



## Grade 4 Curriculum

### כלל ישראל - *Klal Yisrael*

### The Jewish People/ The Community of Israel

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The Community Synagogue's curriculum uses a value-based approach to Jewish education to enable our students to embrace seven key values that are central to Judaism. These key values are:

- קדושה - *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

Grade 4 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' prayer skills will grow through our *tefillah* program.

#### Key Goals of the Grade 4 Curriculum:

- ☆ To teach and solidify students decoding skills to enable each student to read Hebrew.
- ☆ To build a prayer community, with students who can read, sing, and recite prayers in Hebrew; exercise rituals/skills surrounding *tefillah*; and understand the general meaning of each prayer.
- ☆ 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.

#### Specific Decoding Skills for Grade 4 students to attain by end of year:

- ☆ Know *alef bet* names & sounds for all letters & vowels
- ☆ Able to distinguish between letters that sound/look the same
- ☆ Able to combine letters and vowels to read single syllables
- ☆ Able to read multi-syllable words
- ☆ Able to read short phrases

#### Prayer Goals for Grade 4:

In Grade 4, we seek to give students the ability to read grade level prayers in group setting. We then move on to ability to read grade level prayers fluently & individually.

- ☆ *Barchu*
- ☆ *Sh'ma*
- ☆ *Mi Chamocha*
- ☆ *Avot v'Imahot*
- ☆ *Oseh Shalom*
- ☆ 4 Questions