



Olim (Those Moving Up)
4th grade and 5th grade
Sunday Mornings 9:30am - Noon

Olim (“those moving up”) describes this age group perfectly. Your child is moving up physically and intellectually while also beginning to question the world around them. *Olim* builds on this growth by encouraging your child to ask lots of questions and making the learning their own. Student-centered learning and Project Based Learning design will invite your child to work with their peers to ask big questions, participate in inquiry, plan, create, reflect, revise and, ultimately, present their ideas to an authentic audience.

Our “theme of the year” for Rimon 5784 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*. The student-centered approach will enable your child to pursue their own interests within the broader topic enabling them to 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 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 something about the past week, ask a question, or just say “shalom” to their friends. After this, the fun 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:

- 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