



Grade 4 Curriculum

כלל ישראל - *Klal Yisrael*

The Jewish People/ The Community of Israel

The Community Synagogue's curriculum uses a value-based approach to Jewish education. In addition to the components of teaching Jewish festivals and Hebrew, Jewish studies are organized in order to enable our students to embrace seven key values that we see as central to Judaism. These key values are:

- קדשה - *Kedushah* - Holiness
- תלמוד תורה - *Talmud Torah* - Importance of Study
- קהילה - *Kehillah* - Community
- משפחה - *Mispacha* - Family
- תקון עולם - *Tikkun Olam* - Repairing our World
- אהבת עולם - *Ahavat Olam* - Love of Israel
- כלל ישראל - *Klal Yisrael* - Unity of the Jewish People
- עברית - *Ivrit* - Hebrew Language & Prayer

Fourth grade expands the boundaries of Jewish community and peoplehood. Students will take a tour through the most significant milestones of Jewish life as they learn about life cycle. Students will also continue their discovery of the Land of Israel. Learning about the holidays will reach a deeper level as students and teachers discuss the history, origins and sacred texts of our celebrations. Our decoding program begins in fourth grade by building a foundation in recognizing letters & vowels and reading simple Hebrew. As skill improves, students will learn about Hebrew roots and use the Hebrew language in Jewish ritual and prayer. Students will continue to build their Hebrew vocabulary and language skills through our Hebrew Through Movement program, and their prayer skills will grow through our *tefillah* program.

Key Goals of the Fourth Grade Curriculum:

- ✧ To teach and solidify students decoding skills to enable each student to read Hebrew.
- ✧ To continue to build upon and reinforce students' basic Hebrew vocabulary and language skills.
- ✧ To study the key events in the life cycle of a Jew and increase students' understanding of how to mark and celebrate these milestones in their own lives.
- ✧ To strengthen the students' connection to the land and people of Israel by teaching students about life in Israel and about Israeli people.
- ✧ To expand students' knowledge of the Jewish holidays by studying the origins of each holiday and each holiday's connection to the land of Israel.