

# **Congregation Hakafa's** **Tuesday Hebrew Language Program (Grades 3-7)**

## **Tuesday Worship Service (T'fillah) – All levels Alef (א) – Hey (ה)**

Our T'fillah brings us together as a Hakafa school community for participation in a Hebrew worship service on a weekly basis.

During T'fillah, the students will:

- participate in weekly afternoon worship services.
  - observe Jewish festivals throughout the year.
  - be exposed to traditional Shabbat, holiday, and Israeli music and chanting of blessings.
  - lead and participate in both a Tuesday and Friday night worship service.
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## **Grade-Specific Goals:**

### **Alef (א) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

The students will:

- read Hebrew letters.
- write Hebrew in block print.
- translate some Hebrew vocabulary.
- read fluently and understand the following prayers:
  - Shema
  - Barechu
  - Shabbat Candle Blessings
  - Short Kiddush
  - Hamotzi
  - First Blessing over Hanukkah Candles
  - First Line of the Four Questions for Pesach

### **Bet (ב) – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

The students will:

- review Hebrew letters.
- read and write Hebrew in block letters.
- understand the concept of "root letters" in Hebrew words.
- translate additional vocabulary.
- practice basic conversation.
- read fluently and understand the following prayers:
  - V'Ahavta
  - Avot
  - Mi Chamocho
  - Blessings over Hanukkah Candles
  - Four Questions for Pesach

### **Gimmel (ג) – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

The students will:

- continue to reinforce letter recognition, fluent reading, and writing skills in block form.
- translate additional vocabulary using *shoresh* (root)-based decoding skills.
- review holiday blessings for Hanukkah and Pesach.
- read fluently and understand the following prayers:
  - Yotzer Or/Ma'ariv Aravim
  - G'vurot
  - Aleinu
  - Ahava Raba / Ahavat Olam
  - Additional holiday blessings (i.e. Rosh Hashanah, Tu B'shevat, Purim, Pesach)
  - Shehechianu

### **Dalet (ד) – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

The students will:

- continue to reinforce letter recognition, fluent reading, and writing skills in block form.
- translate additional vocabulary.
- be introduced to *Trope* (Torah and Haftarah cantillation marks).
- read fluently and understand the:
  - Shabbat Service in-depth
  - Kiddush
  - Torah and Haftarah Service Blessings
  - Kaddish Yatom
  - Holiday Blessings in-depth

### **Hey (ה) – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

The students will:

- engage in Torah study with Rabbi Elder.
- study prayers and rituals not yet learned.
- continue to reinforce letter recognition and fluent reading.
- meet with Rabbi Elder, one-on-one, for individual help with bar/bat mitzvah preparation, including assistance with the Dvar Torah, help with Davka, and practice with reading from the actual Torah.
- apply the skills they have learned in Hebrew School to be full participants in our congregational community – reinforcing the relevance of how these Hebrew skills can serve the students moving into the future.
- participate in and gain leadership experiences via our weekly Tuesday afternoon service.
- lead class Graduation Service.