



Talmud Torah 4th Grade (*Dalet*) Curriculum Guide

Hebrew & Tefillah

Students in *Kitah Dalet* will refine their Hebrew reading skills and decoding, increase reading fluency, build prayer vocabulary, and learn the *kavanah* (meaning) of each prayer. Teachers will assess students at the beginning of the year and assess them regularly to document their progress. As students progress in learning prayers, we encourage them to take part in our *tefillah*-based Gold Kippah program which follows the framework of the prayers we teach. Please see <https://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/gold-kippah> for a list of prayers in the Gold Kippah program.

Regular attendance of classes at Talmud Torah is critical to the advancement of your child's Hebrew. Engaging in Class Dojo and Enrichment Opportunities as provided by teachers, attending Shabbat services and practicing prayers and rituals at home will further strengthen your child's fluency and ability to recite prayers.

Hebrew & Tefillah Goals & Objectives

Students begin the year with a review of Hebrew and by the end of the year, they will be able to:

- Read with increased fluency and precision.
- Identify key Hebrew prayer words: *baruch, elohim, atah, Adonai, Sh'ma* etc.
- Read prayers and basic Hebrew sentences.
- Understand the meanings behind selected prayers.
- Learn basic Hebrew grammar, including present tense, masculine and feminine nouns, and adjectives in the singular and plural.
- Read Hebrew texts of increasing lengths.
- Complete the Gold Kippah (Bronze Kippah) prayer list assigned.

Hebrew & Tefillah Textbooks & Curriculum

Kol Yisrael I & II - *Kol Yisrael* provides a dual focus on home observance and *b'nai mitzvah* prep that ensures students can participate comfortably in both home-based and synagogue-based rituals. Teaches *tefillot*, prayers, grammar, modern Hebrew, and Hebrew reading.

Prayer List for *Kitah Dalet*

Students will learn and be able to sing each prayer:

- *Baruch She'amar*
- *Havdalah blessings*
- *Sim Shalom*
- *Ein Kheloheinu*
- *Birkot Ha'shachar*
- Hanukkah Blessings, *Ma Nishtana*

Judaic Studies

Our Judaics curriculum, the Beverly Goldstick Curriculum for 21st Century Jewish Learning (Goldstick Curriculum), is based on the principles of knowledge, flexibility, diversity, and community. It is a robust curriculum that is carefully designed to enable students to actively engage in their learning and increase their knowledge each year by building upon the understandings they gained in prior years.

Students will:

- Learn about the *Jewish Calendar* and engage in multi-week intensives on Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur, Purim, and Shavuot.
- Explore *Sacred Text* by delving deeply into the Books of Jonah, Esther, and Ruth,
- Discuss *Mitzvot* and *Values*, the ways people in the Torah stories and in their own life model inclusion, and how they can put Jewish values and *mitzvot* into action.
- Engage in *Contemporary Jewish Life* with a focus on conversion to Judaism.
- Experience the modern land of *Israel* by studying the geography and map of Israel.
- Delve into the learning of *Biblical History* by exploring Abraham and Sarah's journey, the story of Joseph, Slavery and the Exodus from Egypt, and the Desert Years.
- Develop a rich, personal relationship with *Prayer, God, and Spirituality* through learning and discussion.