

Curriculum

Kindergarten

Hebrew/Prayer

Children will:

- ✎ Be addressed by their Hebrew names
- ✎ Use popular Hebrew words for: mother, father, house, dog, cat, teacher, boy, girl, etc.
- ✎ Orally learn blessings for bread, wine, and *Shabbat* candles.

Holidays

Children will:

- ✎ Learn a general overview of all holidays and festivals including historical and/or Biblical basis of holidays on a level suitable for the grade.

Rosh Hashana	Tu B'shevat
Yom Kippur	Purim
<i>Succot</i>	<i>Pesach</i>
Simchat Torah	Shavuot
Chanukah	Israel Independence Day

Shabbat

Children will:

- ✎ Learn the blessings for wine, *challah*, and candles
- ✎ Learn about the *Shabbat* table and meal

Torah

Children will:

- ✎ Read and discuss Bible stories.

Mitzvot

Children will:

- ✎ Grow in their appreciation of good deeds and caring for others.

Music

- ✎ Children will grow in their appreciation and knowledge of Jewish music.
- ✎ Every Sunday with our Cantor

Grade 1

Hebrew/Prayer

Children will:

- ✎ Be addressed by their Hebrew names
- ✎ Review Hebrew words taught in kindergarten
- ✎ Increase their vocabulary of Hebrew words.
- ✎ Be able to say the blessings for bread, wine, and *Shabbat* candles, orally.
- ✎ Learn to recite the *Sh'ma* (orally).
- ✎ Learn to recite the blessings for Chanukah candles (orally).
- ✎ Learn to recite the *Aleph Bet*

Holidays

Children will:

- ✎ Recognize and explain-- on a level suitable for the grade the historical and/or Biblical basis of holidays and festivals including:

<i>Rosh Hashana</i>	<i>Tu B'shevat</i>
<i>Yom Kippur</i>	<i>Purim</i>
<i>Succot</i>	<i>Pesach</i>
Simchat Torah	Shavuot
Chanukah	Israel Independence Day

Synagogue

Children will:

- ✎ Identify the various parts of the Temple including:
 - Bimah*
 - Ner Tamid*
 - Ark/Aron Kodesh*
 - Siddurim*
- ✎ Become familiar with proper behavior and dress code in the sanctuary.
- ✎ Learn that the Temple is a gathering place for prayer, lifecycle events, and holidays.

Torah

Children will read and discuss Bible stories.

Mitzvot

Children will:

- ✎ Grow in their appreciation and implementation of *Tzedakah*:
- ✎ Understand how good deeds and caring for others are part of our religion.
- ✎ Do good deeds for others.

Music

Children will grow in their appreciation and knowledge of Jewish music
Every Sunday with our Cantor

Grade 2

Hebrew/Prayer

Children will:

- ✎ Be addressed by their Hebrew names
- ✎ Know the *Aleph Bet*, using text.
- ✎ Know the Hebrew words taught in kindergarten, grade 1.
- ✎ Add additional words to their oral and written Hebrew.
- ✎ Know the blessings for bread, wine, and *Shabbat* candles, the *Sh'ma*, and the blessings for Chanukah candles (orally).
- ✎ Appreciate the importance of prayer.
- ✎ Learn to recite the 4 questions on Passover (orally).

Holidays

Children will:

- ✎ Recognize and explain-- on a level suitable for the grade the historical and/or Biblical basis of holidays and festivals including:

<i>Rosh Hashana</i>	<i>Tu B'shevat</i>
<i>Yom Kippur</i>	<i>Purim</i>
<i>Succot</i>	<i>Pesach</i>
Simchat Torah	Shavuot
Chanukah	Israel Independence Day

Synagogue

Children will:

- ✎ Identify the various parts of the Temple including:
 - Bimah*
 - Ner Tamid*
 - Ark/Aron Kodesh*
 - Siddurim*
- ✎ Exhibit proper behavior and dress code in the sanctuary.

Israel

Children will demonstrate beginning knowledge of the Biblical and modern history of Israel.

Mitzvot

Children will:

- ✎ Grow in their appreciation and implementation of *Tzedakah*:
- ✎ Understand how good deeds and caring for others are part of our religion.
- ✎ Do good deeds for others.

Music

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Grade 3

Hebrew/Prayer

Children will:

- ✎ Be addressed by their Hebrew names
- ✎ Learn the *Aleph Bet*, learn to blend letters and read.
- ✎ Review the Hebrew words taught in kindergarten, grade 1 and grade 2.
- ✎ Learn one new Hebrew word each week.
- ✎ Learn, orally, the blessings for bread, wine, and *Shabbat* candles, the *Sh'ma*, and the blessings for Chanukah candles.
- ✎ Learn the 4 questions on Passover (orally).
- ✎ Learn to bring God into our lives.

Holidays

Children will:

- ✎ Learn about the holidays and festivals including historical and/or Biblical basis of holidays on a level suitable for the grade.

<i>Rosh Hashana</i>	<i>Tu B'shevat</i>
<i>Yom Kippur</i>	<i>Purim</i>
<i>Succot</i>	<i>Pesach</i>
Simchat Torah	Shavuot
Chanukah	Israel Independence Day

Torah

Children will:

Survey of some of the major stories in the *Torah*. Beginning with the creation and the Garden of Eden, the class will study the following Biblical personalities and events.

Adam and Eve	Joseph
Noah	Moses
Abraham	The Exodus
Isaac	Canaan
Rebecca	The death of Moses
Jacob	

Israel

Children will learn modern history of Israel.

Mitzvot

Children will:








- ✎ Learn the importance of *Tzedakah*
- ✎ Learn to do good deeds

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Grade 4



Hebrew/Prayer

Children will:

-  Be addressed by their Hebrew names
-  Learn Hebrew through phonics and sight reading.
-  Learn, via sight reading, the blessings for bread, wine, and *Shabbat* candles, the *Sh'ma*, and the blessings for Chanukah candles.
-  Review previously taught blessings.
-  Lead a class led *Shabbat* service.
-  Learn prayers including
 - Barchu* (p. 301)
 - Shema V'ahavta* (p.303) – introduced
 - *Avot v'imahot* (p. 306)
- Shehehiyanu*
 - Shabbat* prayers
-  Continue conversational Hebrew and learn one new word each week.







Holidays

Children will

-  Learn about the holidays and festivals including historical and/or Biblical basis of holidays on a level suitable for the grade.
-  Study in depth *Rosh Hashana* and *Yom Kippur*

Ethics

Children will be able to develop a sense of Judaism and ethics. They will study:

-  Concept of God
-  Sabbath and holidays
-  *Mitzvot* and study
-  The Jewish Family
-  Israel and the Bible
-  *Tzedakah*

Torah

This course is a continuation survey of the *Torah* course begun in grade 3
Stories include Biblical personalities and events.







Joshua	Esther
Gideon	Samson
Ruth	Samuel
Saul	David
Solomon	Elijah
Elisha	Jeremiah
Jonah	Daniel
Nehemiah	

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Grade 5



Hebrew/Prayer

Children will:

-  Be addressed by their Hebrew names
-  Learn / study prayers learned in previous years.
-  Study new prayers, with an emphasis on understanding the concepts presented in each and establish fluency.
-  Learn prayers including
 - *Torah blessings* (p. 438)
 - *Haftarah blessings* (p.439)
 - *Shema V'ahavta* (p.303)
 - *G'vurot* (p. 307)
 - *Yotzair* (p. 301)
 - *Avot v'imahot* (p. 306)
 - *Kiddush* (p.719)
-  Lead a class led *Shabbat* service.
-  Continue conversational Hebrew and learn one new word each week.




Holidays

Children will:

-  Learn about all the holidays and festivals
-  Discuss and develop the concepts and significance of each holiday.

Life Cycle

Children will:

-  Develop a sense of Judaism and understanding of Jewish beliefs.
-  Use text and personal experience to make lifecycle events informative, interesting, and relevant.
-  Learn about the following:
 - Covenant Ceremonies: *Brit Mila and Brit Bat*
 - Consecration
 - *Bar/Bat Mitzvah*
 - Confirmation
 - Wedding/ Marriage
 - Death/Funeral

History

Children will be able to gain an overview of Jewish history from Biblical days to the present.

- The desert period to the Jewish kingdom (an overview)
- Bible period to Masada (an overview)
- Why Jews live in many lands
- Ashkenazi and Sephardi Jews
- Zionism and Israel

Tzedakah

Promote a sense of sharing and community

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Grade 6

Hebrew/Prayer

Children will:

- ✎ Be addressed by their Hebrew names
- ✎ Learn / study prayers learned in previous years.
- ✎ Study new prayers, with an emphasis on required prayers and blessings for the *Shabbat* morning service.
- ✎ Acquire fluency and concepts of prayers. These prayers include:
 - *Ma Tovu* (p. 283)
 - *Birchot HaShakhar* (p. 286-287)
 - *Baruch She'amar* (p. 290)
 - *Ashray* (p. 294-296)
 - *R'tzay* (p. 309-310)
 - *Sim Shalom* (p. 313)
- ✎ Lead a class led *Shabbat* service.

American Jewish Experience

Children will:

- ✎ Be exposed to the role of Jews in the growth and development of the USA
 - A Jew in the new world
 - The Colonial Period
 - The Revolution
 - Westward expansion
 - The Civil War
 - Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Judaism
 - Immigration
 - Modern Times.

The Holocaust

Children will study the Holocaust and understand its impact through discussion and reading.

Israel

Children will:

- ✎ Gain a strong attachment to Israel and the people of Israel, as Reform Jews.
- ✎ Learn why there is a strong allegiance to Israel.
- ✎ Learn the relationship between Jews in the Diaspora and Israel.
- ✎ Learn the role of Israel throughout history.
- ✎ Study the land and the people.
- ✎ Study Early Zionism
- ✎ Study the struggle for Independence
- ✎ Study *The State*

Mitzvah

Children learn about and become responsible for a 13 hour Mitzvah project.

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Grade 7

Hebrew/Prayer

Children will:

- ✎ Be addressed by their Hebrew names
- ✎ Review trope with Cantor.
- ✎ Review the complete *Shabbat* morning service, learned in previous years (p.283-313)
- ✎ Learn prayers not read in the *Shabbat* morning service.
- ✎ Become familiar with limited modern Hebrew.
- ✎ Lead a class led *Shabbat* service.

Reform Judaism

Children will:

- ✎ Gain a greater understanding of Reform Judaism.
 - History of Reform Judaism
 - Basic philosophy
 - The concept of God
 - The Jewish people
 - Bible, Torah, and Jewish tradition
 - Ethics, Israel, ritual, and community

Modern Jewish Concerns

Children will:

- ✎ Participate in discussions on the following:
 - Anti-Semitism
 - Israel
 - Relationships: interfaith dating, intermarriage, conversion, divorce, and same-sex relationships.
 - Cults and missionary movements
 - Other relevant topics.

Mitzvah

Children will learn the working and purposes of the Jewish community organizations.

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Hebrew High Core Classes

Hebrew High meets approximately 30 times a year. Each trimester meets for 10 sessions.

Grade 8

Students will learn about

- ✎ Holocaust Writings
- ✎ Modern Israel
- ✎ Comparative Judaism

Students will complete eight Mitzvah hours.

Students will lead a class led *Shabbat* service

Grade 9

Students will learn about

- ✎ Ethics of our Ancestors (*Pirke Avot*)
- ✎ Holocaust: The Righteous and Resistance
- ✎ Comparative Religions

Students will complete twelve Mitzvah hours.

Students will lead a class led *Shabbat* service.

Grade 10

Students will learn about

- ✎ Sacred Choices
- ✎ Confirmation with the Rabbi (for two trimesters)

Students will complete sixteen Mitzvah hours. Grade 10 studies culminate in a class led Confirmation Service on Erev Shavuot.

Electives

These classes are chosen by the students every summer. Specifics about this year's electives are provided the first week of class each year.