



## GJC Religious School and Youth & Families Calendar 5784 | 2023-2024

### CALENDAR OVERVIEW

- **Kindergarten & 1st Grade:** Sundays (or Saturdays\*) 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM at GJC.
- **2nd Grade – 6th Grade:**
  - Sundays (or Saturdays\*) 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM at GJC.
  - Wednesdays, between 4:00 – 6:30 PM, up to 30-minute VIRTUAL Hebrew in small groups (exact time of lesson will be determined by the class teacher).
  - **6<sup>th</sup> grade ONLY:** *Mechinah* Family Program (formerly “BBMM”) on select Sunday mornings (with parents) from 11 AM –12:30 PM and on Shabbat on select Saturdays (kids only) from 10 AM – 12:15 PM at GJC.
- **7th Grade:**
  - Sundays (or Saturdays\*) 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM at GJC.
  - Tuesdays, 6:45 PM – 8:30 PM at GJC (Teen Tuesday).
- **8th & 9th Grades Teen Tuesday:** Tuesdays, 6:45 PM – 8:30 PM at GJC (Teen Tuesday).
- **10th Grade Confirmation:** Tuesdays, approximately 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM. Sometimes at GJC and sometimes at offsite locations, TBA.

### SHABBAT SCHOOL! \*

In **January & February**, ALL students will come to GJC on Shabbat INSTEAD of on Sunday, in order to experience Shabbat in community and be together in new and special ways. (No Shabbat School on President’s Day Weekend, Feb 18, 2024)

### FAMILY SHABBAT

On the following five Saturdays, GJC families are invited to celebrate Shabbat @ GJC at a service designed especially for you! Some RS students will have roles in the service. **Save these dates:**

- November 18, 2023
- January 27, 2024
- May 4, 2024
- December 16, 2023
- February 24, 2024

### September 2023

Sunday, September 10, 2023	<b>First Day of Religious School</b>
Wednesday, September 13, 2023	<b>First Day of Virtual Hebrew</b>
Sunday, September 17, 2023	<b>No Religious School</b> – Rosh Hashanah II
Sunday, September 24, 2023	<b>No Religious School</b> – Erev Yom Kippur
Saturday, September 30, 2023	<b>First Mechinah Shabbat @ GJC</b>

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## October 2023

Sunday, October 1, 2023	<b>GJC Celebrates! Sukkot (12:30-3pm)</b> <b>No Religious School</b> - Sukkot II
Tuesday, October 3, 2023	<b>Teen Sukkot Party (6:45pm)</b>
Saturday, October 7, 2023	<b>GJC Celebrates! Simchat Torah (6 pm)</b>
Sunday, October 8, 2023	<b>No Religious School</b> - Simchat Torah
Tuesday, October 10, 2023	<b>First Day of Teen Tuesday/Confirmation</b>
Saturday, October 14, 2023	<i>Mechinah Shabbat</i>
Sunday, October 15, 2023	Religious School RESUMES
Wednesday, October 18, 2023	<b>No RS Virtual Hebrew</b> – <b>“Back to Shul Night” (8pm)</b>
Sunday, October 22, 2023	<i>Mechinah Family Session #1</i>
Saturday, October 28, 2023	<i>Mechinah Shabbat</i>

## November 2023

Saturday, November 4, 2023	<i>Mechinah Shabbat</i>
Sunday, November 5, 2023	<b>No Religious School</b> - Professional Development
Saturday, November 18, 2023	<b>Family Shabbat Service</b>
Sunday, November 19, 2023	<b>Teen Event at GJC (12:45 pm)</b>
Sunday, November 19, 2023	<i>Mechinah Family Session #2</i>
Tuesday, November 21, 2023	<b>No Teen Tuesday / Confirmation</b> - Thanksgiving
Wednesday, November 22, 2023	<b>No Virtual Hebrew</b> - Thanksgiving
Sunday, November 26, 2023	<b>No Religious School</b> - Thanksgiving

## December 2023

Saturday, December 2, 2023	<i>Mechinah Shabbat</i>
Thursday, December 7, 2023	<b>GJC Celebrates! Hanukah (6 pm)</b>
Saturday, December 9, 2023	<i>Mechinah Shabbat</i>
Tuesday, December 12, 2023	<b>Teen Hanukkah Party (6:45pm)</b>
Saturday, December 16, 2023	<b>Family Shabbat Service / 2nd grade Tanakh Ceremony</b>
Sunday, December 17, 2023	<i>Mechinah Family Session #3: Trip to JRA (9 am – 1 pm)</i>
Wednesday, December 20, 2023	<b>No Virtual Hebrew</b> - Winter Break
Sunday, December 24, 2023	<b>No Religious School</b> - Winter Break
Tuesday, December 26, 2023	<b>No Teen Tuesday/Confirmation</b> - Winter Break
Wednesday, December 27, 2023	<b>No Virtual Hebrew</b> - Winter Break
Sunday, December 31, 2023	<b>No Religious School</b> - Winter Break

## January 2024 -- Shabbat School

Tuesday, January 2, 2024	Teen Tuesday/Confirmation RESUMES
Wednesday, January 3, 2024	Virtual Hebrew RESUMES
Saturday, January 6, 2024	Shabbat School
Saturday, January 13, 2024	Shabbat School
Monday, January 15, 2024	Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service
Saturday, January 20, 2024	Shabbat School
Saturday, January 27, 2024	Shabbat School / Family Shabbat Service / 3rd Grade Siddur Ceremony

## February 2024 -- Shabbat School

Saturday, February 3, 2024	Shabbat School
Saturday, February 10, 2024	Shabbat School
Saturday, February 17, 2024	No Shabbat School – President’s Day
Saturday, February 24, 2024	Shabbat School / Family Shabbat Service / 4th Grade Shema Ceremony

## March 2024

Saturday, March 2, 2024	Mechinah Havdalah Potluck (after Shabbat)
Sunday, March 3, 2024	Sunday Religious School RESUMES
Saturday, March 9, 2024	Mechinah Shabbat
Saturday, March 17, 2024	Mechinah Family Session #4
Saturday, March 23, 2024	Mechinah Shabbat
Sunday, March 24, 2024	GJC Celebrates! Purim + Purim Carnival!
Saturday, March 30, 2024	Mechinah Shabbat

## April 2024

Saturday, April 20, 2024	Mechinah Shabbat
Tuesday, April 23, 2024	No Teen Tuesday – Passover
Wednesday, April 24, 2024	No Virtual Hebrew – Passover
Sunday, April 28, 2024	No Religious School – Passover
Tuesday, April 30, 2024	No Teen Tuesday / Confirmation - Passover

**May 2024**

Sunday, May 5, 2024	<i>Mechinah Family Session #5</i>
Saturday, May 11, 2024	<i>Mechinah Shabbat</i>
Sunday, May 12, 2024	<b>No Religious School</b> – Mother's Day
Saturday, May 18, 2024	<b>Family Shabbat Service / 5th/6th grade Torah + Haftarah Ceremony</b>
Sunday, May 26, 2024	<b>No Religious School</b> – Memorial Day
Friday, May 31, 2024	<i>Mechinah Family Shabbat Dinner &amp; Siyyum (6 pm)</i>

**June 2024**

Saturday, June 1, 2024	<b>10th Grade Confirmation Ceremony</b>
Tuesday, June 4, 2024	<b>Last Day of Teen Tuesday</b>
Wednesday, June 5, 2024	<b>Last Day of Virtual Hebrew</b>
Sunday, June 9, 2024	<b>Last Day of Religious School Celebration &amp; RS Family Picnic in Playground/Lawn &amp; Party for RS teachers and Madrichim</b>
Friday, June 7, 2024	<b>Friday Night Pride</b>
Saturday, June 8, 2024	Joint Pride Shabbat Service