



Chaverim (Friends)

2nd grade and 3rd grade

Sunday Mornings 9:30am - Noon

Chaverim means “friends” in Hebrew. Our 2nd and 3rd graders will come together as *Chaverim* to explore and learn together as they build long-lasting *friendships*. Working in large and small groups, they dive into explorations that excite and engage the natural curiosity.

Each Rimon year we have an overarching “theme of the year”. This year’s theme is “*Why? What? Where? How?* During the first half of the year these questions will be explored 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 student-centered and Project Based Learning (PBL) your child will have the opportunity to take a “deep dive” into those aspects of our larger topic that sparks their own curiosity. Making connections between Jewish tradition and the world today will enable your child to see the world through Jewish eyes.

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 of engagement 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 a highlight of 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 fun of learning begins! To end the morning *all* 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* – a joyous and movement-filled experience that introduces your child to the sounds of Hebrew
- 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