

**What is Shalom LinkED?**

Shalom LinkED is an online Jewish Values and Hebrew learning option for students in 1st-6th grade.

Shalom LinkED uses the ShalomLearning Jewish Values-Based Curriculum, which helps children develop a positive Jewish identity.

Shalom LinkED is for families who are already members of URJ congregations. In order to attend the 18 Jewish Values sessions and/or 20 Hebrew learning sessions with other students from around North America, students must enroll with their local congregation. Families will choose one class time that will remain consistent throughout the year, enabling teachers and the class to build community.

Shalom LinkED provides a number of benefits:

* Synchronous small group learning sessions (10-15 students for Jewish Values classes, 4-6 students for Hebrew classes)
* Excellent curriculum and instruction
* Top-quality teachers
* Social connections among students from different congregations and regions of North America
* Choose a class time that works best for your family!

**How will students stay connected to friends and leaders at our congregation?**

Insert your plans to maintain this relationship.

Sample message may include:

Nurturing relationships is one of the strengths of our congregation. Your family and student will continue to be important to our community and will be included in all school communication and events.

**Schedule**

**When will classes meet? \*Please feel free to edit this section to only include the times you are offering to your students\***

Each student will enroll in one of the following sessions. 1st and 2nd grade students may enroll in one Jewish Values class. 3rd-6th grade students may enroll in one Values class and one Hebrew class.

Values Classes for students in **grades 1 and 2 will meet for 45 minutes** as follows:

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| **Days** | **Eastern** | **Central** | **Mountain** | **Pacific** |
| Sundays | Noon | 11 a.m. | 10 a.m. | 9 a.m. |
| Thursdays | 6:30 p.m. | 5:30 p.m. | 4:30 p.m. | 3:30 p.m. |

Values classes for students in **grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 will meet for 60 minutes** as follows:

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| **Days** | **Eastern** | **Central** | **Mountain** | **Pacific** |
| Sundays | 10 a.m. | 9 a.m.  | 8 a.m.  | 7 a.m. |
| Sundays | Noon | 11 a.m. | 10 a.m.  | 9 a.m. |
| Thursdays | 6 p.m. | 5 p.m. | 4 p.m.  | 3 p.m. |
| Thursdays | 8 p.m. | 7 p.m. | 6 p.m. | 5 p.m. |

Hebrew classes meet **for 45 minutes** as follows:

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| **Days** | **Eastern** | **Central** | **Mountain** | **Pacific** |
| Sundays | 1 p.m. | Noon | 11 a.m. | 10 a.m. |
| Mondays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays | 5 p.m. | 4 p.m. | 3 p.m. | 2 p.m. |
| Mondays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m. | 5:30 p.m. | 4:30 p.m. | 3:30 p.m. |
| Mondays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays | 8 p.m. | 7 p.m. | 6 p.m. | 5 p.m. |

[Download a complete Shalom LinkED calendar](https://urj.org/sites/default/files/2023-05/Shalom-Linked-Values-and-Hebrew-Calendar-23-24V2.pdf).

**Are the classes synchronous or asynchronous?**

Classes will be synchronous and engaging, with a ShalomLearning-trained teacher facilitating.

**What if a child misses a class? Are they recorded?**

All sessions will be recorded. A family can ask the teacher for a link to watch a recording within seven days of the missed class. Each family will sign a recording waiver prior to the start of the program.

**Teaching & Content**

**Who will teach?**

ShalomLearning will hire, train and supervise teachers for this program. Teachers will be trained to facilitate students' interactions with each other and the material using various teaching methods and tools designed to engage online learners. Teachers are hired for the full year.

**How will teachers manage students with different abilities?**

ShalomLearning trains and expects all teachers to approach each student with compassion, warmth and positivity online. For students with special learning needs or disabilities, teachers and parents should consult with each other to ensure the best learning experience.

**What is the content of the ShalomLearning Jewish Values curriculum?**

ShalomLearning's innovative Jewish values curriculum provides students with meaningful Jewish learning that they can apply to real-life situations now and as they grow into adulthood.

* [Download an overview of what’s included in grades 1-2](https://www.shalomlearning.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/K-2-Overview.pdf)
* [Download an overview of what’s included in grades 3-7](https://www.shalomlearning.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/3-7-Grade-Overview-1.pdf)

This year of Shalom LinkED will include content for grades 1, 3, and 5. Please note that since it’s an abridged calendar, not all topics in every value will be covered. [Learn more about ShalomLearning’s Values Based Curriculum](https://www.shalomlearning.org/curriculum/values-based-judaic-curriculum/).

**What is the content of the ShalomLearning Hebrew curriculum?**

Shalom LinkED Hebrew is a program for learning:

* Reading and decoding Hebrew
* Hebrew prayers for home and Shabbat services
* Understanding the meanings of the prayers

Each student will enroll in one of the following Hebrew courses. The correct course will be determined by {insert educational leader’s name} and the family:

* Learn to Read/Decode

*The following courses assume proficiency with Hebrew decoding skills.*

* Friday Night and Home Prayers
* Shabbat Morning Prayers
* Shabbat Morning Torah Service
* Concluding Prayers

**Does it matter if students in Shalom LinkED are learning different things than students in other education programs at the congregation?**

There is so much to learn! As long as students are engaging with rich Jewish content that relates to their lives, it is valuable Jewish learning. However, your family may want to consider the differences in the curriculum. The congregation’s education leaders will be happy to discuss any content overlap and differences so that parents can make an informed decision.

**Registration**
**How does registration work?**
Each student will register with the congregational education program and pay all local fees. You will receive an email confirming registration with Shalom LinkED, followed by a message with permission forms, class information, and zoom links for the class.

**What is the cost?**
Families pay the registration fees to the congregation. There are no additional costs for books or technology access – students will need to have a computer with internet access, a camera, and headphones.

**How many sessions does registration include?**
Registration is for the entire program, which includes 18 Jewish Values sessions and/or 20 Hebrew sessions. We are not able to pro-rate for missed sessions.

**What is the enrollment deadline? Can students enroll throughout the year?**

The deadline to enroll students is September 16, 2023. Students will enroll for the full year. Late enrollment will be accepted as space allows.

**For more information:**

*Insert Education Leader contact info here*