

Online Class 2024

Third Wednesday of each month,
8 pm EST, 7 pm CST, 6 pm MST, 5 pm PST.

January 17, 2023 / Tzedek Tzedek Tierdof (Pursuit of Justice)

We discuss our role to solve intractable problems such as climate change, gun violence in schools, racial injustice, and homelessness. We will also explore the Jewish connection to Martin Luther King and the pursuit of justice.

February 21, 2024 / *Bna'i Mitzvah and Bna'i Yisrael* (Ceremony Planning)

Together we will examine the history and evolution of the Jewish rituals surrounding becoming an adult. We will learn how Adventure Rabbi lays out the ceremonies and discuss how to make the ceremony meaningful for everyone invited. **This class requires parent attendance! Have your binder.**

March 20, 2024 / *Shoayl U'Mayshiv* (Asking Questions)

In Class Project: **Hamantaschen**

One thing Jewish Holidays, comedy and study all have in common is the importance of asking questions. Challenging authority (and ourselves) is more than a trope, it is essential. We will focus on why and how to ask questions, and its importance in this class, and as a life skill while learning the story of **Purim** and baking some Hamantaschen.

April 17, 2024 / *Ma'ashe* (Jewish Stories)

In Class Project: **Matzaball Soup**

Stories form the foundation of Jewish culture, values and holidays. Being able to tell stories is also a valuable life skill, in school, relationships and at work. Why are they so important, how can old stories impact us today? We will investigate this, with a focus on the story of **Passover** while we make some Matzaball Soup.

May 15, 2024 / *Tikkun Olam* (Repairing the World)

In Class Project: **Cheesecake**

What is the difference between tzedakah and charity? What role do we all have in giving and receiving such aid, and what is the best way? How do we effect large change in society? Our anchor will be the holiday of **Shavuot** and our fuel will be making cheesecake together.

June 19, 2024 / Jewish Origins of Superheroes (Immigration)

Did you know that Superman, Spiderman, the Fantastic Four and many other DC and Marvel characters were created by Jewish comic book writers and illustrators. We will learn the history and implications of this influential art form, and what it can tell us about the Jewish immigration experience.

July 17, 2024 / B'Tzelem Elohim (Self Esteem)

Jewish wisdom and tradition has a good deal to say about how important and intrinsically valuable we each are as individuals, and the roles we play as Messengers (*Malachim*) in each other's lives.

August 21, 2024 / Zachor Shabbat (Remember the Sabbath)

In Class Project: Challah

Today we meet in the kitchen to make a Shabbat staple: Challah! As it bakes, we will study texts about the meaning and purpose of **Shabbat** and brainstorm ways we can practice Shabbat so that it is meaningful to us personally.

September 18, 2024 / *Shalom Bayit* (Peace in the Home)

In Class Project: Apple Chocolate Chip Cake

As some families come together for **Rosh Hashannah**, we all feel the mix of joy and drama. To help, we will look at texts and stories and advice that can help us create peaceful homes, good relationships with our parents and explore the power of the Jewish New Year. We will also bake an apple chocolate chip cake together.

October 16, 2024 / *Shomrei Adamah* (Judaism and Nature)

Judaism teaches that we all have responsibility for the natural world. We will look at origins, implications and our role in caring for the Earth and its connection to the Jewish behavior, and test our knowledge about the natural world with an in class Kahoot.

November 20, 2024 / *Bechol Levavcha* (Mindfulness)

Being present in every moment is an important, and very challenging goal. Breathing, prayer and blessings can help us focus and appreciate the little moments and big events in our lives.

December / NO CLASS

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