

## Rishonim

# Choose the best fit for your family!

This is NOT your old "Sunday School!" *RISHONIM* is committed to Jewish learning that is relevant, engaging, and creative. Students meet weekly on Sunday mornings (9:30–11:30 am) to learn Jewish curriculum designed for each grade level.

Rishonim includes various learning opportunities:

- *Chuggim* (Electives): Students choose from a variety of enrichment activities.
- *T'filah* (Prayer): 2nd–5th Grades participate in an original and experiential prayer curriculum.
- Sunday Sandwich Hevre (SSH): Families volunteer together to make sandwiches for hungry people.
- Family learning days.
- K–5 Family Retreat in the spring (optional).

**NEW THIS YEAR!** Introducing monthly Shabbat dinner experiences for *Rishonim* families for those who choose to enroll.

## Gesher I'Kesher

Our *GESHER* (bridge) program is designed to engage families with younger children (K–3rd) in Jewish learning and living. *Gesher* is a bridge to meaningful moments with your family, with Judaism, and with your temple community. Pre-K and TK option available for younger siblings (ages 2–4).



**NEW!**

Our new *KESHER* (connection) program is a chance for your older elementary (4th–5th) children to deepen their connections between Jewish values and life experiences. *Kesher* includes experiential

learning, field trips, a weekend at Camp Newman, and participation (with parents) in Shabbat at PTBE.

*Gesher* and *Kesher* will meet concurrently. *Gesher* is a family participation program; *Kesher* also has some opportunities for family involvement. *Gesher I'Kesher* meets:

1–2 Friday evenings each month for Shabbat services, dinner, schmoozing, and community.

1–2 Saturday mornings each month for our *This Shabbat Rocks!* service, age-level learning, and excursions (*Kesher* only).

**Rishonim, Gesher I'Kesher**

**Hebrew**



## Hebrew

Beginning in 3rd Grade, all 3rd–5th Grade students participate in weekly Hebrew instruction in addition to *Rishonim*, *Gesher*, or *Kesher*. In our Hebrew program, students:

- Learn Hebrew decoding skills.
- Develop an understanding of core Hebrew grammatical concepts.
- Gain proficiency in reading prayers from the Shabbat service.
- Learn through a variety of formats including textbooks, games, computer programs, and art.

Families can choose to register their student(s) in a weekly one hour Hebrew *Kitah* (class) or a 40-minute *Chevruta* (tutoring) session. A separate scheduling form must accompany registration by the deadline (May 21). For more details on Hebrew classes and tutoring, please see the Hebrew Scheduling Form. For all special needs, late beginners, or scheduling accommodations, please reach out to Rabbi Lisa to create an individualized learning plan.



## Middle School Wednesday Night Program (WNP) Wednesdays 6–8 pm

Middle School WNP is where 6th–8th Graders come for dinner, relevant learning, prayer, and community building. Relationships will solidify over a retreat at Camp Newman: West Coast Party Jr. (February 16–19). Each grade level follows a unique curriculum designed to achieve the learning goals for that year.

- 6th Grade focuses on Hebrew, *T'filah*, and Jewish history as they gear up for their *B'nai Mitzvah* year (6th Graders do not need to register for an additional Hebrew class).
- 7th Grade participates in *Mitzvah Corps*: A hands-on curriculum that helps students take upon the *mitzvot* (Jewish responsibilities) being asked of them as they become *B'nai Mitzvah*. *Mitzvah Corps* is part of the *B'nai Mitzvah* program and is a requirement for all 7th graders (including Wornick students).
- 8th Grade explores personal Jewish identity through a combination of content-based and social electives.



**Middle School WNP**

## High School Wednesday Night Program (WNP) Wednesdays 6:30–8 pm

**High School WNP** (9th–12th Grades) will meet twice a month at PTBE for the chance to explore personal Jewish identity, gain an understanding and exposure to the greater Jewish community, and connect socially with Jewish teens in a relaxed environment.

**Confirmation:** 10th Graders can participate in this meaningful learning experience, guided by Rabbi Eisner. Students will reflect on their Jewish education thus far and clarify their beliefs as young Jewish adults.

- Students participate in a retreat on October 20–22.
- Confirmation culminates with a service designed and led by the students on May 11, 2018.
- In addition to WNP, Confirmation meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Signing up for dinner (6:00–6:30pm) is optional by trimester or for the year.



**MADRICHIM:** 8th–12th Graders can serve as *Madrichim* (education assistants) in our *Rishonim*, *Gesher l'Kesher*, or Hebrew programs. A great leadership opportunity, these students serve as role models in our learning environments adding their enthusiastic support. This role can be paid or be considered for community service hours. To apply for a *Madrichim* position, please download the application from our website or contact Sarah Van Zanten, Youth Director.

**SMRTY** is PTBE's 9th–12th Grade youth group. SMRTY events and programs offer teens a chance to be themselves while hanging out with their temple friends. SMRTY offers teens the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of activities at the temple and around the Bay Area. SMRTY is part of the Central West Region of NFTY, the North America Federation of Temple Youth. Follow us on Instagram for upcoming events and information @PTeenBE.

### High School WNP



## Tuition Fees at a Glance

K–5th Grades <i>Rishonim</i> (Sunday), <i>Gesher l'Kesher</i> (Kesher includes Camp Newman Retreat fee)	\$675
3rd–5th Grades select one Hebrew option below:	
Hebrew <i>Kitah</i> (Class)	\$575
Hebrew <i>Chevruta</i> (Tutoring) 2:1	\$975
Hebrew <i>Chevruta</i> (Tutoring) 1:1	\$1,395
4th Grade <i>Mishkan T'filah</i> (prayer book)	\$20
Pre-K Option (Sibling in <i>Gesher</i> required)	
<i>Gesher Katan</i> (Little Bridge) 2–3 year olds	\$225
<i>Gesher 4's</i> Transitional Kindergarten	\$675
Annual Family Participation Fee for K–5	\$375
<i>Gesher l'Kesher:</i> This required fee includes the cost of Shabbat meals per family.	
<i>Rishonim:</i> If you want to participate in the community Shabbat dinners, this fee is per family.	
6th Grade WNP Middle School (includes dinner, <i>B'nai Mitzvah</i> orientation lunch, & partial WCP Jr. retreat fee)	\$1,195
7th Grade WNP Middle School (includes dinner, <i>B'nai Mitzvah</i> retreat, & partial WCP Jr. retreat fee)	\$1,355
8th Grade WNP Middle School (includes dinner & partial WCP Jr. retreat fee)	\$995
9th–12th Grades WNP High School 1st & 3rd Wednesday nights @ PTBE	\$510
10th Grade with Confirmation, WNP High School (see above) & 2nd Wednesday each month (Includes Confirmation Retreat and Service)	\$1,040
WNP High School Meal Options (9th–12th Grades)	\$65/Trimester \$150/year

NO STUDENT will be turned away from our education program for financial reasons. Please contact Eric Stone, Executive Director, for more information.

For registration questions, please contact Kim Beauchamp, Program Manager.



Rabbi Dennis J. Eisner, Cantorial Soloist Elana Jagoda Kaye, Rabbi Lisa Kingston, Rabbi Sara Mason-Barkin



## K–12 Youth and Family Education 2017–18/5778

**"V'Shinantam I'veanecha:  
And you shall teach them to your children"**

—Deuteronomy 6:7



PTBE offers engaging and enduring educational experiences for students of all ages. Our goal is to prepare our students with the values, questions, knowledge, and tools for a lifelong commitment to Judaism. We welcome you to our creative and caring community and hope you'll find yourself on your own personal Jewish journey!



Register online by May 21  
[www.ptbe.org](http://www.ptbe.org)