



Bonim (Builders)

Kindergarten and 1st grade

Sunday Mornings 9:30am - Noon

The Hebrew word *Bonim* means “builders”. Our Bonim learners will do just that – *build* a foundation of Jewish knowledge *and* friendships that will continue to *build* throughout their lifetime. *Your* child will join with other Kindergarten and 1st graders to take a deep dive into topics that excite, engage, and urge them to ask lots of questions.

Each year we have an overarching “theme of the year”. This year’s theme is – “*Why? What? Where? How?*” Driven by student curiosity, these questions will be explored during the first half of the year through the lenses of *Traditions, Rituals, Sacred Spaces and Community*”. During the second half of the year the questions will be explored through the lenses of *Jewish Values and Social Justice*. Through music, story, art, movement, play and more, your child will engage with Jewish tradition and topics that matter to them and make connections between Jewish tradition and their world today.

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!

What will a typical Sunday morning in Rimon look like for my child?

Each Sunday morning learners are greeted by name and join together for *Kehillah Boker* (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 joy 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
- Enjoy a snack of challah and juice along with blessings