



**ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION ABOUT
THE CHEVRA PROGRAM**



The Chevra Program is an OPTIONAL model, open to 4th & 5th grade families. Families who choose to participate in the program must sign up in advance (by August 15) and must fill out and sign a Chevra Program registration form.

Families may switch options between grades. (If you participate in the program in 4th grade, you can opt out in 5th. You can also opt in at 5th grade.)

Students participating in the alternative program will earn the required number of service and workshop credits for attending the 6 Shabbat Family Programs. Students will also be expected to participate in their grade-level milestone service.

Students must be accompanied by at least one adult family member at each of the Chevra family programs. Other family members, including siblings and grandparents, are welcome to participate in Chevra family programs.

For any additional questions about the Chevra Program, please contact the School office

ADULT HEBREW COURSES

Adult Hebrew classes will be offered at three different times per week to provide opportunities for parents who want to learn Hebrew along with their children. Classes will be offered on Monday afternoons from 5:30 – 6:15 pm, Tuesday afternoons from 5:30 – 6:15 pm, and Tuesday evenings from 8:15 – 9:00 pm.



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*A NEW Family
Learning
Initiative for
families with
students in
grades 4 or 5*

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WHAT IS THE CHEVRA PROGRAM?

The Chevra Program is an ALTERNATIVE model for Jewish learning for our 4th & 5th grade students and their families.

The Chevra Program is designed to build a “Chevra” - a community of Jewish families within Temple Sinai who will worship, learn, and do mitzvot together.

The design of the Chevra Program recognizes that students and families can connect to Judaism in varying ways and provides flexible learning options that involve families in creating Jewish experiences and memories for our children.

The Chevra Program is designed for families who want flexible learning options and who are willing to make the commitment to take a hands-on role in their child’s Jewish education. The Chevra Program is not right for every family. Families who register for the program must sign a commitment to fulfill all of the expectations of the program. Families who, at any time, are not following through with their commitment will be asked to switch to the traditional school model.

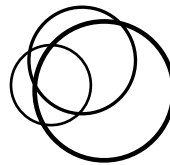
CLASS ATTENDANCE

Students attend class 1 day per week, on Monday or Tuesday. All students participating in the Chevra program will be grouped together, by grade level. While in class, students will participate in project-based learning for the grade-level Judaica subjects. The Hebrew program will be learner-centered, with students expected to work independently, supervised by the teaching staff, to master Hebrew decoding skills. Students will also join together with students from the traditional program once a day to participate in prayer services, Jewish holiday celebrations, and informal Jewish educational experiences.

Students participating in the Chevra program must attend a minimum of 75% of all scheduled class sessions.

ELECTIVE POINTS

Families will be required to earn 24 elective points each year they participate in the program. They can earn points by attending additional family workshops, services or trips, participating in an adult education class, or completing an independent study project



SHABBAT FAMILY PROGRAMS

Families must participate in at least 6 Shabbat family workshops designed for and open ONLY to families participating in the program. There will be a total of 10 workshops offered throughout the year, to afford flexibility. There will be 3 workshops held Friday night, 3 on Saturday morning, and 4 on Saturday afternoon. Each workshop will consist of a meal (dinner or breakfast), a family worship service, an opportunity for adults & children to study a topic separately, at their own levels, and a Social Action/Mitzvah related activity that parents and children do together. Families will have the opportunity to connect with other families participating in the program and therefore, we hope, will build a “chevra.”

FAMILY JOURNALS

Families will be asked to record their experiences in a family journal. They will be asked to complete a journal entry after each activity and to turn it in within 10 days in order to receive credit. Journals will be available both in print and electronically and will be provided by the Religious School.

