

HEA Religious School Myths and Facts



Students in the HEA Religious School are bored and sit at their “desks” for two or three hours at a time.

Myth! Students in the HEA RS learn in a variety of ways. Our teachers are trained to teach to all different types of learners, some visual, some auditory and some kinesthetic. This means that students spend their time with us, seeing, hearing and doing in order to learn.

My child must attend HEA RS beginning in the second grade in order to have a b’nai mitzvah at the HEA.

Fact! HEA RS runs programming for students beginning in Kindergarten. This wonderful program builds a bridge from Preschool style learning to grade school learning. We encourage all students to attend HEA RS beginning in Kindergarten. However, in order to hold your child’s *simcha* at the HEA, he/she must begin attending HEA RS in the second grade or an approved Jewish Day School.

The HEA RS stops programming after the seventh grade.

Myth! Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, the HEA RS now provides continued education through the tenth grade Confirmation Class. This new program, called Nosh N’Drash is held every other Thursday night for students in grades 8, 9 and 10. These classes build on the foundations and basic Jewish literacy attained in lower grades and focuses on Culture and Heritage, Values and Action and finally Ethics and Choices.

HEA Religious School teachers are highly skilled men and woman who come from a variety of diverse backgrounds and experiences.

Fact! HEA RS teachers are made up of men and women who are Teachers, Students, Jewish Professionals, Researchers and more. They come from several different countries and bring unique life experiences combined with a passion for and love of Judaism to the classroom.



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