

Temple Micah Totally Virtual Educational Programming

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In an effort to maximize resources and continue building a sense of community in the coming year, Temple Micah is excited to offer a menu of virtual educational opportunities for your family to choose from for the 5781 school year. Since everyone is looking for something a bit different, select the programs that best fit your family's needs!

I. Step 1: Choose your base.

You can decide between The Mishpacha! Module, an educational experience designed for educating families together, or The Traditional Track, a student-focused approach to Judaics and Hebrew education. Each plan is comprised of various base components that you must commit to when choosing that program, as shown in the table below. The program offerings are as follows:

The Mishpacha! Module: A Family-Focused Educational Experience*	The Traditional Track: A Student-Centered Educational Plan**
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual family learning <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Every two weeks ii) 40-minute sessions iii) Entire family learns together 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly Sunday morning check-in with Rabbi Mo <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) 15-20 minute sessions ii) Song and story
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kehillah gathering <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) In-person ii) 3 times per semester 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual student Judaic studies <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Weekly Sunday morning ii) 30-minute sessions iii) Age-based learning levels iv) K-7 grades
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6th grade Rabbi time <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) 6th grade only ii) Periodic meetings with Mo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6th grade Rabbi time <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) 6th grade only ii) Periodic meetings with Mo • Virtual student Hebrew <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) One-on-one and small group ii) Individual tutor iii) 20-minute sessions iv) Personalized education based on student needs v) K-7 grades

*Detailed descriptions of program components on p. 2

**Detailed descriptions of program components on p. 3

The Mishpacha! Module: A Family-Focused Learning Experience

Virtual Family Learning – Every other Sunday, families (including students in grades K-12) will gather on Zoom for 40 minutes of family-focused learning with Rabbi Mo and Amy. We will sing songs, tell stories, and engage in family learning through a Jewish lens.

Havdalah Kehillah Gathering – Three times during each semester, we will all meet for an in-person gathering. We will spend our time outside, socially distanced, wearing masks, and comply with all recommended safety measures at the time of each community gathering.

6th Grade Rabbi Time – Since 6th grade students are entering into a special phase of their Jewish journey, Rabbi Mo wants to spend some extra time talking specifically to them about what's to come as they prepare to become a Bat or Bar Mitzvah. These meetings will be held in addition to family session gatherings and will occur periodically throughout each semester.

Two Important Mishpacha! Module Notes to Keep in Mind – While the above components encompass the entirety of the virtual Mishpacha! Module, we ask that you consider the following two items as you approach Step 2 of this catalogue:

- 1) If you intend for your student to participate in Temple Micah's B'nai Mitzvah program, students in grades 3-7 must be registered for a Hebrew program. You can opt into Temple Micah's Virtual Hebrew component (explained on page 5) or find your own tutor to work with!
- 2) Our Zoom family sessions will include family education without individual age-specific breakout sessions. All students and parents have the opportunity to register for Sunday morning Judaics on Zoom (explained on page 5), and we highly encourage you to add this option to your program!

The Traditional Track: Student-Centered Learning Plan Explained

Virtual Student Judaic Studies – For 30 minutes on Sunday mornings, students in grades K-7 will gather with their peers on Zoom for a Judaics lesson. Students will be broken into grade-specific groups for these lessons.

Virtual Student Hebrew – For 20 minutes once a week, students in grades K-7 will meet on Zoom for a Hebrew lesson. These lessons will occur either individually or in small groups of students. Individual tutors will be assigned to each student to deliver personalized education based on the student's prior knowledge.

Virtual Sunday Morning Check-in – Sunday mornings, all students in grades K-7 (family members are also welcome!) will meet with Rabbi Mo and Amy on a Zoom call for a quick check-in, story, and song.

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II. Step 2: Choose your add-ons.

Do you feel like you're looking for a bit more than either of these programs has to offer at its base? Once you have chosen your base program from the above two options, you can peruse the a la carte menu of additional choices below to personalize your Jewish educational journey!

The Mishpacha! Module's A la Carte Add-Ons*	The Traditional Track's A la Carte Add-Ons**
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual student Judaic studies <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) 30-minute sessions ii) Age-based learning levels iii) K-7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual family learning <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Every two weeks ii) 40-minute sessions iii) Entire family learns together
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual adult Judaics <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Adult education with Rabbi Mo ii) 45-minute sessions iii) 5 times per semester 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual adult Judaics <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Adult education with Rabbi Mo ii) 45-minute sessions iii) 5 times per semester
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** = Detailed descriptions of The Traditional Plan's add-on components on p. 6

The Mishpacha! Module's A la Carte Add-Ons Explained

Virtual Student Judaic Studies* – Due to the logistics of virtual education, our Zoom family sessions will not include age-specific breakout educational programming. For 30 minutes on Sunday mornings, Mishpacha! Module students in grades K-7 will gather with their peers on The Traditional Track for a Zoom Judaics lesson. Students will be broken into grade-specific groups for these lessons. There is an additional cost per student for this add-on.

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Virtual Student Hebrew** – For 20 minutes once a week, students in grades K-7 will meet on Zoom for a Hebrew lesson. These lessons will occur either individually or in small groups of 2-3 students. Individual tutors will be assigned to each student to deliver personalized education based on the student's prior knowledge. There is an additional cost per student for this add-on.

**Hebrew is required for students in grades 3 through 7 who plan to participate in Temple Micah's B'nai Mitzvah program. You may choose to participate in Temple Micah's Virtual Hebrew program or work with your own Hebrew tutor!

Virtual Adult Judaic Studies – As a result of the logistics related to educating virtually, our Zoom family sessions will not include parent breakout time with Rabbi Mo. Five times each semester, as a parent or team of parents, you may opt to join Rabbi Mo for 45 minutes of virtual education and conversation. There is an additional cost per household for this add-on.

Virtual Adult Hebrew – This new offering allows parents to meet as a group with a Hebrew teacher every other week for an hour on Zoom. There is an additional cost per person for this add-on.

Virtual Kabbalat Shabbat – Since we have less opportunities to connect in person this year, we want to create more reasons to come together. Twice each month on Friday evenings, our entire educational community will gather on Zoom for a short program to welcome the Sabbath Bride together. We may share an Israeli dance, practice our Challah baking skills, or plan actions we can take to be more socially responsible and just in how we interact with our world. There is no additional cost associated with this program.

Chai School – It's a tough time to be a teenager. School is weird; home is weird; life feels weird in general! And we all need a place to talk about it. Students in grades 8-12 are invited to join our new youth education program designed specifically around teens and the things they're thinking about. We will meet every other week and alternate between a "Kvetch Sesh" and "Yalla Tzedek." In the Kvetch Sesh, students can share the roses and thorns of their daily endeavors with their peers and Temple Micah Youth Director, Amy Krivel. In Yalla Tzedek meetings, students will learn about and discuss racial justice and work towards completion of a social justice project of their choosing.

The Traditional Plan's A la Carte Add-Ons Explained

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III. Step 3: Price your educational experience.

The below pricing charts include prices for each program's base, as well as pricing information for the optional add-on components of each program. All prices are for the entirety of the 5781 school year.

Pricing for The Mishpacha! Module

The Mishpacha! Module Components	Program Cost
Family Time Base Program	\$600 per family (including students in grades K-12)
Choose your optional add-ons:	
Student Judaic Studies	+ \$175 per student (students in grades K-7)
Student Hebrew	+ \$190 per student (students in grades K-7)
Adult Judaics	+ \$100 per household
Adult Hebrew	+ \$120 per adult
Chai School	+\$150 per teen (students in grades 8-12)

Pricing for The Traditional Track

The Traditional Plan Components	Program Cost
Traditional Plan Base Program	\$495 per student (grades K-7)
Choose your optional add-ons:	
Family Time	+ \$300 per family
Adult Judaics	+ \$100 per household
Adult Hebrew	+ \$120 per adult
Chai School	+\$150 per teen (students in grades 8-12)

IV. Step 4: Ask questions.

So, what's new? What's different? What's changing?

Curriculum

We are in the process of aligning our curriculum for students and parents to always be exploring the same ideas and create conversation beyond our learning environment.

Let's say you're a family of two parents and two students. You want some guided family activities every two weeks, so you've opted for The Mishpacha! Module as your base. You have one student in 2nd grade who isn't quite ready to jump into Hebrew, one student in 5th grade who wants a little extra Hebrew, and all four of you are interested in adding on Judaics. On any given day, if you go to a family session and student Judaics, or a family session and lesson with Mo, or just the weekly Judaics, you will all be learning about the same overarching concepts, themes, and values so you can continue the conversation once you leave the virtual classroom!

Classroom structure

Our virtual Judaics classrooms will be comprised of parents and students across the entire Micah community, and beyond! Regardless of prior affiliation with Mishpacha! or Religious School, students and parents across all programs will learn in their age-level specific grouping, should they choose to opt in!

Family Sessions Now for students in grades K-12

Who said Judaics education has to end in 7th grade?! Now you can opt into our virtual family program with all members of your family, including those who have already celebrated their B'nai Mitzvah!

Additional Teen Education Opportunity

For students in grades 8-12, Amy is creating a virtual Chai School program. At the beginning of the year, teens will choose a cause, social justice endeavor, or other tzedakah and tikkun olam project to spend the year working toward. During the course of the year, we will meet twice a month to check in, talk about being teens in our current environments, and work the steps toward achieving our community project.

V. Step 5: Register and spread the word.

Spread the word – Have your students always wanted to learn with their cousins or friends from camp who live outside Colorado? Or maybe you have a colleague looking for a way to expose their child to Judaics and Hebrew. _Since we're going entirely virtual, Temple Micah's educational programming is no longer limited only to those residing in Denver's Front Range. We can transcend prior geographic barriers, but we need your help! Please share this catalog with anyone who may be interested!

Connect with Amy – Have a question about a specific program component? Want to talk through the options that may work best for your family? Email Direct of Education, Amy Krivel, at amy.krivel@micahdenver.org to set up a time to hop on the phone and chat about all the possibilities!

Register! – Once you've chosen your personalized program components, [visit the webpage](#) for the track you've chosen to register!