

JAMI Sunday Mornings and Wednesday Evenings Schedule and Culture

Sunday Mornings

Sunday mornings are our favorite hours of the week at Shir Tikvah! Be part of this beloved *ruach* (spirit) by understanding and contributing to our Sunday culture:

Shir Tikvah opens at 9:00am on Sunday mornings. Arrive early to take a breath and get settled, catch up with friends, and meet someone new. You might even run into your teacher or find a story to read with Forrest. If you love the Bagel Table, get in line early; it closes to students at 9:25am sharp when classes begin.

Pre-Kindergarten through 3rd grade students attend *T'filat Noar* (Youth Prayer) every Sunday morning at 9:30am. T'filat Noar is our weekly chance to gather and pray as a Pre-K-through-3rd-grade JAMI community. T'filat Noar is a 15-minute service during which students explore and begin to recite prayers and sing melodies fitting of *havdalah* (shabbat-ending rituals) and *shacharit* (weekday morning blessings). T'filat Noar is led by a rotating group of Forrest, the rabbis, and other community songleaders, who guide students to personally check in with themselves and communally check in with each other.

As such, Pre-Kindergarten through 3rd grade students should be brought to the sanctuary and not dropped off in their classrooms each week. Parents/Guardians of these students - and anyone looking for a little prayer and song on Sunday mornings - are highly encouraged to attend and participate in Sunday morning T'filat Noar alongside their child. Parents/Guardians, other family members, and friends are always welcome. Your presence models to our students that prayer is for everyone at every age. Join us!

After T'filat Noar, teachers escort students to their classrooms for the rest of class.

During JAMI, all parents/guardians are welcome to hang out in the Oneg Hall or the library to schmooze, read, or work. We encourage you to attend special programming with Forrest, the rabbis, and other community members when offered. Please note that our building is at capacity on Sunday mornings, and that spaces beyond the Oneg Hall and library are busy with students and not available to parents/guardians.

Classes end at 11:30am sharp.

We appreciate your timely arrival to and departure from JAMI. Our team works hard to put together fun and meaningful lessons that bring our curriculum and vision to life; having maximum time together benefits everyone in our community. Your timeliness is a sign of respect to our teachers, leadership, and community - thank you!

If you are ever running late - to arrival or dismissal - or are expectedly or unexpectedly absent, please call the Youth and Family Education line at 612.234.2765. We appreciate hearing from you so we can alert your teacher.

Wednesday Evenings

Wednesday evenings are cherished, cozy hours during which our JAMI community really comes to life! Be part of this beloved *ruach* (spirit) by understanding and contributing to our Wednesday culture:

Shir Tikvah opens at 4:00pm on Wednesday afternoons. Arrive early to take a breath and get settled, catch up with friends, and meet someone new.

During JAMI, parents/guardians are welcome to hang out in the Oneg Hall or the library to schmooze, read, or work. We encourage you to attend special programming with Forrest, the rabbis, and other community members when offered. Please note that our building is at capacity on Wednesday evenings, and that spaces beyond the Oneg Hall and library are busy with students and not available to parents/guardians.

All Wednesday JAMI students - 4th through 10th graders - attend *T'filat Noar* (Youth Prayer) every Wednesday evening at 6:00pm. T'filat Noar is our weekly chance to gather and pray as a 4th-through-10th-grade JAMI community. T'filat Noar is a 30-minute service during which students pray through *ma'ariv* (weekday evening blessings). During T'filat Noar, we also learn from our B'Mitzvah students as they teach and chant Torah in front of the JAMI community. T'filat Noar is led by Forrest and our rabbis, who guide students to personally check in with themselves and communally check in with each other.

T'filat Noar is part of class. All students are expected to attend and participate in T'filat Noar regardless of the section they attend; Section Alef (students who attend their classes at 4:30pm) end their evenings with T'filat Noar and Section Bet (students who attend their classes at 6:00pm) begin their evenings with it.

As such, Section Alef students should be picked up from the sanctuary each Wednesday (not their classrooms) and Section Bet students should arrive to the sanctuary each Wednesday (not their classrooms).

Parents/Guardians - and anyone looking for a little prayer and song on Wednesday evenings - are highly encouraged to attend and participate in T'filat Noar alongside their child.

Parents/Guardians, other family members, and friends are always welcome. Your presence models to our students that prayer is for everyone at every age. Join us!

If parents/guardians choose not to attend T'filat Noar, we ask that you please find a space to sit out of sight of the sanctuary. We want to model communal participation, and it can be difficult to engage in *t'filah* when people in the Oneg Hall distract from the sanctuary.

After T'filat Noar, leadership dismisses Section Alef students home. Teachers escort Section Bet students to their classrooms for the rest of class.

Classes end at 6:30pm for Section Alef students and 8:00pm sharp for Section Bet students.

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