



**Am Yisrael School of Jewish Studies (SJS)** is committed to creating a warm and nurturing environment to transmit a positive and meaningful religious and moral identity for our students. Following the guidelines of the Conservative Movement, we are a progressive Jewish learning community that aims to instill Jewish literacy, a sense of belonging to the Jewish people and encourage lifelong Jewish learning. Meeting the needs of each of our learners is essential. As taken from our guiding principles: "Virtues and values are of central importance to everything we do at our school. The way we act; who we are; what we stand for; how we respond; how we view life and the world around us; our personal qualities, attributes and traits—all these reflect the degree to which we embrace our Jewish values." It is also essential that we help our students learn the importance of God, Torah and Israel. These are truly the pillars of our religion. We help our students chart out their Jewish identities through our celebration of Shabbat and Jewish holidays, participation in Tefillah (Prayer), participation in chugim (elective classes) and involvement in Social Action Tikkun Olam, trying to bring more justice to the world we live in.



### Programs



### Calendar



### Family Shabbat



### Tefillah

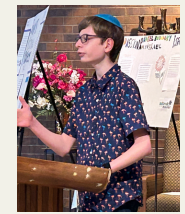


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# Am Yisrael SJS Curricular Overview



## Torah Tots with a Twist for 4 and younger with adult

We focus on fostering a love for Shabbat and holidays through stories, songs, movement, and celebration. **jBabyChicago**

## Kindergarten through 2nd Grades

Incorporate Hebrew through movement, Jewish customs, and values into all sessions, infused with concepts from the Torah portions. Learn the importance of Tefillah (prayer) as meaningful way of connecting to God. Delve into the dynamic ShalomLearning curriculum for a captivating learning journey, including importance of Israel to the Jewish people during community gatherings.



## In 3rd to 7th Grades, students learn Jewish values through text, history, prayers, and holidays. Social Emotional Learning is integrated through videos. Key points include:

- Gimel & Dalet (3rd and 4th Grade) focus on ShalomLearning.
- Hebrew reading skills develop in Gimel (3rd Grade).
- Fluency is achieved by the end of Dalet (4th Grade).
- Hei & Vav (5th & 6th Grades) Better Together Intergenerational learning.
- 5th Grade starts Sunday minyan attendance.
- Holocaust study begins in Vav (6th Grade).
- Mitzvah projects prepare for B'nai Mitzvah in Vav & Zayin (6th & 7th Grades).



In-depth Israel study starts in Hei (5th Grade) with the Israelink curriculum.



## 8th through 12th Grades

The post-B'nai Mitzvah program emphasizes lifelong Jewish learning. It includes classes on Israel nuances using the Unpacked for Educators curriculum, an Israel trip for 8th graders, and activities like family history projects, social action community service, and assisting younger classes for high schoolers. The program helps teens develop leadership skills over five years.

