

KS YOUTH EXPERIENCES

Learning Pillars

We strive to build a culture of:

קהילה *Kehillah* **Community**

We aim to be the kind of community where each person feels that they belong and that Kerem Shalom belongs to them. We foster supportive relationships among peers and across all ages, and we work to be absolutely inclusive of people and ideas.

שמחה *Simchah* **Joy**

We bring Judaism to life with our whole selves, nurturing creative expression, delightful discovery, and communal celebration. We cultivate pride in lifelong Jewish engagement, and we strengthen our communal bonds through moments of collective joy.

כבוד הבריות *K'vod Ha-B'riyot* **Dignity of Every Person**

We emphasize the inherent worth of every person, both in how we behave toward one another and in how we work toward *Tikkun Olam*, repairing the world. We learn from and partner with others in our local area, as we join together in this sacred work.

נעשה ונשמע *Naaseh V'Nishmah* **Learning by Doing**

By doing and reflecting on the activities of Jewish life now, we learn what Judaism means to us and build "muscle memory" for a lifetime of meaningful Jewish living. We apply Jewish values to our communal decisions, and we turn to them in our daily lives.

אל פי דרכו *Al Pi Darko* **Our Own Paths**

We empower each person and family to determine their own Jewish journeys, so we offer choices of experience and of expression. We encourage one another to develop our own ideas about and ways of living Jewishly.

עבודה שבלב *Avodah She-Ba-Lev* **Spirituality**

We aspire to live Judaism in a way that is both intellectually honest and spiritually profound, and we nurture spiritual growth at every age and stage of life. We wrestle with questions of ultimate meaning, and we cultivate practices of wonder and gratitude.

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