

Dear parent partners in Jewish education,

Welcome to Noar Hebrew 2021-22!

We are looking forward to your mensch joining us on their Hebrew journey this year. Noar Sunday works in tandem with Noar Hebrew to give your mensch a complete and robust Jewish life education. The goals for Noar Hebrew are: for students to see Hebrew as a living language; for students to feel competent and confident to participate in T'filah (Jewish prayer) and Jewish life; for students to develop a love of Hebrew, and be actively excited and engaged in their Hebrew studies.

Hebrew at Temple Sinai's Noar Program

Our Hebrew curriculum includes four main components that intertwine to provide a complete Hebrew learning program for our students as they move from each grade. The components are:

- Hebrew through Movement (fun and active call and response Hebrew learning)
- Regular T'filah (Jewish prayer)
- Hebrew Decoding* and Prayer program (a.k.a Noar Hebrew)

The focus of Noar Hebrew is prayer based, putting emphasis on students learning how to sing or say the prayer. *We use the term decoding to explain the process of putting sounds to Hebrew letters, a part of our prayer study, and not the sole focus.

How to be a partner in your child's Hebrew education

While some Hebrew teachers may assign homework, the real key is listening to the prayers. Model listening and saying them together as often as possible--while you are driving in the car, waiting on a piano lesson, wanting to give extra screen time--you do not need to be looking at the prayer to practice. If your mensch knows their Hebrew prayers by heart, that is a good thing!

How to access prayer recordings and Hebrew materials

Go to www.temple Sinai.org/noar-hebrew-prayers.html to access the recordings. You may need to login to your account to see them. Downloading the prayers to your child's device will allow internet-free access. There are other resources on each prayer and links to access prayer packets if you need. Each mensch has a folder with their prayer packets inside. If you are missing one, we probably have it in the office, just let us know.

As we complete our transition to this new Hebrew program and start our school year, feel free to reach out to me at rmoldovan@templesinaiatlanta.org with questions.

Sincerely, Rachel Moldovan, Director of Youth Learning & Engagement