

Learning Shabbats

Open to all ages and stages, join Rabbi Pivo and Morah Julie for a new set of Shabbat programs. These intergenerational learning experiences will explore themes of Shabbat, the structure of services, and various prayers. These sessions are appropriate for children and adults; they will not be complete Shabbat services, but they will be tailored to the level of attendees.

Friday, February 2, 7:30 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat

Welcoming Shabbat - Entering a day essentially different from others, we sing psalms prior to the evening service and transition from work to rest, from doing to being. Join us to learn the elements of the Kabbalat Shabbat service, with a particular emphasis on structure, meaning and tunes you can use.

Saturday, March 17, 6:45 pm - Mincha/Maariv/Havdalah

Leaving Shabbat - The last service of Shabbat, Mincha, leads directly into the first service of the workweek, as we transition out of sacred time and space back to our typical routines. In this session we will break down the elements of each service and learn how to conduct the havdalah ritual which ends Shabbat, a brief and beautiful rite for shul or home.

Friday, April 27, 7:30 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat

The Shabbat evening service is both similar to and distinct from other evenings. One constant is the Shema, the affirmation of faith which Jews traditionally say twice each day. For all its familiarity, Shema and its blessings are neither simple nor easy. This session will help us deconstruct this major unit of prayer - its language, its meanings and its careful construction.

