



ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION ABOUT
THE HEVRA PROGRAM



The Hevra Program is an OPTIONAL model, open to 4th, 5th & 6th 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 Hevra 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 for 5th & 6th 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 Hevra family programs. Other family members, including siblings and grandparents, are welcome to participate in Hevra family programs.

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

ADULT HEBREW COURSES

Adult Hebrew classes will be offered at various times per week to provide opportunities for parents who want to learn Hebrew along with their children.

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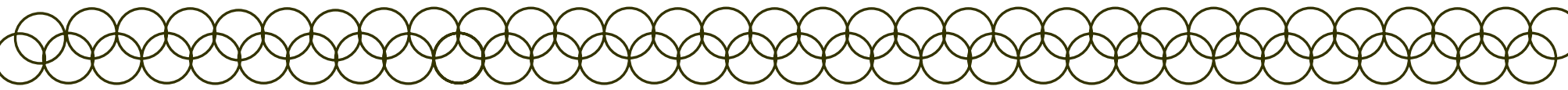
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students in
grades 4, 5 or 6*

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WHAT IS THE HEVRA PROGRAM?

The Hevra Program is an ALTERNATIVE model for Jewish learning for our 4th, 5th & 6th grade students and their families.

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

The design of the Hevra 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 Hevra 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 Hevra 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. All students participating in the Hevra program will be grouped together, by grade level. While in class, students will learn the grade-level Hebrew & Judaic Studies curriculum. Students will also join together with students from the traditional program once a day to participate in prayer services and Jewish holiday celebrations.

In addition to the weekly classes, students will be expected to attend a total of 5 half-hour private Hebrew tutorial sessions throughout the year. These sessions will be scheduled at a mutually convenient time for both the family and the teacher and can take place either at school or via Skype.

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

ELECTIVE POINTS

Families will be required to earn 30 elective points each year they participate in the program. 9 of these points must be earned by attending 3 services at Temple Sinai. (Each service earns 3 points.) Additional points can be earned by attending family workshops, services, trips, participating in an adult education class, or completing an independent study project.

HEVRA SESSIONS

Families must participate in at least 6 Shabbat *Hevra Sessions* specifically for families participating in the program. There will be 12 *Hevra Sessions* offered throughout the year, to afford flexibility. Workshops will be held on a variety of Friday nights, Saturday mornings, and Saturday afternoons. Workshops may also be offered on Jewish holidays. Families must attend at least 1 session in the Fall and at least 1 session in the Spring. Each *Hevra Session* will consist of a meal (dinner or breakfast), a family worship service, and study. At most sessions, adults will have an opportunity to study with one of the rabbis while children study a parallel topic with their teachers. Families will have the opportunity to connect with other families participating in the Hevra Program and therefore, we hope, will build a community of learners – a “Hevra.”

FAMILY JOURNALS

Families will be asked to record their experiences in a family journal. They will be asked to complete a journal page after each activity and to turn it in within 10 days in order to receive credit. Journal pages will be provided by the Religious School.

