
**What makes Mensch Academy
different?**

Social Emotional Learning

Social emotional learning is the foundation for everything we do, and the way we do it.

We open and close the day as a community, greeting each other, praying together, and celebrating our successes.

We use learning modalities that allow kids to work on listening to each other, collaborating, asking and answering each other's questions



**Staff and students
welcome each other and
pray together**



Kids Choose

While everyone has the same learning goals, kids reach those goals in different ways

Some kids might interpret text through drawing, others through acting, and others through writing

Low staff:student ratio makes this possible

Kids choose how they will learn

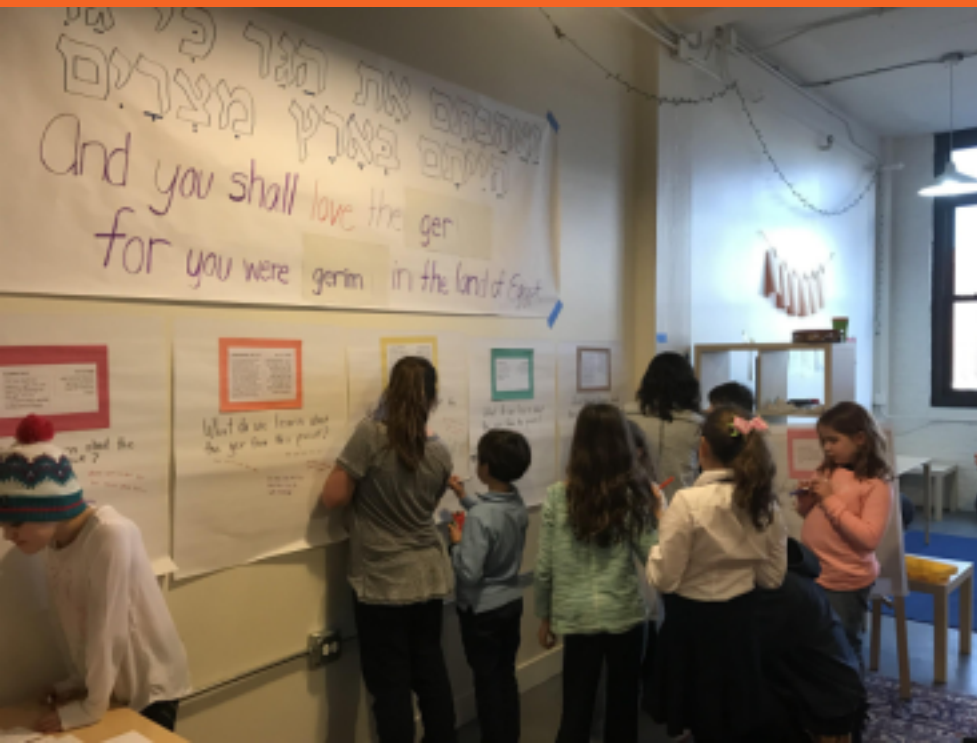


Intensive Learning Around a Theme

There are 1-2 big idea themes that we dive into each year

Each theme takes us through the idea as it is represented in the Torah, in rabbinic literature, modern commentaries, and in our own lives

Learning Through a Theme



Above: Students plan how they would act out Exodus chapter 1, and think about how each character might feel.

Left: Students try to understand the meaning of the word ger, by investigating 10 different Biblical verses with that word

Real World Connections + Problem Solving

Each theme is connected to a real problem that we are trying to solve.

Since January, we have been studying the “stranger” and thinking about our responsibilities as Jews toward them.

We will end the year with a project devoted to how we can best care for the stranger as a Mensch Academy community.

