

# MINCHA 2018-2021

Temple Shalom Youth Engagement

# Community Foundations

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- ❖ Every participant will...
  - feel safe, welcome, valued, and at home at Temple Shalom.
  - establish meaningful connections with their peers, teen leaders, and staff.
  - feel comfortable advocating for themselves and others.
  - value being a part of a Jewish community as they begin to form their own Jewish identity.

# Current v. Future

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<b>SHACHARIT: Current 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Program</b>	<b>MINCHA: Current 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Program</b>	<b>MINCHA: Future 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Program</b>
SHACHARIT Education Dept.	Youth Engagement Dept.	Youth Engagement Dept.
Sundays 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Tuesdays 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Tuesdays 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
1 hour Small Group Hebrew (SGH)	N/A	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade SGH 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade optional
B'nai Mitzvah Tutoring	B'nai Mitzvah Tutoring	B'nai Mitzvah Tutoring
30 min. weekly family T'filah	30 min. Prayer Boot Camp 2 months into tutoring	20 min. weekly T'filah
Required	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade required 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade optional	Required

- ❖ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will be incorporated into High School Program

# Schedule

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- ❖ Tuesday afternoons 4:30-6:30 P.M.
- ❖ 25 total sessions
  - Fall Semester: 8 Masa'ot, 3 Community Experiences
  - Spring Semester: 9 Masa'ot, 5 Community Experiences
- ❖ Sample Schedule

4:30-4:50	תְּפִלָּה – T'filah – Experiential Prayer
4:50-5:10	מִשְׁפָּחָה – Mishpacha – Family time <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Snack and small group check-ins with a consistent adult leader</li><li>▪ Community building activities and group discussions</li></ul>
5:10-6:10	מַסְעוֹת – Masa'ot – Journeys <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Experiential STEAM-based learning tracks</li><li>▪ Participants select Masa'ot according to individual interests</li><li>▪ Overarching curriculum goals span all Masa'ot</li></ul>
6:10-6:30	אָרוּחַת עֶרֶב – Aruchat Erev – Dinner

# מַסְעוֹת – Masa'ot – Journeys

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- ❖ Visual Arts
- ❖ Performing Arts
- ❖ Debate/Discussion/Literature
- ❖ Natural Sciences
- ❖ Technology/Innovation/Engineering

# Curriculum

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2018-2019

2019-2020

2020-2021

Fall

## Discovering Jewish Identity

- Traditions
- Beliefs
- Global Modern Judaism

## Connecting to our Jewish History

- Global Jewish History
- Holocaust
- Changes in Judaism over time

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## Living Jewish Values

- Making Menches Categories
  - Wisdom, Courage, Transcendence, Moderation

## Tikkun Olam and Social Action

- Making Menches Categories
  - Honor, Justice

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Spring

# Making Menschen: A Periodic Table

1 <b>Wisdom</b> חכמה Hochma Wi	2 <b>Courage</b> אומץ לב Ometz Lev Co	<p>"The Maharal of Prague [Rabbi Yehudah Loeb, d.1609] created a golem, and this was a great wonder. But how much more wonderful is it to transform a corporeal human being into a mensch!"                  — Rabbi Israel Salanter,                  Founder of the Modern Mussar Movement</p>				3 <b>Wonder</b> מלכות Malchut Tr
4 <b>Understanding</b> בינה Bina Wi	5 <b>Zest &amp; Zeal</b> זריזות Zerizut Co *	6 <b>Decency &amp; Social Intelligence</b> דרך ארץ Derech Eretz Ho *				7 <b>Reverence &amp; Awe</b> יראה Yira Tr
8 <b>Sensibility</b> דעת Daat Wi	9 <b>Confidence</b> בטחון Bitachon Co	10 <b>Compassion</b> רחמים Rachamim Ho	11 <b>Justice</b> דין Din Ju	12 <b>Calm &amp; Composure</b> מנוחת הנפש Menuchat HaNefesh Mo	13 <b>Contentment</b> הסתפקות Histapkut Mo	14 <b>Love</b> אהבה Ahava Tr
15 <b>Curiosity</b> סקרנות Sakranut Wi *	16 <b>Will Power</b> גבורה Gevurah Co *	17 <b>Kindness</b> חסד Chesed Ho	18 <b>Community Mindedness</b> ערבות Areyvut Ju	19 <b>Organization &amp; Order</b> סדר Seder Mo	20 <b>Humility</b> ענוה Anavah Mo	21 <b>Gratitude</b> הכרת הטוב Hakarat HaTov Tr *
22 <b>Creativity</b> יצירה Yetzirah Wi	23 <b>Conviction</b> אמונה Emunah Co	24 <b>Loyalty</b> נאמנות Ne'emanut Ho	25 <b>Social Responsibility</b> אחריות Achrayut Ju	26 <b>Patience</b> סבלנות Savlanut Mo	27 <b>Modesty</b> צניעות Tzniut Mo	28 <b>Joy</b> שמוח Sameach Tr
29 <b>Appreciation of Opposition</b> מחלוקת Machloket Wi	30 <b>Perseverance &amp; Grit</b> נצח Netzach Co *	31 <b>Pursuit of Peace</b> רודף שלום Rodef Shalom Ho	32 <b>Compassionate Criticism</b> תוכחה Tochecha Ju	33 <b>Forgiveness</b> מחילה Machilah Mo	34 <b>Piety</b> חסידות Chassidut Mo	35 <b>Whole &amp; At Peace</b> שלמות Shleimut Tr *
36 <b>Foresight</b> רואה את הנולד Roeh et HaNolad Wi	37 <b>Integrity</b> ישר Yosher Co	38 <b>Leadership</b> מנהיגות Manhigut Ho	39 <b>Righteous</b> צדק Tzedek Ju	40 <b>Acquiescence</b> הוד Hod Mo	41 <b>Balance &amp; Inner Beauty</b> תפארת Tiferet Mo	42 <b>Grounded</b> יסוד Yesod Tr
Year A – Living Jewish Values		Year B – Tikkun Olam/ Social Action		Year A – Living Jewish Values		43 <b>Majesty</b> כתר Keter Wi ∞

## KEY

- Wisdom
- Courage
- Honor
- Justice
- Moderation
- Transcendence

\* These 7 Middot, or character traits, are keys to success, according to Paul Tough in his book, *How Children Succeed*.

Jewish ethics are based on the idea that we are created in the Divine image. The Kabbalah imagined that HaShem is revealed in a number of attributes, or *sfirot*, which correspond to our highest aspirations for human character.

∞ The highest *sfirot*, attribute, not understood in a human context.

# Community Experiences

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2018-2019

2019-2020

2020-2021

Fall

6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Welcome to MINCHA	
Torah 101	
Chanukah	

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Spring

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Inclusion	
Life Cycle 101	
B'nai Mitzvah Social Prep	Teen Engagement 101
Passover	
End of Year Celebration	

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# Inclusion

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- ❖ On-site Inclusion Coordinator
  - Supervised by Director of Inclusion, Emily Kieval
- ❖ College and High School Madrichim as 1-on-1s and additional supports

# Hebrew

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- ❖ 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Small Group Hebrew
  - Will have additional Tuesday 3:30-4:30PM and Sunday 11:00AM-12:00PM groups available to help with scheduling
- ❖ 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Small Group Hebrew Optional
- ❖ B'nai Mitzvah Tutoring

# MINCHA 2018-2019 Review

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- ❖ Tuesdays 4:30-6:30PM – including snack and dinner
- ❖ A mix of whole-group community experiences, interest based learning journeys in medium-sized groups, and small group “family” bonding
- ❖ A focus on:
  - Community building
  - Formation of Jewish identity
  - Living Jewish values
  - Deeply connecting with each other, staff, and the B’nai Mitzvah experience
  - Feeling at home at Temple Shalom

# Contact Information

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