



Grade 6 Curriculum

שורשים – *Shorashim* - Roots

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

Sixth grade students will spend the year exploring the question, "What does it mean to be a Jew, and what are my obligations?" Students will spend some time studying Reform Judaism and gain an understanding of what we, as Reform Jews, believe. A large portion of the Grade 6 curriculum will focus upon our obligation to remember, as the students learn about the Holocaust. The study of the Hebrew language and prayer continues and intensifies in this grade. Students' reading skills will increase and expand, as they encounter new prayers from our liturgy. Students will work to achieve their prayer goals for *B'nai Mitzvah*. Focus in this grade will be upon bringing the entire service together, ensuring that students have a comfort and familiarity with all key prayers of our worship service. Class time is complimented by Shabbat morning learning during our *Sha'ar* Torah Study Program.

Key Goals of the Grade 6 Curriculum:

- ☆ To increase the students' Hebrew reading fluency and comfort level with the Hebrew language as they are familiarized with the liturgy, order of and main components of the Torah Service.
- ☆ To enable students to fluently and comfortably read the prayer goals needed for *Bar/Bat Mitzvah*.
- ☆ To continue to build upon students' Hebrew language and vocabulary skills.
- ☆ To study the key beliefs and practices of Reform Jews.
- ☆ To introduce students to the concept of *zachor*, remembrance, through a study of the Holocaust.
- ☆ To develop a community amongst the 6th grade class through participation in shared learning experiences & Torah Study.

Specific Decoding Skills for Grade 6 students to attain by end of year:

- ☆ Fluent reading of multi-syllable words
- ☆ Fluent reading of short phrases
- ☆ Ability to read site reading (material not seen before)

Prayer Goals for Grade 6:

In Grade 6, we work toward full fluency and individual competency of *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* prayer goals.

- ☆ *Barchu*
- ☆ *Sh'ma*
- ☆ *Mi Chamocha*
- ☆ *V'ahavta*
- ☆ *Avot v'Imahot*
- ☆ *G'vurot*
- ☆ Torah Blessings, Before & After
- ☆ *Haftarah* Blessings* (if time allows)