

Hebrew Curriculum for Gan Noar At Temple Bat Yam

K-2nd grade- Students will learn the Alef-Bet and be introduced to the Hebrew aurally. Students will learn to recite basic prayers and brachot (blessings) including those over food, Shabbat brachot, and the Shema. Students will spend 15-20 minutes each Sunday learning the Alef-Bet, basic Hebrew vocabulary, and brachot (blessings). This is part of each Sunday morning class. There is no homework. Joining the community for Shabbat and holiday celebrations will reinforce their learning.

- **Shabbat Blessings**
- **Synagogue and Holiday words**
- **Shema**

3rd grade- Students will begin to learn to decode (read) Hebrew and read basic blessings for holidays and special occasions, many of which they can already recite. Students will learn to respond to verbal commands and basic vocabulary in Hebrew. Students will continue learning vocabulary and building blocks of Hebrew prayer on Sundays. Students will attend midweek Hebrew class in small groups on Tuesday learning basic decoding (reading) skills and reinforcing foundational vocabulary they encounter during Sunday School and Shabbat services. Students will now attend weekday Hebrew for two hours on Tuesday along with their Sunday School attendance. Joining the community for Shabbat and holiday celebrations will reinforce their learning.

- **Food Blessings**
- **Shabbat Blessings**
- **Special Holiday Blessings**
- **Four Questions**
- **Synagogue and Holiday words**
- **Shema**

4-5th grade Students will learn to read and recite the prayers found in Shabbat evening and morning services. Students will continue learning vocabulary and building blocks of Hebrew prayer on Sundays, as well as begin to uncover the meaning behind the words they pray. They will continue attending Religious School T'filah (prayer services) on Sunday mornings, as well, to help them to develop a practice of mindful Jewish prayer. Students will attend midweek Hebrew class in small groups on Tuesday afternoons, learning decoding (reading) skills and reinforcing foundational vocabulary they encounter during Sunday School and Shabbat services. Students' time commitment remains largely the same, but their success

will also depend on practicing what they learn at home and in the synagogue. A good strategy for success is to have students practice the prayer(s) they are learning in class for 5-10 minutes 3 times per week and to attend Shabbat services regularly.

- **Nissim B'chol Yom**
- **Kiddush**
- **Barchu**
- **Shema and its blessings (+)**
- **V'ahavta**
- **Avot v'Imahot**
- **Gvurot (+)**
- **Kedushah (+)**

6th grade Students will continue to learn to read and recite the prayers found in Shabbat evening and morning services, as well as those found in the Torah service. Students will continue to participate in Religious School T'filah (prayer services) on Sunday mornings, as well, to help them to develop a practice of mindful Jewish prayer. Students will continue studying t'filot (prayer) during midweek Hebrew classes that they will encounter during Shabbat services. Depending on their bat/bar mitzvah date, students may begin learning their Torah portion toward the end of sixth grade. This begins 6-8 months prior to their bat/bar mitzvah date. The majority of students will not begin the process until late in sixth or early in seventh grade. For most students, this will remain the same when they begin sixth grade. They will continue to have a 20-minute session each Sunday and a session on Tuesday. Approximately 6-8 months from the date the student will become bat/bar mitzvah, they will begin studying their Torah and Haftarah portions weekly with the Cantor. Those dates and times will be determined individually with each family. These lessons will occur outside of Religious School meeting times.

- **Torah Blessings**
- **Haftarah Blessings +**
- **Torah Service +**
- **Aleinu +**
- **Mourners Kadish +**

7th grade Students will learn to chant their Torah and Haftarah portions. Students will have a 20-minute session each Sunday learning Torah Trope, or how to chant Torah. Students will continue to participate in Religious School T'filah (prayer services) on Sunday mornings, as well, to help them to develop a practice of mindful Jewish prayer. Students will continue studying the t'filot (prayer) during classes that they will encounter during Shabbat services.

Students will begin studying their Torah and Haftarah portions with the clergy. Along with their Sunday they will begin learning their individual Torah Portion and Haftarah portion. Approximately 6-8 months the student will become bat/bar mitzvah, they will begin studying their Torah and Haftarah portions for per week with the Cantor. Once that process begins, students are expected to practice Hebrew at home days when they do not have class.

- **Service Review**
- **Torah Portion**
- **Haftarah portion**
- **Service Preparation**