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Kesher: The Center for Jewish Life enables the exploration of everyone's evolving Jewish self, grounded in connection, community, holiness, and love.

K:1:2:3:4:5:6:7:8:9:10:11:12

For all grades:



Joyous holiday celebrations throughout the year



Social justice projects to make the world a better place



Small class cohorts to facilitate connection with peers and teachers



Options for distance learning via technology



Opportunities to grow Jewish friendships



Spiritual development



Social time to form bonds of community



Family programs to engage parents and children together

K-2	Jewish Life: Sun 9-11 or Sun 10-12 or Mon 4:15-6:15	Hebrew Through Movement is included in Jewish Life component.
3	Jewish Life: Sun 9-11 or Sun 10-12 or Mon 4:15-6:15	Hebrew
4-6	Jewish Life: Sun 9-11 or Sun 10-12 or Tues 4:15-6:15	choose a half-hour slot within the following times
7	Jewish Life: Tues 5:15-7:15	Sun 10-1, Mon-Thurs 4-7
8-12	Jewish Life: Every other Tues 6:15-7:45	

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- Cutting-edge Hebrew Through Movement (HTM) curriculum
- Weekly activity rotations by class: think HTM, Israeli dance, art projects
- Weekly music and/or tefillah (prayer) experience
- Interactive projects focusing on an introduction to the synagogue and ritual objects (K), Jewish values and how to live them (I), and Torah stories of our ancestors with lessons on how to live our lives (2)



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- Experiential learning focused on Israel, our Jewish homeland



- Personalized small-group Hebrew learning online
- Optional supplementary weekly Hebrew workshop in person
- Spiritual exploration with our clergy
- Rap with the Rabbi/Cantor
- Weekly tefillah (prayer) experience
- Weekly choice activity: non-grade based choice activity. Think architecture, photography, outdoor gardening, music, dance, art and more.
- Curriculum: Experiential learning by grade level: living and learning the Jewish lifecycle (4), discovering our own connection to God and spirituality (5), Jewish immigration and the Holocaust (6)



- Personalized small-group Hebrew learning
- Optional supplementary weekly Hebrew workshop
- Inspirational holiness exploration with our clergy
- Safe and meaningful social experiences with peers
- Dinner together each session
- Curriculum focused on exploring what it means to become a Jewish adult.
 Topics include: gender identity, how we talk about money, values underlying friendship and standing up for what we believe in and more.

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- Active focus on social justice and social action
- Each student chooses a project of interest to them and gets to actively delve into it.
- Changing curricular focus every other year. One year is social justice/action, the other is Jewish ethics.



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- Meaningful time with clergy
- Individual and group exploration of Jewish connection with all clergy
- The opportunity to lead and participate in a service during Shavuot (in May/June) where students confirm to continue learning about Judaism
- Participation in the Religious Action Center's L'taken seminar, learning how to lobby congress on issues of great value to Jews.
- Curriculum based in discussion of the main components of Judaism: God, Torah and Israel



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- Curriculum focused on what's next in the students' lives: how to be a knowledgeable Jew on
 campus or generally in the world: the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Jewish views on abortion,
 and BDS. Basically everything hard you've never wanted to talk about.
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