



## GJC Religious School and Youth & Families Calendar

5786 | 2025-2026

### 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. With Bagel Café beginning at 9:00 am!
  - Weekdays, between 4:00 – 7:00 PM, up to 30-minute VIRTUAL Hebrew in small groups (exact day & time of lesson will be determined by the class teacher).
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade ONLY: *Mechinah* Family Program (formerly “BBMM”) on selected:
    - Sunday mornings (with parents) from 11 AM – 12:30 PM
    - Shabbat (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 14, 2026)

### FAMILY SHABBAT

On the following six 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 6, 2025 (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)
- February 7, 2026 (4<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- May 2, 2026 (6<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- January 10, 2026 (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)
- April 11, 2026 (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

## September 2025

Sunday, September 7, 2025	RS Teacher & Madrichim Orientation Meeting
Sunday, September 14, 2025	First Day of Religious School
Tuesday, September 16, 2025	First Day of Teen Tuesday/Confirmation
Wednesday, September 17, 2025	First Day of Virtual Hebrew
Saturday, September 20, 2025	<i>First Mechinah Shabbat @ GJC</i>
Tuesday, September 23, 2025	<b>No Teen Tuesday/Confirmation</b> – Rosh Hashanah
Wednesday, September 24, 2025	<b>No Virtual Hebrew</b> – Rosh Hashanah
Sunday, September 28, 2025	<i>Family Mechinah-Parent Panel</i>

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## October 2025

Wednesday, October 1, 2025	No RS Virtual Hebrew – Erev Yom Kippur
Saturday, October 4, 2025	<i>Mechinah Shabbat</i>
Wednesday, October 8, 2025	No RS Virtual Hebrew – Sukkot II
Sunday, October 12, 2025	GJC Celebrates! Sukkot - for all GJC families & friends!
Tuesday, October 14, 2025	GJC Celebrates! Simchat Torah - for all GJC families & friends!
Tuesday, October 14, 2025	No Teen Tuesday/Confirmation – Simchat Torah
Wednesday, October 15, 2025	No RS Virtual Hebrew – Simchat Torah
Saturday, October 18, 2025	<i>Mechinah Shabbat</i>
Sunday, October 19, 2025	<i>Mechinah Family Session #1</i>
Wednesday, October 22, 2025	Virtual Hebrew + “RS Back to Shul Night”
Saturday, October 25, 2025	Family Shabbat Service
Sunday, October 26, 2025	No Religious School –Professional Development

## November 2025

Saturday, November 1, 2025	<i>Mechinah Shabbat</i>
Saturday, November 8, 2025	<i>Mechinah Shabbat</i>
Saturday, November 22, 2025	<i>Mechinah Shabbat</i>
Sunday, November 23, 2025	<i>Mechinah Family Session #2</i>
Tuesday, November 25, 2025	No Teen Tuesday / Confirmation - Thanksgiving
Wednesday, November 26, 2025	No Virtual Hebrew - Thanksgiving
Sunday, November 30, 2025	No Religious School - Thanksgiving

## December 2025

Saturday, December 6, 2025	Family Shabbat Service / 2nd grade Tanakh Ceremony
Saturday, December 13, 2025	<i>Mechinah Shabbat</i>
Sunday, December 14, 2025	<i>Mechinah Family Trip to JRA</i>
Wednesday, December 17, 2025	GJC Celebrates! Hanukah - for all GJC families & friends!
Wednesday, December 17, 2025	No Virtual Hebrew - Hanukah

Sunday, December 21, 2025	No Religious School - Winter Break
Tuesday, December 23, 2025	No Teen Tuesday/Confirmation - Winter Break
Wednesday, December 24, 2025	No Virtual Hebrew - Winter Break
Sunday, December 28, 2025	No Religious School - Winter Break
Tuesday, December 30, 2025	No Teen Tuesday/Confirmation - Winter Break
Wednesday, December 31, 2025	No Virtual Hebrew - Winter Break

## January 2026 -- Shabbat School

Saturday, January 3, 2026	Shabbat School Begins!
Saturday, January 10, 2026	Shabbat School / Family Shabbat Service / 3rd Grade Siddur Ceremony
Saturday, January 17, 2026	Shabbat School
Monday, January 19, 2026	Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service
Saturday, January 24, 2026	Shabbat School
Saturday, January 31, 2026	Shabbat School

## February 2026 -- Shabbat School

Saturday, February 7, 2026	Shabbat School / Family Shabbat Service / 4th Grade Shema Ceremony
Saturday, February 14, 2026	No Shabbat School – President’s Day
Saturday, February 21, 2026	Shabbat School
Saturday, February 28, 2026	No Shabbat School – Purim
Saturday, February 28, 2026	<i>Mechinah Havdalah Potluck</i>

## March 2026

Sunday, March 1, 2026	Sunday RS Resumes with... GJC Celebrates! Purim + Purim Carnival - for all GJC families & friends!
Saturday, March 14, 2026	<i>Mechinah Shabbat</i>
Sunday, March 22, 2026	<i>Mechinah Family Session #3</i>

## April 2026

Wednesday, April 1, 2026	No Virtual Hebrew – Passover
Sunday, April 5, 2026	No Religious School – PESACH
Tuesday, April 7, 2026	No Teen Tuesday / Confirmation – Passover
Wednesday, April 8, 2026	No Virtual Hebrew – Passover
Saturday, April 11, 2026	Family Shabbat Service / 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Haftarah Reading Ceremony
Sunday, April 12, 2026	Mechinah Family Session #4
Saturday, April 18, 2026	Mechinah Shabbat
Saturday, April 25, 2026	Mechinah Shabbat

## May 2026

Saturday, May 2, 2026	Family Shabbat Service/ 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Torah Reading Ceremony
Friday, May 8 - Sunday, May 10, 2026	GJC FAMILY RETREAT & No Religious School – Mother's Day
Friday, May 15, 2026	Mechinah Family Friday Shabbat Service & Dinner
Saturday, May 16, 2026	Graduating Seniors Shabbat
Thursday, May 21, 2026	GJC Celebrates! Shavuot
Sunday, May 24, 2026	No Religious School – Memorial Day
Saturday, May 30, 2026	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Ceremony

## June 2026

Tuesday, June 2, 2026	Last Day of Teen Tuesday
Wednesday, June 3, 2026	Last Day of Virtual Hebrew
Friday, June 5, 2026	Friday Night Pride - for all GJC families & friends!
Sunday, June 7, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last Day of Religious School Celebration</li> <li>RS Family Picnic in Playground/Lawn</li> <li>Party for RS Teachers and Madrichim</li> </ul>