

Education Programs at Congregation Beth Or

K-12th grade education at Congregation Beth Or develops Judaic and Hebrew knowledge, and we divide the school into three major categories:

Keren (K-3 rd grades)	Eych (4 th -6 th grades)	Yedah (7 th -12 th grades)
Keren means a foundation, and our youngest students will study the WHAT of Judaism, the foundational knowledge that goes into being educated Jews.	Eych is Hebrew for HOW, and students put their knowledge into action to learn how we are Jewish, through topics like Torah, Israel, Jewish Values, Prayer/worship, and God.	Yedah means knowledge, and these students examine the WHY of Judaism in classes on Jewish living for maturing, young adult Jews.

Our classes at Congregation Beth Or focus on hands-on learning, where students discover the information they need with the guidance and expertise of their teachers. Congregation Beth Or becomes the **KEY** to your child's positive, meaningful Jewish education!

Judaics

We use ShalomLearning as the platform for our Judaics education. This values-based curriculum takes students on a grade-level appropriate exploration of seven Jewish values:

Teshuvah (taking responsibility for our actions)
B'tzelem Elohim (being made in the image of Gd)
Gevurah (using our inner strength)
Achrayut (being responsible in the world)
Hakarat Hatov (recognizing the good)
Koach Hadibbur (using the power of words)
Shalom (making peace)

Each value is divided into several units, and teachers use videos, discussion questions, art activities, online games, and other tools to help students grasp the concepts and connect with these Jewish values.

Hebrew

Our Hebrew program incorporates both a phonics and a whole-language approach toward Hebrew prayer literacy. By teaching sound decoding and word recognition in context, students gain important skills for reading Hebrew. 3rd grade focuses on basic Hebrew literacy. Students use the Siddur, technology, and primary sources to build a prayer vocabulary, explore prayer meaning, and work towards prayer fluency.

Kindergarten through 2nd Grade

Our youngest learners come to class only on Sunday mornings.

Register for Sunday:

- ☐ Sunday In Person (9:30am – 11am)

3rd Grade

Hebrew education begins in earnest in 3rd grade, so an extra learning session is added.

Choose

Register for Sunday School

- ☐ Sunday In Person (9:30am – 11am)

And

Register for Hebrew

- ☐ Sunday In Person (11:15am – 12:45pm)
OR
- ☐ Monday In Person (4:30pm – 6pm)*
OR
- ☐ Tuesday In Person (4:30pm – 6pm)*

4th through 6th Grade

Students in 4th-6th grade continue to come two sessions a week.

Choose

Register for Sunday School

- ☐ Sunday In Person (9:30am – 11am)

And

Register for Hebrew

- ☐ Sunday In Person (11:15am – 12:45pm)
OR
- ☐ Monday In Person (4:30pm – 6pm)*
OR
- ☐ Tuesday In Person (4:30pm – 6pm)*
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* Please note that midweek Hebrew might be limited to one day only (Monday or Tuesday) depending on enrollment numbers

Our 7th-12th grade program is also called YOBO, Youth Of Beth Or

7th Grade YOBO

7th grade students return to a once-a-week study of Judaic topics.

Register for YOBO:

- ☐ Sunday Evenings In Person (5pm – 6:45pm)

8th and 9th Grade YOBO

In 8th and 9th grades students can choose among a number of class options.

Choose

Register for YOBO

- ☐ Sunday Evenings In Person (5pm – 6:45pm)

AND/OR

Register for alternative In-Person options

- ☐ Madrichim

Madrichim (Sundays, 9:30am-12:45pm; mid-week Hebrew 4:30pm – 6pm)

This YOBO class places students in Sunday school classrooms as assistant teachers, or madrichim. Madrichim report to their assigned class every Sunday during the year for their classroom duties. They may also receive further training and development in our monthly Madrichim workshop sessions from 1 pm to 2:30 pm. These workshops provide teens with information on organization, classroom management, teaching responsibilities, and leadership. Madrichim registration is based on approval from the Director of Religious School.

10th Grade: Confirmation

Students in 10th grade spend the year learning about Judaism—history, culture, and theology—and discussing what Judaism means to them.

Register for Confirmation Class

- ☐ Sunday Night In Person (5pm – 6:45pm)

Confirmation is for our 10th grade students and meets 3 times a month on Sundays from 5 - 7pm. Taught by Rabbi Marx and the Director of Religious School, Aaron Nienshultz, the class focuses on big events in Jewish history and Jewish theology. It includes several optional experiential learning trips: a social justice lobbying program to Washington, D.C., a trip to the lower East Side of New York City, and a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Israel. The class culminates in the Confirmation service during Shavuot.

11th and 12th Grade YOBO

Our 11th and 12th grade classes are designed to keep students engaged in meaningful ways. There is no tuition for 11th and 12th grade.

Choose

Register for

- ☐ History of Modern Israel (College Credit), Sunday evenings 5-7pm

AND/OR

Register for alternative In Person options

- ☐ Madrichim
- ☐ Sunday Evening YOBO (5pm – 6:45pm)

History of Modern Israel (Sundays, 5pm-7pm)

Students earn 3 college credits through this Gratz College-affiliated class (transferrable to most universities). The course delves into the history and facts of Israel, providing college credit as well as valuable and important information for the college environment. The class will run throughout the year and will be taught by Dr. Peter Margolis (Ed.D, BA, MA Hebrew University, Jerusalem). The course meets in-person.

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