



GJC Religious School + Youth & Families Calendar

5787 | 2026-2027

RS 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, 20- 30-minute VIRTUAL Hebrew in small groups (exact day & time of lesson will be determined by the class teacher). Special arrangements can be made for in-person learning.
 - 6th 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 13, 2027)

FAMILY SHABBAT

On the following 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:**

- January 9, 2027 (2nd & 3rd Grade)
- April 17, 2027 (5th Grade)
- May 22, 2027 (6th Grade)
- January 30, 2027 (4th Grade)
- May 1, 2027 (HS Senior)
- June 5, 2027 (Confirmation)

September 2026

Sunday, August 30, 2026	RS Teacher & Madrichim Orientation Meeting
Sunday, September 6, 2026	No Religious School – Labor Day
Sunday, September 13, 2026	No Religious School – Rosh Hashana
Tuesday, September 15, 2026	First Day of Teen Tuesday/Confirmation
Wednesday, September 16, 2026	First Day of Virtual Hebrew
Sunday, September 20, 2026	No Religious School – Yom Kippur Eve
Sunday, September 27, 2026	First Day of Religious School & GJC Celebrates! Sukkot

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October 2026

Sunday, October 4, 2026	Religious School – GJC Celebrates! Simchat Torah
Saturday, October 10, 2026	<i>Mechinah Shabbat</i>
Sunday, October 11, 2026	<i>Family Mechinah-Parent Panel</i>
Wednesday, October 14, 2026	Virtual Hebrew + “RS Back to Shul Night”
Sunday, October 18, 2026	<i>Family Mechinah Session #1</i>
Friday Night, October 23, 2026	GAN/ALEF (K/1ST) KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES & POTLUCK
Saturday, October 24, 2026	<i>Mechinah Shabbat</i>

November 2026

Sunday, November 1, 2026	No Religious School –Professional Development
Saturday, November 7, 2026	<i>Mechinah Shabbat</i>
Sunday, November 15, 2026	<i>Family Mechinah Session #2</i>
Friday, November 20, 2026	BET/GIMEL (3RD/4TH) KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES & POTLUCK
Saturday, November 21, 2026	<i>Mechinah Shabbat</i>
Tuesday, November 24, 2026	No Teen Tuesday / Confirmation - Thanksgiving
Wednesday, November 25, 2026	No Virtual Hebrew - Thanksgiving
Sunday, November 29, 2026	No Religious School - Thanksgiving

December 2026

Saturday, December 5, 2026	<i>Mechinah Shabbat</i>
Wednesday, December 9, 2026	No Virtual Hebrew - GJC Celebrates! Hanukah - for all GJC families & friends!
Saturday, December 12, 2026	<i>Mechinah Shabbat</i>
Sunday, December 13., 2026	<i>JRA Family Mechinah Mitzvah Day!</i>
Sunday, December 20, 2026	No Religious School - Winter Break
Tuesday, December 22, 2026	No Teen Tuesday/Confirmation - Winter Break
Wednesday, December 23, 2026	No Virtual Hebrew - Winter Break
Sunday, December 27, 2026	No Religious School - Winter Break
Tuesday, December 29, 2026	No Teen Tuesday/Confirmation - Winter Break
Wednesday, December 30, 2026	No Virtual Hebrew - Winter Break

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January 2027 -- Shabbat School

Saturday, January 2, 2027	Shabbat School Begins! Havdalah Potluck
Wednesday, January 6, 2027	Mid-Week Hebrew Resumes
Saturday, January 9, 2027	Shabbat School / Family Shabbat Service / 2nd & 3rd Grade Siddur Ceremony ... Havdalah Potluck
Saturday, January 16, 2027	Shabbat School... Havdalah Potluck
Monday, January 18, 2027	Martin Luther King Jr. Day – GJC Day of Service
Friday, January 22, 2027	DALET (4TH GRADE) KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES & POTLUCK
Saturday, January 23, 2027	Shabbat School... Havdalah Potluck
Saturday, January 30, 2027	Shabbat School / Family Shabbat Service / 4th Grade Shema Ceremony... Havdalah Potluck

February 2027 -- Shabbat School

Saturday, February 6, 2027	Shabbat School... Havdalah Potluck
Saturday, February 13, 2027	No Shabbat School – President’s Day
Saturday, February 20, 2027	Shabbat School... Havdalah Potluck
Friday, February 26, 2027	HEI (5TH GRADE) KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES & POTLUCK
Saturday, February 27, 2027	Shabbat School & Family Mechinah Havdalah Potluck

March 2027

Saturday, March 6, 2027	<i>Mechinah Shabbat</i>
Sunday, March 7, 2027	Sunday Religious School Resumes
Sunday, March 14, 2027	<i>Family Mechinah Session #3</i>
Friday, March 19, 2027	ZAYIN (7TH GRADE) KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES & POTLUCK
Saturday, March 20, 2027	<i>Mechinah Shabbat</i>
Sunday, March 21, 2027	Religious School - GJC Celebrates! Purim + Purim Carnival

April 2027

Saturday, April 10, 2027	<i>Mechinah Shabbat</i>
Sunday, April 11, 2027	<i>Family Mechinah Session #4</i>
Saturday, April 17, 2027	Family Shabbat Service / 5th Grade Haftarah Reading Ceremony
Sunday, April 25, 2027	No Religious School – Passover
Tuesday, April 27, 2027	No Teen Tuesday/Confirmation - Passover
Wednesday, April 28, 2027	No Virtual Hebrew - Passover

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May 2027

Saturday, May 1, 2027	Graduating High School Seniors Shabbat
Friday, May 7 - Sunday, May 9, 2027	GJC FAMILY RETREAT No Religious School
Saturday, May 15, 2027	<i>Mechinah Shabbat</i>
Friday, May 21, 2027	<i>Family Mechinah Friday Shabbat Service & Dinner</i>
Saturday, May 22, 2027	Family Shabbat Service/6th Grade Torah Reading Ceremony
Sunday, May 30, 2027	No Religious School – Memorial Day

June 2027

Tuesday, June 1, 2027	Last Day of Teen Tuesday
Wednesday, June 3, 2027	Last Day of Virtual Hebrew
Friday, June 4, 2027	Friday Night Pride - for all GJC families & friends!
Saturday, June 5, 2027	10th Grade Confirmation Ceremony
Sunday, June 6, 2027	Last Day of Religious School Celebration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RS Family Picnic in Playground/Lawn Party for RS Teachers and Madrichim
Thursday, June, 10, 2027	GJC Celebrates! Shavuot