



What is Shalom LinkED?

Shalom LinkED is an online Jewish education program for students in 1st-6th grade who are unable to participate in education offerings in-person at their Reform congregation.

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

Students enroll through their local URJ congregation, *that's Agudas Israel*, in order to attend the 18 Shalom LinkED sessions, online with other Reform students from across North America.

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

Nurturing relationships is one of the strengths of our congregation. Your family and student will continue to be important to our community. We plan on getting together with all students monthly and for special occasions. This will be communicated with each of the families that sign up with us. .

Schedule

When will classes meet?

Each student will enroll in one of the following sessions. Sessions will meet for one-hour as follows:

1st/2nd grade classes will meet for 45 minutes at the following times:

	Eastern
Sundays	Noon
Thursdays	6:30pm

3rd/4th and 5th/6th grade classes will meet for one hour at the following times:

	Eastern
Sundays	10am
Sundays	Noon
Thursdays	6pm
Thursdays	8pm

Sunday sessions will meet on the following dates:

October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May
16, 30	6, 13, 20	4, 11	8, 22, 29	5, 12, 26	12, 19	23, 30	7

Thursday sessions will meet on the following dates:

October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May
13, 27	3, 10, 17	1, 8	5, 19, 26	2, 9, 16	16, 23	20, 27	4

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 7 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' interaction with each other and the material using various teaching methods and tools designed to engage online learners. A teacher is 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 to ensure the best learning experience.

What is the content of the ShalomLearning curriculum?

ShalomLearning's innovative Jewish values curriculum provides students with meaningful Jewish learning they can apply to real-life situations now and as they grow into adulthood. [This document](#) gives an overview of what's included in grades 1-2. [This document](#) gives an overview of what's included in grades 3-7. This year of Shalom LinkED will include content for grades 2, 4, and 6. Please note that since it's an abridged calendar, not all topics in every value will be covered. More about ShalomLearning's Values Based Curriculum can be found [here](#).

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, and then a message with permission forms, class information, and zoom links for the class.

What is the cost?

Families pay their congregation the registration fees. 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 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 30, 2022. Students will enroll for the full year. Late enrollment will be accepted as space allows.

For more information:

Please email [our office](#) or [Rabbi Jackson](#), or give us a call [828-693-9838].