

CJEG Testimonials from Parents

When our daughter turned 4, we started looking for a school that could teach her what the Jewish culture and traditions mean for us. We found CJEG through a monthly brochure that people usually read in waiting areas. She started the Sunday school shortly before turning 5 and continued until graduation in seventh grade. She was always thrilled to attend each class and the school was exactly what we had envisioned. Great teachers, lots of hands on activities, projects and celebrations. She made really good friends with whom she continues to keep in touch. We all have lots of fond memories of all the field trips taken to different museums in the city and all the holiday celebrations that felt like a big family coming together. We have seen our daughter thrive through everything she learned all these years and we would never change anything at all!

- Wanda H.

We feel very lucky that we found CJEG. It has been so right for our family. My daughters are getting a wide-ranging Jewish education and I have never once had to fight with them to get up early to go to Sunday School - they really enjoy their classes. The teachers are engaging and help make CJEG so special. The holiday celebrations and field trips really bring the group together and help bring what the kids are learning to life.

- Liz W.

We were looking for a non-congregation-based Hebrew school and came across CJEG and couldn't be happier. Our daughter has gone from 2nd grade through becoming a bat mitzvah, and our son is approaching his bar mitzvah. It's perfect for us because our children have learned about their culture and history through engaging classrooms and interesting class trips. The Passover Seder is our favorite activity. We highly recommend CJEG.

- Stephanie & Irin I.

Our family has been with CJEG for 12 years. Our older son has gone through since kindergarten and has been bar mitzvahed. Our younger son started in kindergarten and will begin preparing for his bar mitzvah next year.

CJEG has been a wonderful experience for both of our children. They received a thorough education in the Jewish religious history as well as a sense of community. Our older son feels so closely connected with the school that, after his bar mitzvah, he returned to volunteer as a teacher's helper for the past 3 years. We are so glad our children have had such a positive experience in their religious education.

- Iris S.

CJEG has introduced our children to Judaism in a positive way. Even on days when there was no school, the children were ready to go! They now know about Jewish history, holidays, traditions, tzedakah, tikkun olam and are able to read in Hebrew. The school prepares them well for Bar and Bat mitzvahs. There is also no pressure to have one. The school meets once a week, and it makes it convenient for families with busy schedules. The teachers are wonderful and caring. The children have music and singing as well. The community of families that the school brings is amazing. The atmosphere is warm and welcoming. Over the last three years, we have enjoyed participating in Jewish holiday events too. Many past graduates come for High Holidays services. The family events are always fun too!

Tamara D.

We have been at CJEG for 7 years (and counting!), since my oldest was in K and now my youngest is happily attending as well. We searched extensively for a Hebrew school for our oldest - we wanted a program that didn't stress the religion only, but was more well rounded and looked at being Jewish from a cultural perspective (and didn't require a multi day commitment weekly). We are not religious at all, so didn't feel comfortable at a synagogue based program, but we still felt it was important for our kids to feel connected to their heritage and the Jewish community. We found CJEG almost by chance and it was such a fortunate accident! My kids love going every Sunday, even this year when many lessons have moved online, and we feel like we found a lovely community to be a part of, with families from all different backgrounds and perspectives. We even tried a synagogue based program one year, but my kids begged to return to CJEG! We are happily here to stay! CJEG is like Westchester's best kept secret in Hebrew schools, and we would love to share the secret and this wonderful program!

Rachel S.