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WHERE WE:

HAVE BEEN?



ARE NOW?



ARE GOING?



3 C'S (SPRING 2022)



CONFIDENCE

Families need to be confident their peers will be at events



COMMUNITY

Families want to be a part of a vibrant community



COMPOSITION

Families support the formation of Jewish identity in their children



OUR VISION

Our children will be equipped to forge their own Jewish identity through community relationships, education and experiences.

ADVENTURES IN JUDAISM



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**Doing Jewish
Things...**

such as learning, Holidays,
Mitzvah projects, prayer
and outdoor exploration



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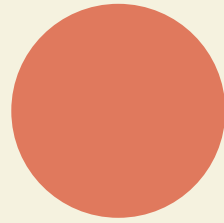
...Together

By investing ourselves in
each other, we will nurture
the very community we
crave.

Jewish Education for School Aged Youth

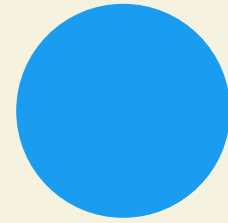
WHERE ARE WE GOING THIS YEAR?

Holiday Explorers + Kolot Hashir



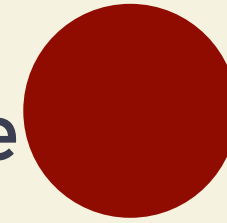
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Mitzvah Quest



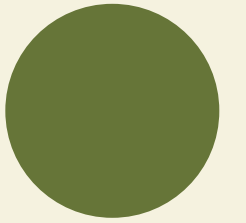
Experience Judaism hands-on through mitzvot, preparing for holidays, and field trips.

Journey Through the Siddur



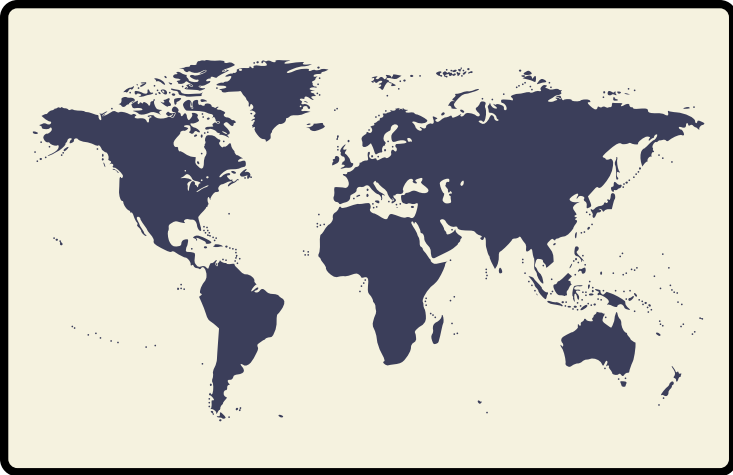
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Hebrew Discovery



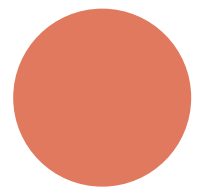
Take a deep dive into Hebrew via Hebrew through Movement, Conversational Hebrew, Decoding Practice, Trope

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE!



HOLIDAY EXPLORERS

A journey through a year of Jewish Holidays, immersed in Synagogue life.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

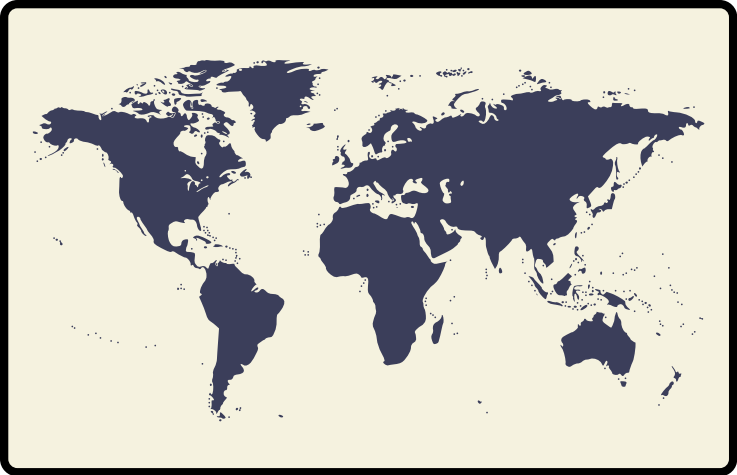
8/28 10a-12:30p	Welcome Event
9/18 11am	Field Trip: Deal's Apple Orchard
9/25 11:30a-12:30p	Rosh Hashana Children's Service (Cantor Led)
10/9 10a-noon	Decorate the Sukkah (Cantor Led)
10/16 10-11a	Consecration and Simchat Torah Service
10/30 10a	Rabbi Led AJ service
10/30 10-11a	Havdalah preparation (supply fee) followed by potluck lunch and outdoor recreation (weather permitting)
11/5 10am-noon	Rabbi and Student Led Torah Service
12/11 10a-noon	Rabbi Led AJ service, decorate donuts
12/18 6-8pm	AJC Community Hannukah Party and Menorah Lighting

Also Recommended:

Mitzvah Quest, Journey
through the Siddur, and
Kolot Hashir

Cost

Free, however some events have fees
(admission or supply fees)
Sign up sheets will be sent out on a per
event basis



KOLOT HASHIR (VOICES OF SONG)

Cantor John will teach the students traditional and new melodies to enhance their Jewish experience.

● CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/7	6pm	Practice
9/21	6pm	Practice
10/19	6pm	Practice
11/2	6pm	Practice
11/16	6pm	Practice
12/7	6pm	Practice

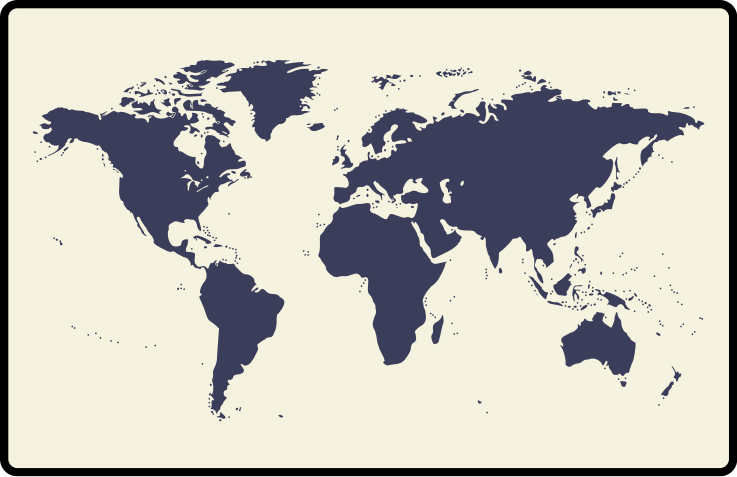


Also Recommended: ●

Holiday Explorers and
Journey through the
Siddur

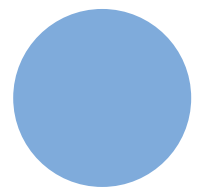
Cost ●

\$36/semester,
song leading/performances will be
incorporated into Holidays and Shabbat
services when possible!



MITZVAH QUEST

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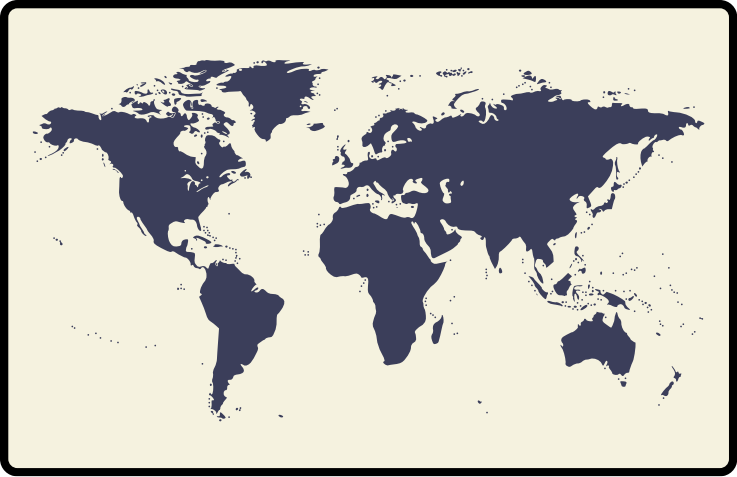
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10/2 1p-2:30p	Mitzvah Project: Making Applesauce
10/9 10a-noon	Decorate the Sukkah (Cantor Led)
10/30 11a	Havdalah preparation (supply fee),
10/30 1-2p	Mitzvah Project: Deliver food to Food at First
11/12 5-8p	Havdalah Potluck and Star Gazing
11/13 8a-1p	Field trip: Caspe, Global Day of Jewish Learning (meal and transportation provided)
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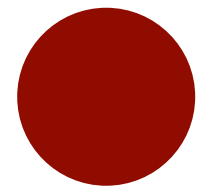
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JOURNEY THROUGH THE SIDDIR

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/10 10a-11a

Study and Practice Session

9/17 10a-11a

Study and Practice Session

10/15 10a-11a

Study and Practice Session

10/22 10a-11a

Study and Practice Session

11/5 10a-noon

Shabbat Service Practice Leading with Rabbi

11/12 10a-noon

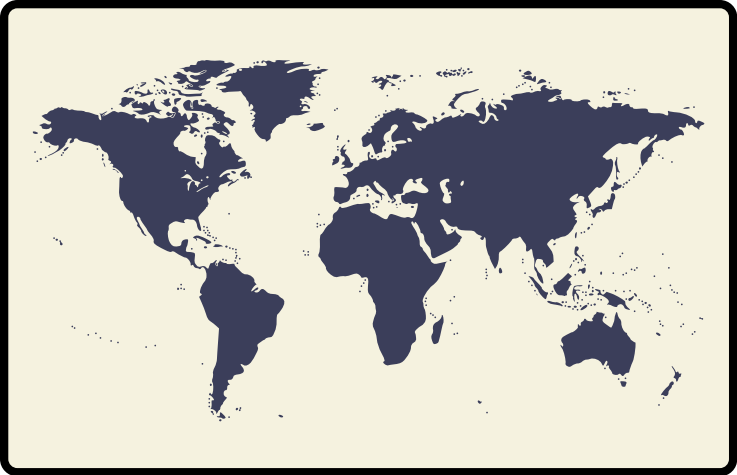
Student Led Service

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Hebrew Discovery

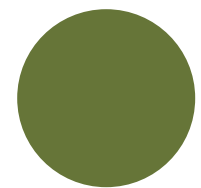
Cost

Free



HEBREW DISCOVERY- LEVEL 1

Hebrew Through Movement, Conversational Hebrew & Letter Recognition



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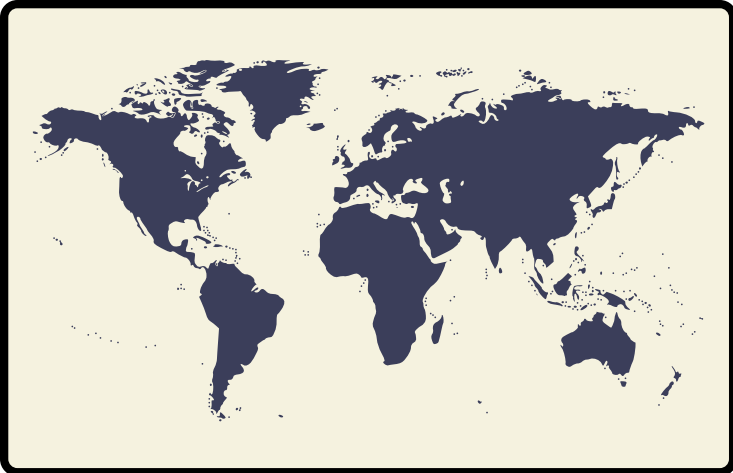
9/7 5:30pm	Hebrew Club
9/21 5:30pm	Hebrew Club
9/28 5:30pm	Hebrew Club
10/19 5:30pm	Hebrew Club
10/26 5:30pm	Hebrew Club
11/2 5:30pm	Hebrew Club
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12/7 5:30pm	Hebrew Club

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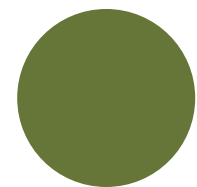
Cost

\$36/semester
Youth 4-11 with their Parent or
Caregiver
All Abilities Welcome



HEBREW DISCOVERY- LEVEL 2 & 3

Deciphering (Level 2) and Decoding Practice (Level 3), and basic Trope Clauses



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/14 5:30pm	D&D Club
9/28 6pm	D&D Club
10/12 TBD	Field Trip to Caspe: "Pizza in the Hut"
10/26 6pm	D&D Club
11/9 5:30pm	D&D Club
12/14 5:30pm	D&D Club

Deciphering (Level 2): Pair up with a Parent or Hebrew Tutor to learn to read Hebrew in written text with Let's Learn Hebrew Side by Side or other curriculum. Learn Basic Trope Clause Melodies.

Decoding Practice (Level 3): Sight reading Hebrew written text to develop mastery. Additional Trope Clauses introduced.

Must have proficiency at Level 2.

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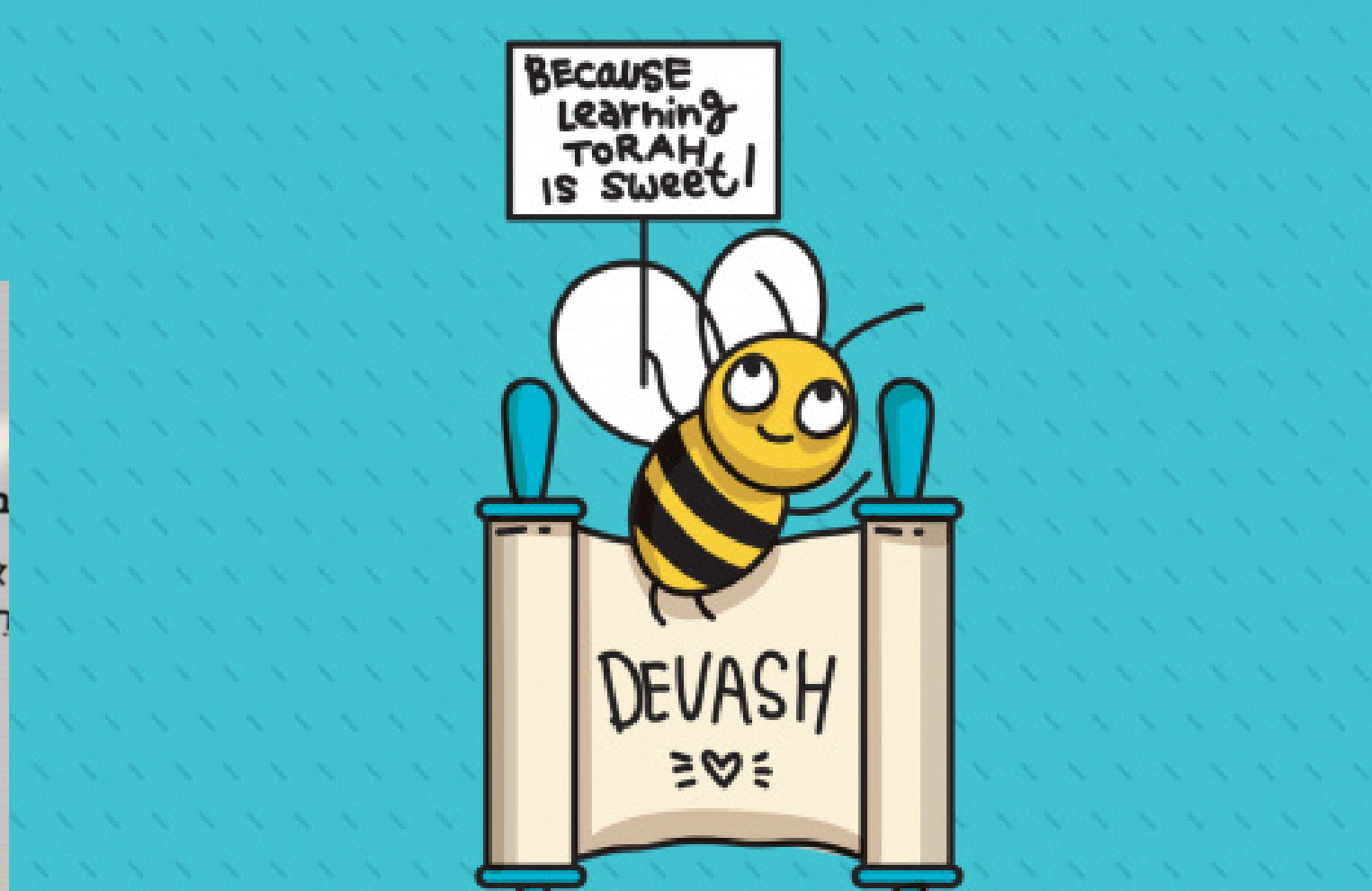
Journey Through the
Siddur, Kolot Hashir, and
Holiday Explorers

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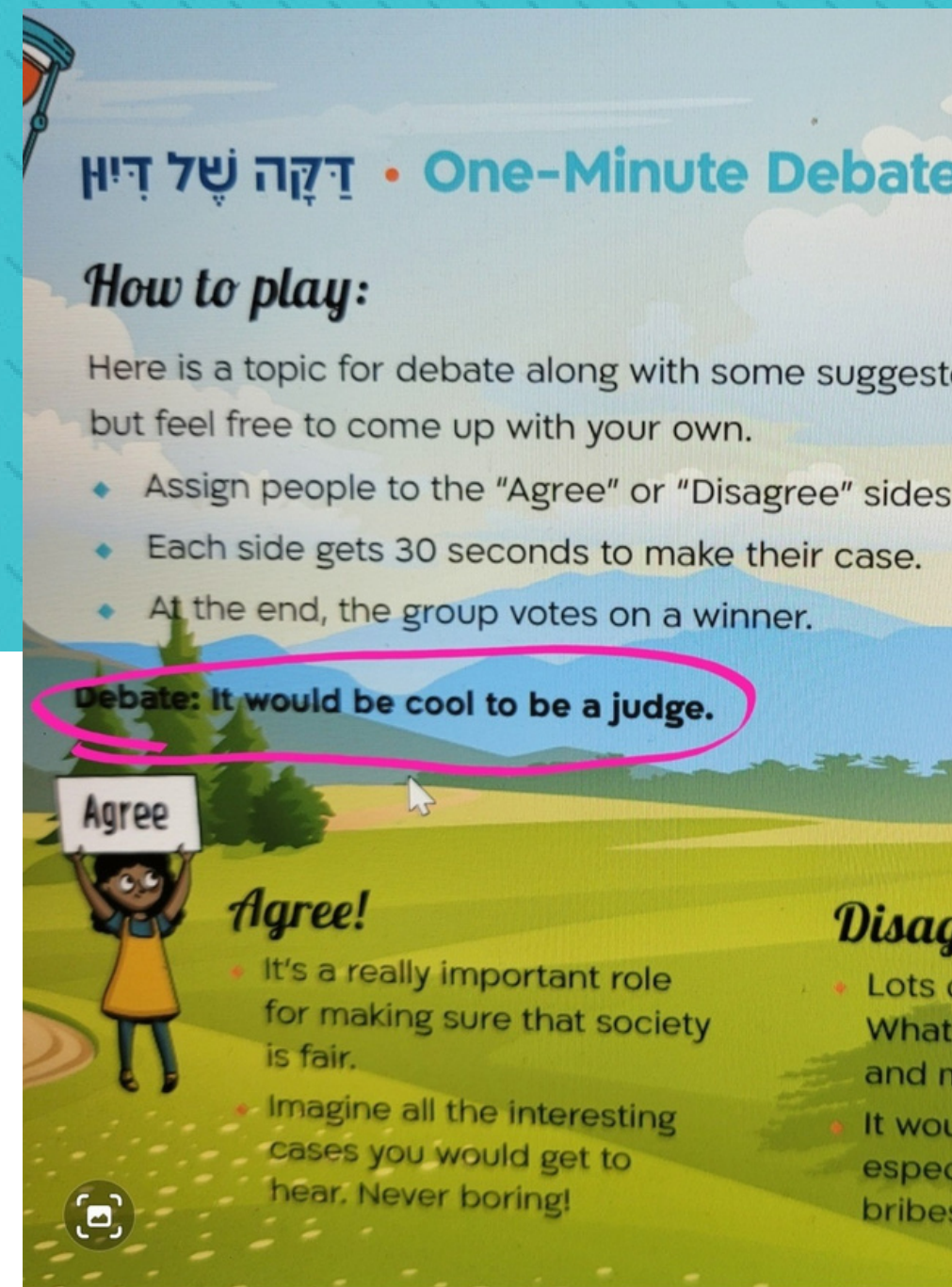
\$36/semester, plus curriculum (approx.
\$40/year) Placement in Level 2 or 3 will
be determined by skill level, and
assessed by the student, parent and AJ
instructor in collaboration.



**FAMILIES
CAN ADD
ON:**



Devash Magazine (from Hadar) Age Appropriate Discussion Prompts from the weekly parsha



Hardcopies available in the S. Lapan Youth Library. We can also order in bulk if enough families are interested! Digital copies are free.

<https://www.hadar.org/about/children-and-families/devash>



ONLINE TEXT STUDY

Led online by Hadar, NY

Devash Parsha Club(Grades 2-4), *M + TH 4-4:30pm CDT via zoom, sliding fee scale (\$18-100)*

Taste of Mishna Club (Grades 5-8), *M + Th 4:30-5pm CDT via zoom, sliding fee scale (\$18-100)*

Learning with Grandparents (several one time events per year)

You can register directly at <https://www.hadar.org/virtual-beit-midrash#children-families>



ONLINE JEWISH VALUES CLASS

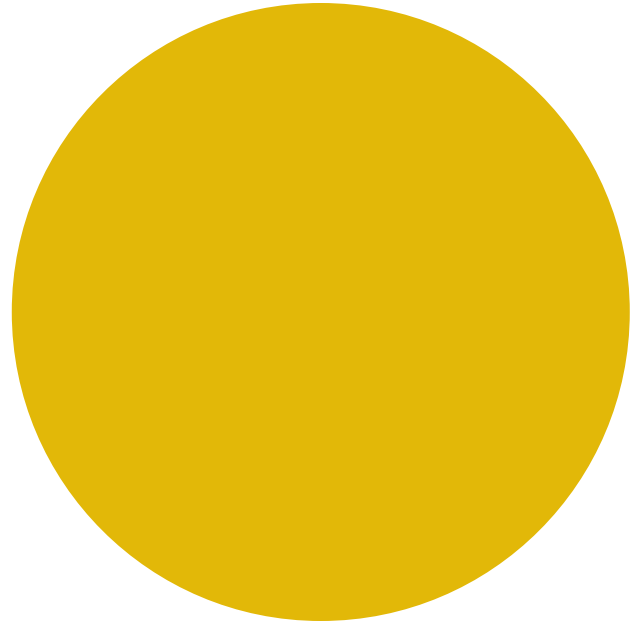
URJ Sponsored via Shalom Learning

Sunday morning or Thursday Evenings, Taste of Camp 3x/year

1-2nd graders are \$400/year (18 lessons, 45 min ea.)

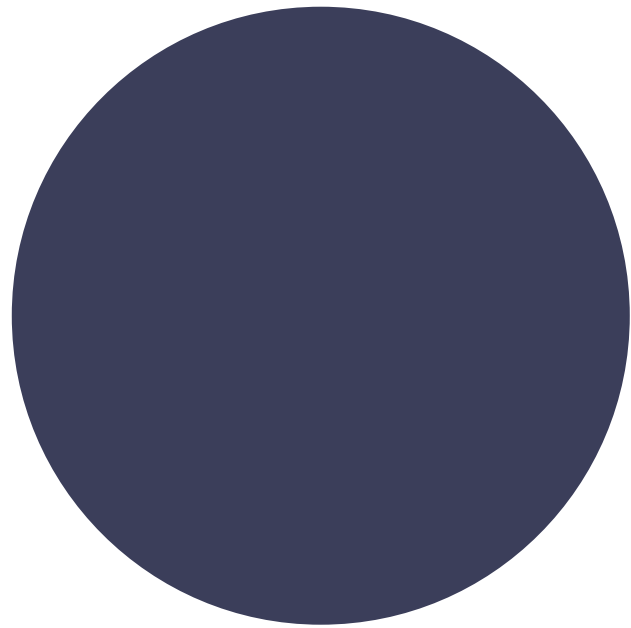
3-6th \$425/year (18 lessons, 60 mins each)

Register through Adventures in Judaism.



FIELD TRIP

10/23 *11:30a-4:30p* Field trip: Meet other Jewish Students for a Picnic, followed by a Hike and Fossil Collection at Fossil and Prairie Park Preserve, Rockford, Iowa
Free, BYO Picnic



STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Beit Sefer Shalom Synagogue Tour @AJC
(2nd graders, and Post B'nei Mitzvah students needed)
Hebrew through Movement leaders
(Post B'nei Mitzvah students only)

YOUNG FAMILY SHABBATON (WEEKEND RETREAT)

SUMMER 2023



YOU'RE INVITED:

You are invited to attend a
Welcome Back Activity and Luncheon

August 28, 2022, 9:30-11:30am

9:30- 10:30 Meet Rabbi Block (AJC's new Rabbi)

(Youth outdoor activities on the lawn)

10:30-11:30pm Rabbi Teaching for Parents/Kids

@ Ames Jewish Congregation

3721 Calhoun Ave

Ames, Iowa 50010

RSVP will come via email (AJC BLAST!)

OTHER WAYS TO CONNECT

- Friday Night Community Shabbat Dinners (FF)

Contact: Sarah Miller

- Book Club (A/C)

Contact: Rebecca Severin or Shari Womack

- Friday/Sat services (A/C)
- Holiday Services (A/C)
- Holiday Children's Services (FF)

Information about services is available at:

<https://ajciowa.org/> or in the weekly AJC Blast

FF= Family Friendly

A/C= Adult Event, Children are Welcome

All are free to attend.



ENROLLMENT

- Select the track(s) your student is sure about
- Indicate the tracks your student would like to try out before committing
- Final decisions need to be made by Sept 30
- Semester payment is due by Sept 30



Please Add to your contacts:
adventuresinjudaism.ajc@gmail.com



- Fill out this Google form to enroll:
<https://forms.gle/AKfuVo2UsMCHLQXx6>

PAYMENTS

Please submit your payment by check to:

AJC Treasurer

c/o Luda Rizhsky

3334 Southdale

Ames, IA 50010

or by **Venmo**

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If you need to apply for a scholarship, please contact Denise Rothschild, AJC President
ajcpres@gmail.com

