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# **Congregation Ahavath Chesed TIR**

2020 - 2021

Distant (yet together) Learning  
until we can be in person again



## **Sundays 9:30am - 11am**

Pre-K - Grade 3: Tefilah with Cantor Barry;  
Judaics and Hebrew: interactive activities based  
on Jewish values, Torah, Hebrew, Israel and  
holidays.

Grade 4 - Grade 7: Judaics: interactive activities  
based on Jewish values, Torah, Hebrew, Israel  
and holidays; Tefilah with Cantor Barry.

# **Wednesdays**

## **5:30pm -**

## **7:15pm**

Knowing that Zoom fatigue is real, and taking into account some families have chosen distance learning, we have decided to split the total amount of time on Sundays to add Wednesday evenings back to TIR.

Families may choose to attend either

5:30pm - 6:30pm or 6:15pm - 7:15pm.

We will join together as a community from 6:15-6:30 with Cantor Barry for tefilah. The other time will be spent in interactive learning across grade levels. Meant for siblings to learn together.

\*These sessions will be recorded. We will do our best to match up families that have other activities on Wednesdays so you can participate together on another day with recordings.

# **Siyyum**

## **Post B'nai Mitzvah Learning**

Grades 8 & 9 - Comparative Religion (Sundays 4pm - 5:30pm)

\* Fieldtrips to various Houses of Worship will remain virtual until it is decided we can gather together. The schedule may include Friday nights, Saturday mornings and Sunday mornings.

Grades 10, 11 & 12 - Confirmation (TBD)

Taught by clergy and Michelle Penson; Trip to L'taken in Washington D.C. if we are able. Confirmation will be held May 14, 2021.

# **Madrachim (grades 8-12)**

Madrachim (teen leaders) will continue the tradition of learning from faculty and aiding our students in learning and connecting.

Madrachim may choose to help on Sundays, Wednesdays or both. They will help with technology, leading icebreakers and activities, and earn service hours.

Training workshops will take place in August.



# **Virtual Hebrew 1:2**

Multiple Days;  
Multiple Times;  
Multiple Options

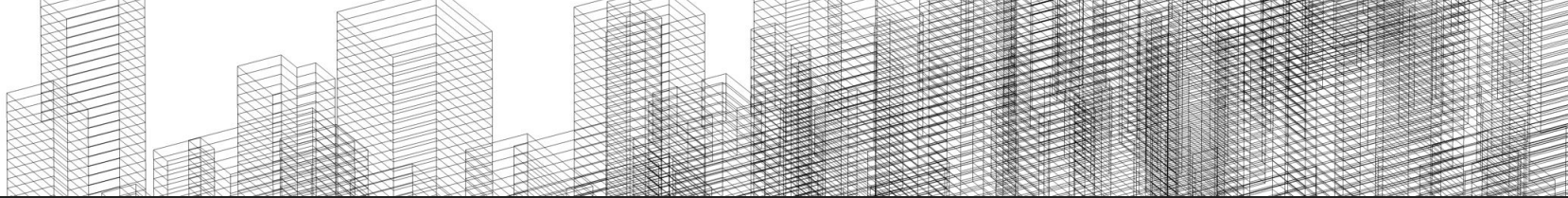


# Virtual Hebrew 1:2

Each student will be paired with another student of similar aptitude with Hebrew.

They will be paired with a teacher and learn for 20 focused minutes together.

Our program suggests Hebrew for students in grades 4-6. Students in grade 7 may opt in for Hebrew if they delayed their b'nai mitzvah.



# **Building Community**

Multiple Ways for Families, Students and Parents to connect.



# Chavurah

A chavurah is a small group of like-minded Jews who assemble for the purposes of facilitating Shabbat and holiday prayer services, sharing communal experiences such as lifecycle events, or Jewish learning.

We will be sending a form beginning next week for families interested in creating a chavurah with 4-5 other families.

These groups can begin as virtual, but we hope these relationships continue well past this pandemic.

Groups can be based on geographic location, ages of children, or like-minded interests like sports, hiking or cooking.

# Bunks - Camp Style

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Groups of students of up to 10. These groups can meet monthly, virtually at first, and hopefully later in the year, together. We will organize based on requests of “bunkmates.” These groups are intended to transcend grade level and age.

Ideas for gathering: Netflix watch party, Minute to Win It game night, Painting With a Twist, etc.

# Parents' Night In

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Meet with and connect with other parents of TIR. We will help organize monthly Zoom meetings and eventually, we hope, have get togethers in person.

Ideas include wine and cheese tasting, recipe swap for progressive dinner, Painting with a Twist, etc.

# **Monthly Youth Group Activities**

B'yachad (3-5)

Jr. JAFTY (6-8)

JAFTY (9-12)

Calendar available  
soon



# **Distance Learning August thru November, 2020**

The Education Committee, Lay Leadership and Staff will be reassessing the situation in November to see if we can gather once again for TIR in our building.

We have determined there will always be a distance option, even when we are able to gather again.