



THE NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

OF HEBREW COLLEGE PROZDOR AND TEMPLE EMANUEL

There are three major elements to a Makor education: the Sunday program at Hebrew College, the midweek program at a partner synagogue – in your case, Temple Emanuel – and the experiential program that takes place beyond the classroom walls. The details of the Sunday program are outlined in the Makor Student Handbook and Course Catalog. **In this supplement, you will find everything you need to know about the specifics of Makor at Temple Emanuel.**

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Hours and Locations

Sundays at Hebrew College

9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

School office phone number: 617-559-8803

Tuesdays at Temple Emanuel

4:00–6:00 p.m.

School office phone number: 617-558-8120

Tuesday Program

Makor students will attend classes at Temple Emanuel on Tuesday afternoons for two hours, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday's schedule is divided into two class periods, one of which will be taught by faculty from Hebrew College, the other by Temple Emanuel faculty. The Solomon Youth Lounge at Temple Emanuel will be open from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons for Makor students' use before classes begin.

TOSEM Field Trips

The Tuesday evening program for seventh graders includes the *Tikun Olam* Seminar (TOSEM). Each month, students in TOSEM will spend three weeks learning about a particular mitzvah, and in the fourth week, the students will go on a field trip to participate in that mitzvah out in the community. These trips take up the entire Tuesday meeting time, departing from Temple Emanuel at 4:00 p.m. and returning to the temple at 6:00 p.m., and are tentatively scheduled for the following days: September 23, November 4, December 2, December 23, January 20, February 17, March 17, April 7, May 5 and May 12. (During the period that students are studying with Rabbi Gardenswartz, his group will forego the trips.)

Makor Shabbat: Tefila Education

Three times during the year, Makor sixth-grade students will gather at Temple Emanuel on Shabbat mornings for a lively and engaging learning service, in which students from Cantor Rosenberg's class will help lead the prayers, students from Dan Nesson's class will assist with the Torah service, and students from Rabbi Robinson's class will teach their peers. The services will begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at the same time as the main service, approximately noon. Makor parents are encouraged to participate in the main sanctuary service, but families are always welcome to visit the Makor services, as well. The dates for this year's Makor Shabbat services are Saturday, November 21st, Saturday, February 6th, and Saturday, May 8th. If you expect conflicts with any of these dates, please be in touch with David Levy as soon as possible.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Youth Lounge

The Solomon Youth Lounge at Temple Emanuel will be open to all Makor students on Tuesdays from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. No one is permitted in the lounge without a staff person present.

The lounge has vending machines for snacks and drinks, free video games including Nintendo Wii and Ms. Pac-Man, a comfortable study area with a computer and Internet access and a relaxed hang-out area for all. Many Temple Emanuel Kadima and USY youth group events are often held in the Solomon Youth Lounge on weekends and other times, as well.

Kippot

All boys are required to wear *kippot* to classes held at Temple Emanuel, and we encourage girls who would like to wear *kippot* to do so as well.

Traffic Patterns: Tuesdays at Temple Emanuel

Students should arrive 10 minutes before class begins. Dismissal is at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. If your child(ren) will not be attending school or if something occurs that will delay you in picking up your child(ren), please call or email the Religious School Office to let them know: 617-558-8120, jelliot@templemanuel.com.

For the safety of our children, Temple Emanuel has a designated area for drop-off and pick-up of children at the beginning and end of school. This area, known as the *Blue Zone*, is on Ward Street at the Temple's main entrance. Please help by following the instructions below. We need everyone's cooperation in order to have this plan succeed and ensure the safety of our children. For those who may not be familiar with Blue Zones, only live parking is allowed in a Blue Zone during the specified times. Cars may pull up along the curb, drop off or pick up children, and continue on their way. *The Blue Zone along Ward Street has been mandated by the City of Newton.* The Temple employs a Blue Zone safety person to ensure compliance with these guidelines.

For those who drop off or pick up children without getting out of your car:

1. All drop-off and pick-up will be on Ward Street along the front of Temple Emanuel—the Blue Zone.
2. No parking is allowed in the Blue Zone 30 minutes prior to the start of school and 30 minutes after the end of school.

The City of Newton has placed signs that read:

School Drop-Off Zone

No Parking

Sunday 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Tuesday 3:15–6:30 p.m.

Thursday 3:15–6:30 p.m.

3. This parking ban will apply not only to school families, but also to all members of the Temple Emanuel community and the public, as well.
4. Please plan your approach to Temple Emanuel in such a way that you end up on the Temple Emanuel side. When dropping off or picking up your child, you must pull up next to the curb on Temple Emanuel's side of Ward Street. The children will NOT be allowed to cross Ward Street to meet cars on the other side. Do not come up Irving Street, as you will not be able to get in line. *The best approach is via Grant Avenue.*
5. All children will be dismissed via the Ward Street entrance of Temple Emanuel. Please do not tell your children to meet you on Ashford Road.
6. Please tell the children in your carpool to watch for your car.

Parents with children in grades Gan, Alef & Bet (K–2) are encouraged to come into the building to pick up their children. Parents of older students may certainly come in as well, though most choose to pick up their children outside.

ALL PARENTS COMING INTO THE BUILDING MUST PARK LEGALLY. Thank you for helping us be good neighbors.

Again, we would like to emphasize that we need everyone's cooperation in order for there to be a safe drop-off and pick-up area.

Temple Emanuel Snow-Related School Closings

If the Newton public schools are closed, there will automatically be no classes at Temple Emanuel, even if the weather improves. On a day when Newton public schools are in session, it may be necessary for Temple Emanuel to cancel classes if the weather changes by afternoon and driving becomes treacherous. In such instances, an announcement will be made on TV Channels 4, 5 and 7. You can also go to station websites and look for “school cancellations.” When the Religious School office is closed, school closing information will be recorded on the voicemail system at 617-558-8120. Any time Makor Tuesday classes are cancelled, a notification will be sent to the Prozdor listserv and an announcement will be posted on www.prozdor.org.

COURSE OFFERINGS

TUESDAY AT TEMPLE EMANUEL

Period 1 (4:00–5:00 p.m.)

HEBR 101 **Grade 7 NETA Hebrew Grade 7**

Roe Gilron
Mor-Li Hartman
Yardena Winkler

Note: Class also meets on Sunday during periods 3 & 4.

Hebrew classes generally meet for two hours on Sundays plus one hour midweek. We are proud to offer a wide variety of Hebrew language levels to accommodate our students. The focus of the program is modern Hebrew. The curriculum encourages Hebrew speaking, as well as reading writing and listening. Prozdor has been chosen to be a site by the AVI CHAI Foundation for teaching Hebrew language through the NETA program. All students must take a computerized Hebrew language placement test.

SPIR 119 **B’nei Mitzvah Seminar Grade 6**

Dan Nesson

While all it takes to become responsible for mitzvot is getting older, there’s a lot to learn if you want to take your place on the *bimah* and mark your big day ritually. Under the leadership of Dan Nesson, you’ll get a jump start at learning the essentials for chanting haftarah, from the blessings to the trope and beyond.

SPIR 120a **Prayer “Matters” -- The How Grade 6**

Cantor Elias Rosenberg

The first step to understanding Jewish prayer is jumping in and learning how to do it. In this class, we’ll learn the words and melodies for the Shabbat morning service and prepare to lead our community in prayer.

SPIR 120b **Prayer “Matters” -- The Why Grade 6**

Rabbi Michelle Robinson

Journey into the heart of the siddur. We’ll explore what our prayers say and delve into the bigger questions they bring up, from “Does God really care if we pray?” to “Am I really supposed to believe in all this stuff about angels and resurrecting the dead?” Get ready to look at the siddur as you never have before.

Period 2 (5:00–6:00 p.m.)

HEBPRENETA Hebrew Language Pre-NETA Grade 6

Talia Berman-Kishony
Morli Hartman
Yardena Winkler

Note: Class also meets on Sunday during period 2.

Study modern, conversational Hebrew with a curriculum designed for American teenagers. The focus of the program is modern Hebrew, introducing students to the format of the NETA curriculum used in grades 7 through 11. The curriculum encourages Hebrew speaking, as well as reading, writing and listening skills.

SOCJC 117 *Tikun Olam Seminar (TOSEM)* Grade 7

Wayne Goldstein and Jonathan Tatelman

Ever get frustrated when you learn about problems in the world without having a chance to do anything about it? Now's your chance! This class will focus on a different mitzvah each month, spending two to three weeks exploring issues and learning about how to help, and then going out into the world at the end of the month to help out in the community. Get ready to become involved with helping the needy, visiting the sick, cleaning the environment and more.

TALMD 106 *Lessons For Living* Grade 7

Rabbi Wesley Gardenswartz

Up to this point, most of your Jewish learning has come from the *Tanakh*, the Hebrew Bible. But how did we get from Moses and sacrifices to our modern approach to living? A big part of the answer lies in the Talmud, the collection of questions, insights and rabbinic discussions that's considered so important, it's often referred to as a second, "oral" Torah. Journey into this incredible document filled with stories and legends that guide us how to be better Jews, and how to be better human beings.

FACULTY AND STAFF BIOGRAPHIES

Mira Angrist has many years' experience teaching Hebrew to children, youth and adults in various settings. She has trained and supervised Hebrew teachers nationwide in a Hebrew language curriculum for Jewish day schools (*Chaverim B'Ivrit*). Mira recently earned a certificate from the Senior Educators Program, The Melton Center for Jewish Education, Hebrew University and holds a master's degree in social work from Rutgers University. Currently Mira is the URJ Hebrew Specialist and on the Prozdor and Ulpan faculty at Hebrew College.

JoAnn Elliot is the Rabbi Albert I. Gordon Religious School Office Administrator at Temple Emanuel. JoAnn has an extensive background in administration and general management. She has had many and varied positions in her career. Before coming to Temple Emanuel, she was Assistant General Manager at the Brook House Condominium in Brookline and was responsible for operational and facility matters for the largest condominium property in Massachusetts. Just prior to this, she was Assistant to the Director for four years at Gan Yeladim Preschool of Newton, part of the Jewish Community Centers of Greater Boston. She enjoys working with teachers, and especially children, and being part of the synagogue environment. She is a graduate of Stonehill College and holds a BA in communications.

Rabbi Wes Gardenswartz has been a rabbi at Temple Emanuel since 1997, where he thanks God every day for the privilege and joy of being a rabbi. Of the many blessings of the rabbinate, one of the greatest is teaching children. He is married to Shira Goodman and is the father of Nat (20), Sam (18) and Jordana (14).

Wayne Goldstein has served in various capacities in leading, educating and inspiring children both in the public and private sector over the past 18 years. Wayne is currently entering his fifth year as the Harry Kraft Director of Informal Youth Education at Temple Emanuel. Wayne has held numerous other positions, including Children's Director at the Leventhal-Sidman JCC, Director of JCC Camp Kingswood in Maine, Regional Director of Operations for Mulberry Child Care Centers in New England, Operations Coordinator for the JCC Maccabi Games in Boston, along with other staffing experiences with USY, Camp Ramah New England and Camp Young Judea in Amherst, New Hampshire. Wayne attended the Hebrew Academy and Yeshiva High School in Atlanta, Georgia, where his knowledge and love for Judaism first began. He received his BA in psychology from Clark University in Worcester and earned an MS in counseling from Springfield College. Wayne lives in Lexington with his wife Robin and has two boys, Jonathan (11) and Eli (8), who attend the Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Boston.

David Levy P'95 is thrilled to be returning for his fifth year at Prozdor—or eighth, if you count his time here as a student. In the interim, he graduated from Harvard, ran the business end of an independent record label in Los Angeles, directed the youth programming for Congregation Mishkan Tefila in Chestnut Hill and wrote for the *Jewish Advocate* and TalkinBroadway.com. In addition to his work at Prozdor, David is a consultant with YESOD, working with youth educators in Conservative synagogues. He is also pursuing two master's degrees at Hebrew College (one in Jewish education, the other in Jewish studies) and sits on the editorial board of *Jewschool.com*.

Dan Nesson, Hazzan Sheni of Temple Emanuel, joined the synagogue in the summer of 1989. Previously he served as Ritual Director at The Emanuel Synagogue of West Hartford, Conn., and as *Ba'al Korei* (Torah reader) at several Boston area synagogues, including Adas Hadrath Israel. He studied *Nusach HaTefillah* with Cantors Arthur Koret, z'l, Don Gurney, Faith Steinsynder, Scott Sokol and Charles Osborne, and has studied the pedagogy of *T'amei HaMikrah* with Joshua Jacobson. Dan has taught adult education at Hebrew College and has presented workshops in the greater Boston area. A lover of music, he has performed with the Boston Light Opera Company and has been a member of the Zamir Chorale of Boston since 1979. Dan shares his life with his fabulous wife, Susan, and their wonderful dog, Kilo. They are the proud parents of Emma Rose Jiang-Man.

Rabbi Michelle Robinson has been at Temple Emanuel since 1999. She is passionate about sharing with others the great beauty of our Jewish tradition, particularly in the rich world of Jewish prayer. She has two daughters, Maya and Noa, whose favorite prayer is "*Emet*," as long as they can run while singing it.

Cantor Elías Roseberg was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. A graduate of the Seminario Rabínico Latinoamericano, he also studied music theory, harmony and voice at Manuel de Falla School of Music and completed a five-year program in Pathology, Audiology and Speech therapy at the School of Medicine, University of Buenos Aires. Hazzan at Lamroth Hakol Synagogue from 1990 to 2000, he moved to New York in July 2000, where he worked as *Ba'al Korei* and gave Master Classes at Adath Shalom Synagogue, Morris Plains, N.J. He joined The Cantors Assembly of America in 2001, and from July 2001 until June 2007, he was the Cantor at Temple Emeth in Chestnut Hill. Currently chairman of the New England Region of the Cantors Assembly of America, he also coaches *nusah* for Hebrew College's Cantor-Educator Program and performs with The Bostonian Opera, Concert Ensemble and the Zamir Chorale of Boston.

Jonathan Tatelman received his MSW from Fordham University and a BA from Touro College. A former social worker in New York City with *Yachad* National Jewish Council for the Disabled, Jonathan has been with Temple Emanuel since 2001 as a religious school teacher, High Holiday and Shabbat service leader and b'nei mitzvah tutor. Jonathan has also participated with USY, NCSY and B'nei Akivah youth groups.

NEED HELP? HAVE A QUESTION?

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