



Adventures in Judaism is an experiential religious school that fosters a lifestyle of learning in our Jewish Youth ages 0-17.

Our Mission is to motivate, engage, teach, and inspire students to identify with the Jewish people through involvement and participation in Jewish life.

We are a diverse group of students, teachers and parents committed to a Jewish Journey that is rich with ideas, connected to community, and celebrates the full spectrum of Jewish belief and practice. Our pillars are Kindness, Action, and Connectedness.

Judaism is a lifestyle and a community experience. And we invite you to belong with us. We are a diverse and inclusive group of Jewish families ranging from secular to leaning Orthodox.

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Weekly Education: Beit Sefer Shalom

This year, weekly instruction will take place on Sundays at Beit Sefer Shalom (BSS) in Waukee with transportation from AJC generously provided by the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines. **Beit Sefer Shalom offers high-quality Jewish education for Pre-Kindergarten (ages 2+) through 12th grade** that meets the diverse academic, social and emotional needs of our students and community. It is a safe and nurturing environment where students develop a strong Jewish identity and families can engage in their own Jewish educational experience.

For more information reach out to Sophi Homonoff at Beit Sefer Shalom sophie@jewishdesmoines.org or Sashya Clark at adventuresinjudaism.ajc@gmail.com

Holiday Explorers



Holiday Explorers is a journey through a year of Jewish Holidays, immersed in Synagogue life such as Havdalah Under the Stars, or a Children's Rosh Hashanah teaching. Services are typically led by our Rabbi or Cantor, although are occasionally lay-led, and are typically once monthly.

Service information is available in "The Blast."

To subscribe to "The Blast," please email ajciowa@gmail.com

Mitzvah Quest



Mitzvah Quest meets several times throughout the year to do hands-on mitzvot, such as picking apples for Rosh Hashanah, donating items or time to local charities, hikes, sledding and more.

We typically meet monthly, the days and times vary. Contact Rebecca Severin for more information: rebeccaarielle@gmail.com

Traditional Egalitarian Service



Students and Adult learners alike learn the main points of the service structure. They are invited to assist in leading the congregation by learning a section of a service, a prayer, or leyning part of the weekly Torah portion in a smaller, supportive group. This track gives learners an introduction to the Torah Trope, preparing a Dvar Torah, and other skills needed in preparation for Bar/Bat Mitzvah tutoring. The Traditional Egalitarian Service meets once monthly on Shabbat mornings.

For More information contact: Matt Wetstein matt.wetstein@gmail.com

Or Sashya Clark sashya.clark@gmail.com

Adventures in Judaism Calendar

[Calendar Link](#) (Please bookmark this page as the calendar is subject to changes)

Other Paths to Connect with the Ames Jewish Community

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Training and Preparation

Jewish Youth aged 10 and over are encouraged to reach out to someone at AJC to begin discussing preparations for Bar/Bat Mitzvah. For more information, please contact adventuresinjudaism.ajc@gmail.com

AJC Book Club/AJC Craft Club

Meets monthly on Sunday afternoons, children are welcome with their caregivers (local, monthly), For more information, contact Rebecca Severin rebeccaarielle@gmail.com

Friday Night Shabbat Potluck in the Park (Dairy/Pareve)

Meets locally, in person, and outdoors throughout the summer. For more information, contact Sarah Miller, sbendermiller@gmail.com

Jewish Values Class through the URJ (the schedule varies, online)

Weekly, Virtual Classes through Shalom Learning, a Jewish Values Education Service offered through the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ). For more information, please email adventuresinjudaism.ajc@gmail.com