

# GMLS Music Program Curriculum



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In the lower grades, musical skills are developed through listening and singing. As the students progress through the grades, they learn the principles of rhythm, melody, and musical notation in our keyboards lab. The students benefit from a classroom filled with a variety of musical instruments, as well as the latest technology to compose and record their own music.

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### MUSIC THEORY

Our students explore music theory in class through individual piano books, music history books & CDs.

In addition, our 3rd-5th's music classes feature "MY VOICE" special writing, recording & performing sessions.



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### PERFORMANCE

Singing, playing instruments; keyboards, guitar, and percussion, moving to music [K-5], rehearsing and performing at GMLS's special programs, writing, recording & performing sessions [3rd-5th].



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### JEWISH MUSIC

New repertoire of Jewish and Israeli songs for the High-Holidays, holidays, seasons of the year, Shabbat songs and prayers [K-5].



## Our K Music Program

The Students are introduced to musical concepts through singing, playing instruments, moving to music, and listening. The students are introduced to classical stories, such as "Peter and the Wolf" (Sergei Prokofiev, 1936). Throughout these stories, the students learn new vocabulary in music and discuss the sound of the orchestra. In addition, our music program for K students includes understanding relationships between music and the other arts, as we introduce them to the 7 musical notes through colors theory and group activities.

## Our 1st - 3rd Grade Music Program

Emphasis is placed on students obtaining musical knowledge in classical music and contemporary music, skills, and understanding as performers, composers, and consumers. In addition to music theory, reading and notating music, our 1st-3rd graders are working on a repertoire of songs, which they perform during GMLS' special programs. Throughout the year, the students experience classes in music history ,theory, recording, performing, and special sessions when they analyze and evaluate music as young performers.

## Our 4th - 5th Grade Music Program

The students experience music appreciation on a weekly basis, through music theory, music history, and introduction to music genres. The music classes are taken in our Keyboarding Lab, where the students practice their individual music theory books, level 1-4 books.

As part of the program, we encourage our 4th-5th students to write, compose, record and perform in class, using the keyboards, guitars and drums ("MY VOICE" project). This year our classes feature special projects, such as "MY VOICE", GMLS' album, "Group Sessions", and "Helping A Friend".

Please note, if you do not have a piano or keyboards at home, you can download the App "Piano" for practice.



# Our Special Projects

1. **"MY VOICE"** - 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders special writing, recording, and performing sessions. The students write, compose, record and perform their original songs in class, using keyboards, guitars, and drums.
2. **GMLS ALBUM (CD)** - This year we are very excited to work with our students on our first ever GMLS' Shabbat Songs album (CD).
3. **GROUP SESSIONS** - A special class when our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders have the option to work in a group they choose: Keyboards, Guitars, Writing Songs, or Performing. At the end of the class the students are encouraged to perform their work or introduce it to their classmates.
4. **ANNUAL RECITAL** - Our students will have the option to sign up for our annual recital at the end of the school year: playing an instrument or singing.
5. **"HELP MY FRIEND" - MAESTRA & MAESTRO**- Our advanced students get to help their classmates with music notation and when playing the instruments...
6. **GMLS' Choir/Band** (Future Project) - Stay tuned :)

