

Ansin Religious School of Temple Ohabei Shalom

**Who knew
Jewish education
could be
this much fun??!?**

על שלושה דברים העולם עומד

על התורה ועל העבודה ועל גמילות חסדים

Al sh'losha d'varim haolam omeid: al haTorah v'al haavodah v'al g'milut chasadim.

“Upon three things the world stands:
On Torah, on (Divine) Service, and on Acts of
Loving Kindness.”

Pirke Avot 1:2

The Ansin Religious School (ARS) is an exciting and innovative institution. We pride ourselves on being on the cutting edge as we constantly strive to “break the mold” of a traditional Jewish education. Our goal is to ensure that students and families who walk through our doors feel at home. We firmly believe that Jewish education is for children and adults to enjoy the infusion of Judaism into their daily lives by seeing the world through a Jewish lens. This vision can be attained by combining the efforts of a strong, devoted and creative faculty with a sincere dedication and connection to the school’s philosophy and community by you, our families.

Three Pillars of Jewish Life

The ARS curriculum is based on the three pillars of Jewish life – *Torah*, *Avodah* (prayer) and *G'milut Chasadim* (acts of loving kindness). *Torah* is the totality of Jewish tradition – Jewish learning through our stories, heritage, values and ethics. *Avodah* is the heart of Jewish life, connecting us to our God and our community. Prayer is also central to life-cycle events and holiday observance; it is the cornerstone of our daily lives as Jews. *G'milut Chasadim* is the actualization of Jewish values – the way we interact with the world and those around us. These values guide us to be better, do better, live better, and to influence those around us to do the same.

The Ohabei Shalom clergy, teachers and staff aim to create positive Jewish learning experiences that make both children and adults alike wish for more. It is not our goal to complete your child’s Jewish education but rather to awaken the fire that already exists inside your child. We want them to get a taste of a vibrant and complex Jewish experience that transforms them into life-long learners and lovers of Judaism. Our core curriculum is designed to work in concert with the cycle of Jewish worship with Shabbat as an opportunity for community observance and celebration. This allows students to apply the lessons learned in the classroom to a genuine Shabbat experience where each family is an integral part of the greater Ohabei Shalom community, honoring and celebrating Shabbat.



**Mark Your
Calendar**

**Special
Events**

Don't miss our **Second Annual
TOS Family Retreat**

Friday, January 27 - Sunday, January 29, 2012

Join your TOS, ARS & TCEE family, clergy and staff for a Shabbat weekend away! Activities and events for the whole family, an experience not to be missed!



More info coming in August.

Contact Danna Perry if you are interested in joining our family retreat planning committee!

Mitzvah Day: Sunday October 30, 9:00 am



Our annual Mitzvah Day will once again call all Ohabei Shalom members to service. Join us for a variety of social action projects both within the synagogue walls and out in the community.

Shul-Ins:

Shul-ins are a special and exciting part of the Ansin Religious School program and curriculum. Shul-ins allow our students to interact in an informal setting and experience TOS in a new way. All students are encouraged to participate in their annual shul-in!

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| MOSTY (gr. 3 & 4) | Saturday, January 7, 2012 |
| BOSTY (gr. 5 & 6) | Saturday, January 7, 2012 |
| JOSTY (gr. 7 & 8) | Saturday, February 4, 2012 |
| TOSTY (gr. K, 1 & 2) | Saturday, March 3, 2012 |



Join Us for Shabbat

B'yachad: together/as one community

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Shabbat B'yachad קר (Rak/Rock) Shabbat (Friday Nights): 6:00pm Service

Too often we think of Jewish worship as a series of ordinary acts: responsive readings, standing, sitting, listening, etc. During these services for congregants of all ages in particular, we bring worship to life, combining lively music, spiritual texts and other media to create a holistic, vibrant Shabbat celebration. Followed by a community Shabbat dinner.

- ◆ September 16, Welcome Back Shabbat
- ◆ November 18, featuring JOSTY (grades 7 & 8)
- ◆ December 23, Hanukkah Shabbat featuring TOSTY (gr. 1 & 2)
- ◆ January 20, featuring MOSTY (gr. 3 & 4)
- ◆ March 30, featuring BOSTY (gr. 5 & 6)
- ◆ April 27, Teacher Appreciation Shabbat



Shabbat B'yachad (Saturday Mornings): 9:30am-12:30pm

A little something for everyone, including a unique worship services and engaging programming (yoga, Torah study, children activities and more). The morning will conclude with festive singing and a community luncheon for all.

- ◆ November 19
- ◆ December 10
- ◆ February 11
- ◆ March 10
- ◆ May 12

Tot Shabbat: First Friday of the month, 5:45pm

Our clergy bring Shabbat to life for the youngest in our community, including activities, music, dancing and dinner for all.

Friday Night Lights: First Friday of the month, 7:30pm

Special programs and discussions with scholars, guest participants and local dignitaries as part of our joyful Shabbat service.

- ◆ November 4
- ◆ December 2
- ◆ January 6
- ◆ February 3
- ◆ March 2
- ◆ May 4
- ◆ June 1

Join us for Shabbat every week:

Friday, 6:00pm

Saturday, 10:30am

Opening Week

Monday,
September 12
&
Tuesday,
September 13

Regular School Hours

Monday

Jr.Chai and High School
Grades 7 - 12

6:00 dinner
6:30—8:30 pm

Tuesday

PreK - Grade 6
3:15 pm - 5:45 pm

Mahkelah
5:45 pm - 6:15 pm

Important Contact Information

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Most of our communication is via email. Please make sure that we have your email address in order to ensure that you receive our email updates.

Vacation Dates

There is NO SCHOOL
on the following dates:

Monday, October 10, 2011
Columbus Day

Monday, October 31, 2011
Professional Day

Tuesday, November 8, 2011
Professional Day

December 26-27, 2011
January 2, 2012
Winter Break

Monday, January 16, 2012
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 20 21
President's Day Vacation

April 23-24
Spring Break