## **Congregation Shir Ami's Hebrew and Religious School**

9:00 am - 10:00 am Hebrew School (generally for third graders and above)
10:30 am - 12:30 pm Religious School for all children
11:30 am - 12:30 pm Tot Talk (A free program, one Sunday a month for children 0-4 and their caregivers) (Tot Talk start time may vary for events, please check the calendar online)

## School is on Sunday's, usually about three weeks a month, from September to May



Our multi-age school program provides a fun environment where our children learn about Jewish practices, culture, holidays and experience the joy of living Jewishly. We have small classes and electives, such as drama, arts and crafts and cooking. We try to make Jewish education fun and a place where children want to be and look forward to attending.

Hebrew classes are generally for children in 3rd grade and up, but can be made available depending upon the abilities of the child. Older children are also welcome in the school, without any prior Jewish education. Many of our children continue on beyond Bar or Bat Mitzvah through confirmation and become teaching assistants and teachers in our school.

For the little ones, we have a free Tot Talk program, which is designed for children ages 0-4 and their parents/caregivers to learn a little bit about being Jewish and to socialize and have fun. We usually meet one Sunday a month for the last hour of school. The timing may vary when Tot Talk families join the school to celebrate various holidays and events, such as our Purim Carnival and Tu BiShvat seder.

We encourage parent participation in our school and family members often join us for parent education and holiday celebrations. Throughout the year we have family friendly events and children's shabbat services. We also have field trips

planned, including volunteering at the Alameda County food bank.



The education of our children is central to our mission as a community and is supported by all of our members. To enroll in the school, your family needs to become a member of the congregation. We have an extremely affordable introductory membership fee for families if they would like to join and enroll their children in school.

Congregation Shir Ami in Castro Valley, California is a small, friendly Reform Jewish community that welcomes interfaith and LGBTQ families. We make Jewish education fun and joyful for children and adults alike.

For more information, please contact us at education@congshirami.org

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