



8th Grade 2026-2027



8th grade takes important and timely topics and digs deeper.

Post-B'nai Mitzvah study is essential to continuing to deepen identity development and connections to community as our children grow into young adulthood.

Big question: What is my responsibility as a Jewish adult?

Option 1: Big Topics & Pre-Madrichim Training Program

Weekly

- Community Building
- T'fillah (services)
- Content time
- Bagel break/snacks

Description

The 8th grade program will be responsive to our changing times, the big questions of life, social justice issues, Israel's complexities, and Jewish values.

March-May will focus on a leadership development & pre-madrichim training including basic classroom management, observations of classrooms/current madrichim, and a chance to help out.

More Details

Topics for the year include: • Israel- why should I care and what are the issues (plus a review of the basics)
Comparative Judaism including guest speakers and attending Shabbat at an Orthodox synagogue
Celebration of holidays on a deeper level
Connections to Israeli teens
Pre-madrichim program focused on what does it mean to be a Jewish leader in our community.

Participants in the 2-month pre-madrichim program who finish with at least 85% attendance will have the opportunity to earn second-year level pay during their freshman year.

Weekly classes meet from 9:30-12:00pm

Option 2: Chevruta Small Group Learning

Weekly

- Community Building
- T'fillah (services)
- Bagel Break (or special homemade treats!)
- Content Time

Year Long Class

Small Group Debate and Study
Deep dive into Jewish text & analysis
Including Torah, Prophets and Writings (Tanach)
Debate & discussion format
One Shabbat "retreat"- attend Shabbat Torah study as a group

Application

We want to make sure this is a good fit for your child!
Applications available when registration opens
Available 6th 7th and 8th grades! (you can do 1, 2 or all 3 years)



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No attendance requirement- but the more they put into it, the more they will get out of it!