

family structures, gender identities, and relationships to Judaism. At the school, we create a warm and cohesive community of children and adults. Outside of the synagogue, our children will often have the experience of being the only Jewish kid in a class. At Agudas Achim, they can feel secure in an environment that supports their exploration of Judaism.

In our educational program, our children learn and participate in Jewish culture, heritage, history, ethics, and liturgy so that our children can feel confident in a Jewish setting anywhere in the world.

Partnership with Parents

Raising a Jewish child is the work of the entire community. Children learn best by doing and experiencing, so that all communal activities are an immersion in Jewish learning. In this sense, the child's experience with family and friends is just as important as the experience in a synagogue setting.

The congregation and the school offer support to families who wish to learn more about Judaism. There is a monthly *Havurah* (fellowship) potluck Shabbat dinner for families with young children. The rabbi offers a regular Introduction to Judaism course, and there are often child-friendly celebrations of holidays.

We also invite parents to partner with us in the education of all of our children.

Parents may volunteer at the school to teach a unit, provide appropriate ritual foods