

Eighth Grade Mitzvah Program

The Eighth Grade Mitzvah Project provides an environment for 8th grade students to connect with each other and to the Temple community through service and social activities. This year's activities include: Mitzvah Projects, Monthly Shabbat Dinners, and Social Outings.

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Mitzvah Project Meeting

8th graders meet with the 8th Grade Mitzvah Director once a month to check in about their projects/mentorships as well as connect with their peers to plan a monthly Shabbat dinner and an 8th grade social outing. During this planning meeting, students are also welcome to arrange meetings or hours with their mentors at the Temple.

Mentorship Hours

After identifying an area of interest that relates to the Sinai community, students are paired with a Temple mentor who can help apprentice them for a mutually agreed upon amount of time during the month. Mentors and students are encouraged to schedule some of their hours around Temple events or Monthly Project Meetings.

Monthly Shabbat Dinner

8th graders plan and attend one communal Shabbat dinner a month. Held on a mid- or late- Friday during any given month, this dinner rotates between households of 8th grade students or can be held at the Temple on the specified calendar dates. To plan for these dinners, students coordinate with each other about hosting, blessings, songs, and food preparation. The PJ Library *Get Together* program fund will reimburse hosting families for up to \$100 of expenses for these dinners.

Monthly Social Outing

Once a month, 8th graders plan a social outing where students meet at the Temple and then embark on their adventure with the help of parent chaperone drivers. Outings can vary from roller skating or mini golf to eating out at a restaurant, visiting Animal Ark, playing paintball... the possibilities are endless! Any costs above \$15 per outing can potentially be supported by Temple funds, depending on the students' proposal.