish values
- Sunday schedule 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
- Weekday afternoon 1-hour Hebrew Pods 4:30 - 6:30 PM
 - Small group Zoom Hebrew Pods has been one of the most successful parts of our 2020 - 2021 program so they will continue! We will also offer the option for in-person weekday Hebrew as well.
 - Additional Hebrew pods offered on Zoom and on other weekdays as needed.
 - Hebrew pods will remain grouped by student age and ability.

NEW 7TH GRADE CAARS GESHER

Introducing CAARS Gesher, our new Shabbat-based, Saturday morning, model for our 7th grade B'nei Mitzvah cohort. Learners on the Gesher journey are immersed in: a sense of sacred time, being an integral member of the Jewish people, being loved and cherished by one's clergy and educators, answering the call to participate with "Hineini – Here I Am," and of having a place of leadership within the Jewish community, well beyond b'nei mitzvah.

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- Gesher will meet at 11:00 AM Saturday mornings and continue through kiddush lunch, ending at 1:15 PM. Exact calendar of dates will be released with CAARS registration.

Students will:

1. Experience Shabbat through tefillah, learning, singing, and eating,
2. Explore their own personal relationships to Judaism and themselves by engaging in text study, and
3. Expand ritual life skills and acquire the ability to fully participate in prayer and celebration.

JTX 8TH - 12TH GRADE CAARS

We are so proud of our amazing teen community for joining us for our inaugural year of jtx: jewish teen connexion! jtx is a new joint Jewish educational program for teens in 8th – 12th grades created in partnership between Congregation Agudas Achim and Temple Beth Shalom. Our intention for 2021 – 2022 is to resume in-person learning, including weekly lunch for our teens as part of their teen engagement experience.

- Teens will continue to have one core class and the option of one or more electives.
- Prospective schedule:
 - Lunch 12:00 – 12:25 PM
 - Core class 12:30 – 1:30 PM
 - Electives
- jtx students are encouraged to join our Madrichol, teaching assistant, program. Madrichol work in partnership with their lead teacher to take on principal roles in the class.

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