



Congregation Tikkun v'Or

Ithaca Reform Temple
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Jewish Learning Experiences 2023-2024 / 5784

Welcome! Our first day of JLE
will be a very special morning!
Parents / caregivers are invited to join
at 10 am for a shofar making workshop.
Each student will be making their own shofar! *
Then we'll have a JLE Ice Cream Social at 11 am. **
Why ice cream? *** Find out with us!

*We will be asking for donations/borrowing of some special
supplies for this program More info coming about that!

** Usually kitah bet/gimel (2nd/3rd grade) will be dismissed at 11,
but please stay for ice cream if you can on this day!

***Dairy and dairy-free, gluten free all will be available

If you have not yet registered,
forms are available at www.tikkunvor.org

Kitot (classes), Morim (Teachers) & Madrichol (assistants) מורים ומדריכול

Kitah Bet/Gimel ב/ג כיתה (grades 2/3) Sundays 9-11 am
Explores holidays, mitzvot / values, Torah stories and Hebrew letters with **Rabbi Tziona Szajman**.

Kitah Dalet/Hey ד/ה כיתה (grades 5/6) Sundays 9 am - 12 pm
Focuses this year on Hebrew language skills, Jewish culture and history, holiday rituals and songs, with **Miranda Phillips**.

Kitah Vav/Zayin ו/ז כיתה (grade 6/7) Sundays 9 am - 12 pm
Studies weekly Torah portions and the life lessons they contain, along with contemporary connections and many creative crafts and games with **Kenny Berkowitz**.

Kitah Vav/Zayin ו/ז כיתה (grade 6/7) Wednesdays 4:30-6 pm
Students become a supportive community as they prepare together to become bmitzvah, exploring spirituality, ethics, mitzvot, middot (personal characteristics), and prayers with **Michael Margolin**.
A Hebrew teacher (TBA) will also be joining them on Sundays and Wednesdays.

Madrichol מדריכול are assistants/counselors. At JLE, madrichim are middle and high school students who help with numerous tasks that allow our classes to run smoothly. They take attendance, lead craft projects, demonstrate activities, distribute snack, make photocopies, supervise break times, and tutor individual students and small groups. These fabulous young people are graduates of JLE who come back each week to pass along their knowledge and enthusiasm for Jewish education.

FAMILY JLE is for students **Kitah Gan/Alef א.ג. כיתה (K/grade 1)** and their parents / caregivers.

They will be learning about Jewish holidays and Shabbat on

Saturday mornings, 10-11:30 am with **Rabbi Tziona Szajman**.

Locations will be announced each month, depending on weather and theme!

September 9 Rosh Hashanah at Indian Creek Farm

September 30 Sukkot at Tikun v'Or

November 4

December 9

January 6

February 3

March 2

April 20

May 18

June 15



What's New? מה חדש?

Returning this year: Shabbat dinners! We are so glad to be gathering again in person, with FOOD! See page 4 for dates of class Shabbat dinners and services.

Family Programs: JLE is for the whole family. Join us on September 10 for the first-day shofar workshop and ice cream social, and then again on special dates for each class throughout the year (Bet-Gimel - November 19; Dalet-Hey - December 17; Vav/Zayin - March 3). More information about all of these coming soon!

Tefillah: (prayer) תפילה: All students in dalet-zayin join together most morning for songs and short prayer services to practice what we are learning, with plenty of ruach (spirit and singing). Praying together as a community is an important way for children to practice what they are learning in class, build on their knowledge of Hebrew, and experience some aspects of Jewish spirituality. This year, madrichol/songleader Julia Kleinberg will be leading us in tefillah!

Jewish Learning Experiences will continue to include these components, which are all are part of Limud (learning): לימוד

* **Chugim** (not “ch” as in “change” but “CH” as in “CHallah.”) חוגים Severla times a year we have special projects including art, drama, dance, music, and more, with plenty of choice for students about how they want to spend their time.

* **Judaic Studies** - including history, holidays, mitzvot, and Talmud Torah

* **Hebrew (Ivrit) עברית** students learn to decode the letters and vowels and read Hebrew for participation and leadership in prayer services, with an understanding of the meanings of the words.

* **Hafsakah (break / snack) הפסקה** Playing and eating together is also important! This year the madrichim will be the only ones serving snack, and we will use single-serving items when appropriate, but also keeping in mind our commitment to reducing waste.

* **Ha'asharah** (enrichment from special guests) העשרה We will let you know when special guests will be joining us so that parents can come learn with us too! **Rabbi Shifrah** will be our special teacher several times during the year.

HEALTH GUIDELINES:

Students will be asked to wash or sanitize hands regularly.

Please keep your children at home if they:

- have a fever or have had one in the previous 24 hours;
- are vomiting or have had intestinal disturbance in the previous 24 hours;
- have heavy nasal discharge and/or cough;
- have discharge from eye(s);
- test positive or have symptoms of COVID or a possible communicable disease.

If your child shows symptoms of illness upon arrival or during the school day, we will call and request that the child be picked up.

If your child will be absent, please call and leave a message at 607-256-1471, and contact your child's teacher as well.

Also please be sure that we have contact and emergency contact information should your child become ill during the morning.

Family weddings and bmitzvah celebrations are good excuses for missing school; help your child be ready to talk with the class about their visit to another Jewish community! Contact the teacher to find out about missed work.

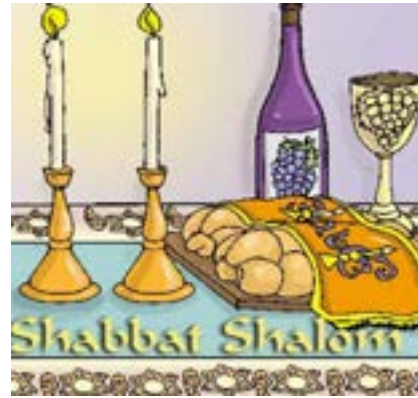
Shabbat

שבת

Each class will lead at least one service with their teachers. Please mark your calendars!
 These Shabbat services will begin with a class dish-to-pass dinner (or end with a Saturday lunch). Families will have a chance to eat together, sing together, sometimes craft together, and students will have the opportunity to share and

demonstrate what they are learning.

- Friday, Nov 3 Kitah Dalet/Hey
- Sat Jan 19 Kitah Vav/Zayin
- Friday, Feb 9 Kitah Bet/Gimel
- Friday Feb 10 Kitah Vav/Zayin
- Friday, March 15 Kitah Dalet/Hey



BMitzvah Families / Vav Zayin

במצוה

IMPORTANT DATES FOR VAV/ZAYIN / 6th and 7th GRADE:

More information about each of these programs will be available as they come closer.

- Saturday Sept 23 Day of Awe in the Woods
- Sunday Oct 1 Outdoor Adventure (instead of JLE at TVO)
- Sunday Oct 15 JLE - then Family Meeting after classes
- Saturday Dec 16 Chanukah Bonfire at Michael's house (instead of JLE at TVO on Sunday Dec 17)
- Saturday Jan 19 Class service – Torah Parasha: Bo / Theme: What do you bring to the table?
- Friday Feb 10 Class service - Torah Parasha: Mishpatim / Theme: Journey to Ithaca
- Sunday, March 3 JLE - Family Program TBA
- Saturday May 18 Bmitzvah in the Woods

All vav/zayin students are also expected to attend Shabbat services throughout the year, especially participating in each other's BMitzvah services on Friday nights and Saturday mornings.

- Friday April 12 and Saturday April 13 Nora Golden Tazria
- Friday May 31 and Saturday June 1 Eli Warshof Bechukotai
- Friday June 7 and Saturday June 8 Aviya Schwartz Bamidbar
- Friday June 28 and Saturday June 29 Gefen Centeno-Pearlman Shelach Lecha



JEWISH LEARNING EXPERENCES

WEDNESDAYS 4:30-6 pm

Kitah Vav-Zayin (6th and 7th grade)

JEWISH LEARNING EXPERENCES SUNDAYS

9-11 am Kitah Bet-Gimel (2nd – 3rd grade)
 9 am - 12 pm Kitah Dalet-Hey
 and Vav-Zayin (4th-7th grade)

- September 10 JLE First Day *until noon 12 for all
- September 17 No JLE Rosh Hashanah
Youth Service 10- 12 pm, followed by picnic and tashlich
- September 24 No JLE
Yom Kippur Youth program on Sept 25
- October 1 JLE / Sukkot Rabbi Shifrah
Vav/Zayin: at Cornell Challenge Course
- October 8 No JLE -- Indigenous Peoples Day wknd
- October 15 JLE
- October 22 JLE
- October 29 JLE
- November 5 JLE
- November 12 JLE
- November 19 JLE Bet/Gimel Family Program
- November 26 No JLE
- December 3 JLE
- December 10 JLE *Chanukah!*
- December 17 JLE Dalet/Hey Family Program
**Vav/Zayin -Chanukah Bonfire at Michael's house*
- December 24 and 31 No JLE
- January 7 JLE
- January 14 JLE
- January 21 JLE
- January 28 JLE
- February 4 JLE
- February 11 JLE
- Feb 18 and 25 No JLE
- March 3 JLE Vav/Zayin Family Program
- March 10 JLE
- March 17 JLE
- March 24 JLE *Purim*
- March 31 No JLE
- April 7 No JLE
- April 14 JLE
- April 21 JLE
- April 28 JLE *Passover*
- May 5 JLE
- May 12 JLE

- Sept 13 JLE
- Sept 20 JLE
- Sept 27 JLE
- Oct 4 JLE
- Oct 11 JLE
- Oct 18 JLE
- Oct 25 JLE
- Nov 1 JLE
- Nov 8 JLE
- Nov 15 JLE
- Nov 22 No classes
- Dec 6 JLE
- Dec 13 JLE
- Dec 20 JLE
- Dec 27 No classes
- Jan 3 JLE
- Jan 10 JLE
- Jan 17 JLE
- Jan 24 JLE
- Jan 31 JLE
- Feb 7 JLE
- Feb 14 JLE
- Feb 21 No classes
- Feb 28 JLE
- March 6 JLE
- March 13 JLE
- March 20 JLE
- March 27 JLE
- April 3 JLE
- April 10 JLE
- April 17 JLE
- April 24 JLE
- May 1 JLE
- May 8 JLE

High Holidays at Tikkun v'Or

Sunday, September 17, 10 am -12 pm Rosh Hashanah (second day): Please join us in person for our youth service: led primarily by and for kids ages 7 through 13 and their families. The youth service will be followed by a bring-your-own community picnic and tashlich (a special tradition involving water).

Saturday, September 23 6th and 7th graders (without parents) will come together for “Day of Awe in the Woods.” Details coming soon.

Monday, September 25, 1:15-2:15 pm Yom Kippur

K-5th graders and their families are warmly welcome in person at our youth program, including singing, stories, family activities, and shofar blowing.

Due to space constraints, regrettably we are not able to provide childcare during our main holiday services. That said, youth and children are warmly welcome at all services. Little ones can bring quiet toys and can go in/out quietly with a caregiver at any time.

The full guide to the high holidays is [HERE](#).

If you want to attend ANY High Holiday services/ programs at TVO, you must register in advance [HERE](#) and here for [YOUTH SERVICES](#).

Free books for kids!
pjlibrary.org and pjourway.org



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We're looking for more people who want to talk about JLE and TVO educational offerings for youth. Join the Jewish Education Committee: Contact naomi.wilensky@tikkuvnor.org

If you have not yet registered for JLE, forms are available at www.tikkunvor.org

Tuition Assistance is available through a grant from [Ithaca Area United Jewish Community \(IAUJC\)](#).

Send the completed [form](#) to: Presidents_22@tikkuvnor.org