



Mount Zion Temple Religious School Mission and Values



MOUNT ZION RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

The mission of Mount Zion Temple's Religious School is to engage students in a quality and inclusive Reform Jewish learning experience from preschool through twelfth grade based on three core values: knowledge, community, and Jewish identity.

Core Values:

Da'at **KNOWLEDGE** **דעת**

Students engage in study and learn to make knowledgeable decisions about Jewish practice.

We provide quality Jewish learning experiences for our students on topics including: ethics and values; God and spirituality; Hebrew; history and stories; holidays; Israel; Jewish arts and culture; life cycle events; rituals and celebrations; Shabbat; tefillah; Torah; tzedakah, and tzedek/justice.

Kehillah **COMMUNITY** **קהילה**

Students experience vibrant community through formal and informal educational and social experiences.

We welcome students of all learning needs as well as families of all configurations and backgrounds. We provide inclusive opportunities to participate in family education, Shabbatonim (overnight retreats during Shabbat), grade-level Shabbat experiences, volunteer opportunities, youth groups, and activities involving the larger Jewish community.

Yahadut **JEWISH IDENTITY** **יהדות**

Students discover a positive Jewish identity inspired by knowledge and community.

We provide an engaging environment to strengthen our students' Jewish identity as part of K'lal Yisrael (the Jewish people). Students celebrate milestones along their journey at Mount Zion including Consecration, Hebrew School Graduation, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Confirmation, and Chai School Graduation.

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Throughout a student's time at Mount Zion, all learning experiences support the congregational vision of *Torah, avodah, and gemilut chasadim* – life-long learning, worship, and acts of loving kindness and justice.