



West End Synagogue Hebrew School

Open House

Visit our Hebrew School &
Enjoy a Family Shabbat Service

Our vision for Jewish education: *West End Synagogue, A Reconstructionist Congregation, is a spiritually vibrant center for life-long learners who share in the experience of Jewish living and learning. By instilling joy and pride, our community strengthens feelings of belonging, enhances the relationship between text and experience and builds connections between synagogue and home. Actively grappling with what it means to be a Jew living in two civilizations, we respect and encourage multiple access points to Jewish observance and study, finding nourishment in the connection with our past while seeking meaning in our lives today.*

The basics:

- **Hebrew school 'in the classroom' one afternoon per week from 4-6pm**
 - o When?
 - Wednesdays: Grades preK-3
 - Tuesdays: Grades 4-7
 - o What?
 - First hour: Judaic Studies – Jewish history, Jewish values gleaned from sacred texts, rituals, holidays, and culture. 2008-2009 theme: Heroes of Jewish history; 2009-2010 theme: The American Jewish Experience – A History of Jews in America.
 - Second hour: Hebrew reading and prayer skills with some modern Hebrew basics.
 - o Highlights
 - Only 8-12 students per class
 - Talented, friendly & creative teachers
 - Each month every student has an opportunity to bring their learning alive in a Shabbat or holiday context
- **Hebrew school 'live' 2-3 times per month:**
 - o Family Shabbat services followed by a potluck
 - o Shabbat morning interactive activities
 - o Spirited holiday celebrations
 - o Community service as a family



Highlights from 2008-2009:

- Simchat Torah Circle dancing
- Thanksgiving family service
- Chanukah sing along & Candle lighting
- Havdallah Dance Concert
- Purim Party & Megillah reading
- Annual sleepover

New in 2009-2010:

- Havurah@Home: Relaxed home Shabbat dinners
- Shofar Circle: Innovative children's programming on the High Holidays
- Monthly family services and potlucks with storytelling and singing

The 2009-2010 school year begins on Tuesday, Sept. 15 (grades 4-7) and Wednesday, Sept. 16 (grades K-3).

Registration forms and calendar now available!

Please contact Sarah Chandler, Education Director (**212-579-0777, ext. 222 or schandler@westendsynagogue.org**) to schedule your visit or request calendar & registration materials.

We hope you'll join us in the fall!

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