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WORNICK
RONALD C. WORNICK JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

TK–8 MUSIC PROGRAM

Music, learned by heart.

At Wornick, every student sings, drums, plays and performs — from first songs in TK/Kindergarten to leading their own bands in middle school, through a Jewish lens that celebrates Jewish diversity.

LOWER SCHOOL · TK–5

Voice · Rhythm · Instruments

Every class builds these three foundations for the ensembles ahead.

MIDDLE SCHOOL · 6–8

Leadership · Performance · Creativity

Students lead school music culture through bands, writing and production.

The journey, grade by grade

TK/K
Introduction to Music

Singing, movement and musical games, Shabbat and holiday songs, first instrument exploration.

1 Building Foundations

Hand drum and xylophone begin. Beat vs. rhythm, the C major scale, intro to t'fila.

2 Voice, Rhythm & Melody

Xylophone melodies, rounds, first solos — and a first community performance.

3 Harmony & Ensemble

Chords, singing in parts, drum circles and a performing xylophone ensemble.

4 Ukulele & Acoustic Band

A first string instrument, chord progressions, songleading and an acoustic class band.

5 Keyboard & Modern Band

Keyboard, electric bass and drums. Students pick an instrument and perform as a modern band.

6–8 Middle School: performance, writing, composition & production

Middle school students explore leadership, performance and modern ensemble playing in their elective music classes.

How we teach

Songs at the center. A rich song repertoire teaches pitch, melody and form.

Learning by doing. Every concept goes straight onto an instrument.

Oral tradition. Students learn mainly by ear, so every child can take part.

Together, then onstage. Each year builds toward performing for the community.

What your child gains

- **Community** · belonging through making music together
- **Cultural roots** · Jewish traditions from around the world
- **Inclusion** · music education for every learner
- **Creativity** · finding and expressing their own voice
- **Leadership** · leading peers in song and in bands
- **Confidence** · performing for the whole community

Music by Heart™
Music Builds Community

Wornick is proud to partner with **Music by Heart** to form our music curriculum — rooted in teaching, singing and playing music "by heart," with love, intention and connection.