

Bonim (Kindergarten and 1st Grade)

Sunday - 9:30am - Noon

The Hebrew word *Bonim* means “builders”. Our Bonim learners will do just that - *build* friendships and a foundation of Jewish knowledge that they will continue to *build* for a lifetime. *Your* child will join with other Kindergarten and 1st graders to take a deep dive into topics that excite and engage. Broadly, your child will learn about the yearly holiday cycle, Torah, God ideas, Israel, and Hebrew.

As a family, you will have opportunities to join your child for special programs such as holiday celebrations, social action programs, family learning and more!

Each year Rimon learning is guided by an overarching “theme”. The theme for the 2021-2022/5722 year is, “*Kesher*” - *Our Connections and our Gifts*”.

Through music, stories, art, interactive play and more, your child will engage in lively discussions that encourage them to ask questions and make connections between Jewish traditions and today’s world.

What will a typical Sunday morning of engagement look like for my child?

- Each Sunday morning learners are greeted by name and join together for *Kehillah Boker* (*literally*-Morning Community). It is a time for each child to share something about the past week, ask a question, or just say “shalom” to their friends. During *Kehillah Boker* learners join in joyful songs with our teen song leaders. After this, the work of learning begins! To end the morning *all* of our Sunday learners (and their families) come together in our sanctuary for *Kehillah Sof* (*End of Community Time*).
- On a rotating schedule of weeks, your child and their friends will:
 - Engage with *Hebrew Through Movement* - (please see the Hebrew page)
 - Visit our Temple Sholom library
 - Participate and engage with age-appropriate *tefillah* (prayer experiences) in our sanctuary, led by our song leaders with visits by Rabbi Rigler and Cantor Marx
 - Participate in *chugim* (clubs) of their choice
 - (Covid -permitting) enjoy a snack of challah and juice along with blessings