

LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Teen Group:

Our group is self-directed, with an adult advisor. Youth develop leadership skills, build social relationships, engage in Tikkun Olam and mitzvot, and celebrate being Jewish.

This group will lead the way as we build toward a High School curriculum.

In our new **Madrichim Program**, students will be given the opportunity to mentor younger students, serve as teaching assistants and activity counselors as they explore a leadership path in Jewish Education.

Family & Community:

Two parent groups are held concurrently with Simcha Sunday classes (on alternate weeks). On one Saturday of each month, the community holds Mishpachah (Family) services, designed for inclusion of the whole family in joyful celebration. Families are invited to share Shabbat dinners and Havdalah within their class communities. The entire community is encouraged to participate in seasonal programs such as the annual Tu B'shvat Tree Planting, and the Shavuot Procession of First Fruits.

Adult Learning

Adult Classes are available to all members of P'nai Or. The classes are very participatory in nature. The Thursday evening class currently alternates between Kabbalah (Sefer Yetzirah), Biblical Literacy, and Talmud; other topics are often included, such as Prayer and Practice, and Hassidic Masters. The Sunday morning class is currently a siddur literacy class, providing a deeper understanding of the structure that inspires our davvenen. In addition, there are several other adult groups that meet independently: a meditation group, a mussar group (Jewish ethics), a chant group, a writing group and a lay-led Torah parshot group.

TO LEARN MORE

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CHILDREN AND FAMILY EDUCATION PROGRAM

AND YOU SHALL TEACH
YOUR CHILDREN

Our Simcha Sunday program works to cultivate and instill in our children a lifelong love of being Jewish. Within a Jewish Renewal context, students learn Torah, prayers, blessings, Hebrew, the Jewish calendar and its holidays. We strive to develop each child's gifts and promote spiritual, mental, emotional and physical integration. Curriculum is interwoven with mitzvot, tzedakah and tikkun olam. Along with Simcha Sunday and Shabbat family services with student participation, this year we also offer an additional Hebrew class twice monthly.

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First day of the 2009-10 school year is
Oct. 11, 9:30am to 12:30pm at
Fulton Park Community Center.

OUR VISION

...*Torah*

Bringing our stories to life, through use of art, dance & storytelling

...*Tefillah*

Finding meaningful spiritual expression through prayer, blessings, chants, & songs

...*Tikkun Olam*

Honoring our covenant, as G-d's partners, to care for one another and the planet we share - through mitzvot and tzedakah projects

...*Tikkun HaLev*

Nourishing our Jewish hearts through joyous celebrations, exploration of the sacred roots of the Hebrew language, and participation in an egalitarian, inclusive community.

P'nai Or's Children & Family Education program has three primary components:

SIMCHA SUNDAYS occur 3 Sundays per month. Twice monthly students break into class periods for **Religious Education** and **Hebrew**. Once monthly older students and their families participate in an interactive, experiential exploration of Mitzvot (commandments), Middot (values) and Midrash (interpretive expression), as well as Hebrew.

MISHPACHAH SERVICES are held one Saturday of each month and allow families to come together in celebration of Torah. Before the service is half an hour of Torah study for families. After services all are invited to stay for the brunch/oneg.

WEDNESDAY HEBREW- two class will take place simultaneously on Wed. evenings for an hour. One class is for pre-b'nai mitzvah students to work on prayers and mystical depth of Hebrew. The second class is for post-B'nai Mitzva teens and any adults who can read Hebrew, to learn conversational Hebrew through Israeli songs, games, dance and other creative activities.

KEY COMPONENTS

Brachot (Blessings) & Music— Enables students to experience the spiritual in Jewish life.

Middot (Values)— Students develop a strong ethical base through core Jewish teachings and practice such as Tikkun Olam, Tzedakah, and interfaith projects.

Minhag (Holiday Customs and Rituals), Seasonal/Natural Cycles, and Life Cycles— Connects students to creation and community through celebrations of the seasons and cycles of our lives.

Midrash (Storytelling, Art & Living History)— Allows children to develop their artistic & dramatic skills in interpreting Torah, Talmud and Jewish history as ways of expressing our communal memory and integrating that memory in their lives.

Tefillah (Prayer and Services)— Family Services help students learn the meaning and structure of the Shabbat prayers and songs, gain leadership skills and experience being part of a vibrant community.

OUR CLASSES

Aleph/Bet Class for grades K-1
Belonging to Community & Developing Positive Jewish Identity. Children are introduced to Torah, holidays & seasonal cycles, values & ethics, and blessings. Lessons are hands-on and participatory, featuring mitzvot, creating ritual objects and experiencing awe in nature.

Gimmel Class for grades 2-5
Inquiry, Critical Thinking, & Creative Expression. Students experience the Jewish story as their own, through the expressive arts. They develop critical thinking skills through discussions on Torah and Jewish history. They will build relationships to community through mitzvot and tzedakah projects. They will also begin to explore daily prayer as a tool to connect with their spirituality to their lives.

B'nai Mitzvah for grades 6 and up
Life Passage Journey into Adult Responsibility. The pre-b'nai mitzvah students will practice prayers for participation in or Mishpacha Service. Students will engage in textual study with the realization that what they bring to and derive from Torah is a valid part of our sacred 3,000 year conversation.

Hebrew for all grades
Aleph/Bet will focus on reading readiness, aleph bet recognition, and simple words & phrases. The older grades will focus on understanding the multifaceted meanings within the root structure of Biblical Hebrew, leading to reading and writing skills that prepare them to engage in life-long relationship with Torah.

