



## 2018-2019 ACADEMY CURRICULUM, K - 4th GRADES

**Kindergarten & First Grade:** Cultural experiences such as Israeli dance, art, music, and story time, along with Jewish holidays, Bible stories, basic prayers, and simple Hebrew words, all woven together in an atmosphere of community and joy. Students learn about the Torah portion of the week from our 8th grade class, which prepares delightful weekly interactive presentations.

**Second Grade:** Our students begin serious study of phonetic Hebrew reading at this age. They also explore Israel and the synagogue, woven together with cultural experiences: Israeli dance, art, music, and story time, grounded in holiday and community celebrations, family programs, and prayer. Students learn about the Torah portion of the week from our 8th grade class, which prepares delightful weekly interactive presentations.

**Third Grade:** An immersive and powerful experience with veteran teacher Rutie Halpern, who builds and solidifies their Hebrew reading skills, gives them a solid grounding in conversational Hebrew, Israeli culture, key songs and prayers. Along the way students rotate through experiences with art, Israeli dance, and music. Our third graders begin attending Academy twice per week -- on Sunday mornings and Tuesday afternoons.

**Fourth Grade:** In this unique and immersive experience with veteran teacher Hedva Yitzhak, students' Hebrew abilities continue to evolve and strengthen, ensuring a solid foundation as they move forward. Also -- Tanakah, holidays, Jewish values, and more. Students rotate through sessions in Jewish Circus Arts, Library, Music, and Dance.