



GJC Religious School and Youth & Families Calendar

5785 | 2024-2025

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).
 - **6th 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 15, 2025)

FAMILY SHABBAT

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

- December 7, 2024 (2nd Grade)
- February 22, 2025 (4th Grade)
- May 17, 2025 (6th Grade)
- January 25, 2025 (3rd Grade)
- April 26, 2025 (5th Grade)

September 2024

Sunday, September 8, 2024	RS Teacher & Madrichim Orientation Meeting
Saturday, September 14, 2024	<i>First Mechinah Shabbat @ GJC</i>
Sunday, September 15, 2024	First Day of Religious School
Tuesday, September 17, 2024	First Day of Teen Tuesday/Confirmation
Wednesday, September 18, 2024	First Day of Virtual Hebrew
Saturday, September 21, 2024	<i>Mechinah Shabbat</i>
Sunday, September 29, 2024	<i>Mechinah Family Session #1</i>

(Continued...)

October 2024

Wednesday, October 2, 2024	No RS Virtual Hebrew – Erev Rosh Hashana
Sunday, October 6, 2024	<i>Mechinah Parent Panel</i>
Wednesday, October 16, 2024	No RS Virtual Hebrew – Erev Sukkot
Saturday, October 19, 2024	<i>Mechinah Shabbat Sukkot</i>
Sunday, October 20, 2024	GJC Celebrates! Sukkot - for all GJC families & friends!
Wednesday, October 23, 2024	No RS Virtual Hebrew – Hoshana Rabah
Thursday, October 24, 2024	GJC Celebrates! Simchat Torah - for all GJC families & friends!
Sunday, October 27, 2024	No Religious School – Teacher Professional Development

November 2024

Saturday, November 2, 2024	<i>Mechinah Shabbat</i>
Wednesday, November 6, 2024	Virtual Hebrew + “RS Back to Shul Night”
Sunday, November 17, 2024	<i>Mechinah Family Session #2</i>
Saturday, November 23, 2024	<i>Mechinah Shabbat</i>
Tuesday, November 26, 2024	No Teen Tuesday / Confirmation - Thanksgiving
Wednesday, November 27, 2024	No Virtual Hebrew - Thanksgiving

December 2024

Sunday, December 1, 2024	No Religious School - Thanksgiving
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Family Shabbat Service / 2nd grade Tanakh Ceremony
Saturday, December 14, 2024	<i>Mechinah Shabbat</i>
Sunday, December 15, 2024	<i>Mechinah Family Trip to JRA</i>
Thursday, December 19, 2024	GJC Celebrates! Hanukah - for all GJC families & friends!
Sunday, December 22, 2024	No Religious School - Winter Break
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	No Teen Tuesday/Confirmation - Winter Break
Wednesday, December 25, 2024	No Virtual Hebrew - Winter Break
Sunday, December 29, 2024	No Religious School - Winter Break
Tuesday, December 31, 2024	No Teen Tuesday/Confirmation - Winter Break

January 2025 -- Shabbat School

Wednesday, January 1, 2025	No Virtual Hebrew - Winter Break
Saturday, January 4, 2025	Shabbat School
Saturday, January 11, 2025	Shabbat School
Saturday, January 18, 2025	Shabbat School
Monday, January 20, 2025	Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service
Saturday, January 25, 2025	Shabbat School / Family Shabbat Service / 3rd Grade Siddur Ceremony

February 2025 -- Shabbat School

Saturday, February 1, 2025	Shabbat School
Saturday, February 8, 2025	Shabbat School
Saturday, February 15, 2025	No Shabbat School – President's Day
Saturday, February 22, 2025	Shabbat School / Family Shabbat Service / 4th Grade Shema Ceremony

March 2025

Saturday, March 1, 2025	Mechinah Havdalah Potluck
Saturday, March 8, 2025	Mechinah Shabbat
Sunday, March 9, 2025	Religious School Pajama Day!
Sunday, March 16, 2025	GJC Celebrates! Purim + Purim Carnival - for all GJC families & friends!
Saturday, March 22, 2025	Mechinah Shabbat
Saturday, March 29, 2025	Mechinah Shabbat
Sunday, March 30, 2025	Mechinah Family Session #3

April 2025

Sunday, April 13, 2025	No Religious School – Passover
Tuesday, April 15, 2025	No Teen Tuesday / Confirmation – Passover
Wednesday, April 16, 2025	No Virtual Hebrew – Passover
Sunday, April 20, 2025	No Religious School – Passover
Saturday, April 26, 2025	Family Shabbat Service / 5 th Grade Haftarah Reading Ceremony
Sunday, April 27, 2025	Mechinah Family Session #4

May 2025

Saturday, May 3, 2025	Mechinah Shabbat
Sunday, May 11, 2025	No Religious School – Mother's Day
Saturday, May 17, 2025	Family Shabbat Service / 6 th Grade Torah Reading Ceremony
Sunday, May 25, 2025	No Religious School – Memorial Day
Tuesday May 27, 2025	Last Day of Teen Tuesday / Confirmation
Friday, May 30, 2025	Mechinah Family Friday Shabbat Service & Dinner
Saturday, May 31, 2025	10 th Grade Confirmation Ceremony

June 2025

Sunday, June 1, 2025	GJC Celebrates! Shavuot - for all GJC families & friends!
Wednesday, June 4, 2025	Last Day of Virtual Hebrew
Sunday, June 8, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day of Religious School Celebration RS Family Picnic in Playground/Lawn Party for RS Teachers and Madrichim
Friday, June 14, 2025	Friday Night Pride - for all GJC families & friends!