

Congregation Shaarey Zedek Religious School

Congregational Family and Sacred Community.

We are a caring and supportive home where we connect with each other as friends and as relatives. Our students and their families feel a sense of joy and belonging simply being in the synagogue building and strive to bring that joy and connectedness to their homes and the homes of their friends and family.

Skills and Knowledge.

Our students and their families acquire throughout their lifetime of engagement at Shaarey Zedek skills and knowledge pertaining to the traditional and contemporary meaning and applications of

- **Talmud Torah** ~ תלמוד תורה
- **Mitzvot** ~ מצוות (Commandments) as interpreted by our congregational rabbi under guidance from the Rabbinical Assembly;
- **Middot** ~ מדות (values);
- **Mussar** ~ מוסר (ethics) gleaned from ancient teachings but with modern significance;
- **Ivrit** ~ עברית (Hebrew) to access the prayer-book;
- **Tefilah** ~ תפילה (Prayers), including traditional *nusach* (formulations) and modern song;
- **Yisrael** ~ ישראל (the State of Israel and the Jewish People, including its land, culture and history).



Our Mission:
The Congregation Shaarey Zedek Religious School is committed to strengthening our congregational family and sacred community by deepening within its families a love of being Jewish and by teaching children and parents alike the skills and knowledge necessary to live a meaningful Conservative Jewish life.

A meaningful Conservative Jewish Life.

As *striving*, *willing*, and *learning* Jews, we are living meaningful Conservative Jewish lives where we feel God's presence, connect to generations past and future, and elevate our sense of purpose as Jews.

A *striving* Jew takes steps day by day and year by year on a journey toward greater connection, practice, and knowledge, each from his or her own starting point on a unique path.

A *willing* Jew is open to exploring and incorporating Judaism's ritual and ethical מצוות ~ *mitzvot* (commandments) into his or her life.

A *learning* Jew recognizes that the study of contemporary and classic literature, music, and lifestyle of the Jewish people enables one to appreciate the depth and beauty of our tradition.

A Love of Being Jewish. Our students and their families feel a love for and special relationship with God, expressed through the rituals, practices and traditions of the Jewish people, including *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world). They take pride in their Jewish identity, embrace their heritage and demonstrate solidarity with Jews throughout the Detroit Jewish community, the United States of America, Israel and the world.