

Primary Department

Sunday Mornings 9:30 – 12:00

Arba for 4's GOALS

- Build a connection with Our Temple and its School
- Introduce Jewish culture through dance, art, and music
- Experience the joy of the Jewish holiday cycle
- Foster a love of community for our children, families and teachers

Texts, Materials and Resources

- Special art projects and materials

Kindergarten GOALS

- Explore Our Temple and its School
- Experience the Joy and Beauty of Shabbat and other Jewish Holidays
- Recognize the Jewish Symbols found in the Home and Temple
- Express Very Simple Hebrew Vocabulary and Blessings
- Introduce the Basic Concepts About God
- Study Bible Stories
- Learn Prayers

Texts, Materials and Resources

- Let's Discover Shabbat
- Look At Me Magazine
- Teach Me Torah (1-8)
- Jewish and Me Fall and Spring Holidays
- Jewish and Me Mitzvot

1st Grade GOALS

- Understand the Jewish Calendar
- Explore Jewish Celebrations and Practices (Symbols, Customs, Prayers and Blessings)
- Use Simple Hebrew Vocabulary
- Study Bible Stories
- Learn Prayers

Texts, Materials and Resources

- Let's Discover Holidays
- Building a Jewish Life Synagogue Series
- Let's Discover God
- Teach Me Torah (9-16)
- Let's Explore Being Jewish

2nd Grade GOALS

- Study Biblical Events and Heroes
- Learn Hebrew Letters, Vocabulary, Prayers and Blessings
- Understand the Basic Jewish Concepts of Study, Prayer and Mitzvah
- Know the Symbols and Rituals of Our Jewish Holidays and Traditions
- Learn Prayers

Texts, Materials and Resources

- My Jewish Year
- Shana Tova holiday pamphlets
- Ready, Set, Go, Alef Bet
- Special handouts and materials

Children will experience the beauty of Judaism through song, dance, arts and crafts, food, puzzles, games, puppetry, and dramatics. Children will explore the basic concept of tzedakah through hands-on projects and activities. Children will experience the beauty of Jewish worship through age appropriate Tefillah (prayer) Services held in our very own Beit Tefillah with Clergy each Sunday.

Elementary Department

Sunday Mornings 9:30 – 12:00

Wednesday Afternoons 4:00 – 6:00

3rd Grade Goals

- Study the Bible from Creation to Exodus
- Understand the More Abstract Concepts of Jewish Holiday Celebration
- Develop the Basics of Hebrew Reading and Writing Skills
- Introduce the Jewish Concept of God and Holiness
- Learn Prayers
- Introduce Children to Israel

Texts, Materials and Resources

- Alef Bet Quest
- Partners With God
- Experiencing the Jewish Holidays
- The Explorer's Bible Vol. I
- Let's Discover Israel—Our Homeland

4th Grade Goals

- Study Bible from Sinai to the Nation of Israel
- Identify with the struggles and moral dilemmas of the Biblical characters
- Apply Teachings of Torah to Students' Own Lives
- Develop a Strong Sense of Jewish Identity through Further Holiday Study
- Develop the Basics of Hebrew Reading and Writing Skills
- Know and Understand Basic Prayers and Brachot
- Explore the Jewish Concept of God and Holiness

Texts, Materials and Resources

- The Book of Jewish Holidays
- Kol Yisrael, Vol. I
- Back to School Hebrew Reading Refresher
- The Explorer's Bible Vol. II

5th Grade Goals

- Explore the Jewish Life Cycle – Its Customs and Celebrations
- Appreciate the Development of the State of Israel
- Explore the Concept of "Zionism"
- Develop Further Understanding of our Holiday Rituals
- Understand Life in Israel Today
- Apply Current Issues to the Study of Israel
- Read and Comprehend Several Basic Prayers Found in our Siddur (Prayerbook)
- Learn About the Jewish Community

Texts, Materials and Resources

- Journey of a Lifetime
- The Book of the Jewish Year
- Experience Modern Israel
- Gates of Prayer (Prayerbook)
- Kol Yisrael, Vol. 2



Elementary Department

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Wednesday Afternoons 4:00 – 6:00

6th Grade GOALS

- Study American Jews From Their Early Settlement in 1654 to the Challenging Events of Today
- Explore Maps, Documents, Photographs, Literature and Illustrations that Tell the Story of American Jewish Life and World Jewish History
- Analyze Jewish Ethics and Values
- Learn About the Holocaust
- Master, Perform and Understand the Essential Prayers Found in our Prayer Services
- Know the Torah and Haftarah Blessings
- Study Jewish History from the Birth of Zionism to Our Time

Texts, Materials and Resources

- Let Freedom Ring - A History of the Jews in the United States
- The Holocaust - The World and The Jews 1933-1945
- Gates of Prayer (Prayerbook)
- Jewish Heroes, Jewish Values
- Rediscovering the Jewish Holidays
- The History of the Jewish People Vol. II
- Hineni Prayer Booklets, *V'Ahavta, Birchot HaTorah, Birchot HaHaftarah, V'Zot HaTorah/Etz Hayyim Hi, Aleinu, Kaddish*

7th Grade

Wednesday Afternoons 4:00 – 6:00

7th Grade GOALS

- Learn to prepare a D'var Torah
- Study liturgy for upcoming B'nai Mitzvah
- Improve public speaking skills
- Enjoy special holiday celebrations
- Work in small groups
- Master, perform and understand the essential prayers found in our Shabbat prayer service
- Know the Torah and Haftarah blessings

Texts, Materials and Resources

- Mishkan T'Filah (prayerbook)
- Art Scroll Prayerbook
- Special Handouts and Materials

8th Grade

Volunteering during Religious School
Meet & Eat, 10 Sundays, 12:15-1:45 PM

8th Grade GOALS

- Leadership development
- Involvement in community service
- Participate in Madrichim Program
- Building relationships with classmates and community members
- Bridging the gap between Religious School and Confirmation

Texts, Materials and Resources

- Special handouts and materials

Confirmation Program

Wednesday Evenings
7:00 – 8:00

9th Grade

- Delve into Jewish values and how they shape our modern day lives.
- Study Jewish texts as they relate to ethical decisions.
- Share personal accounts of choosing to do the right thing, even when it is the more difficult choice.
- Discuss examples of celebrities, politicians and other pop culture icons who risk their popularity to take moral stands on issues.
- Explore challenging moral dilemmas and use the Jewish values we have studied to come to consensus on how to respond.

Texts, Materials and Resources

- Special handouts and materials

9th Grade Requirements

- **70% Class Attendance Requirement**
- **2 visits to volunteer in our Congregation Beth Emeth Soup Kitchen or another comparable social justice project**

10th Grade

- Learn a variety of Jewish theological concepts and writings dealing with a description of God and the God concept in Judaism through philosophers such as Philo, Maimonides, Spinoza, Buber, Steinberg, and Frohm.
- Explore the accessibility of God through prayer and worship.
- Begin to develop a relationship to God and creation, and explore the impact of God in our lives and in the world.
- Discuss key theological issues such as theodicy (the problem of evil in the world), death, dying and immortality.
- Explore our purpose in life as human beings and as Jews.
- Begin to develop and articulate one's own personal theology.
- Create and work on the Confirmation Service.
- Develop personal statements.
- Write a Confirmation Essay.
- Participate in the Confirmation service.
- Learn to appreciate the power of giving Tzedakah.

Texts, Materials and Resources

- Special handouts and materials

10th Grade Requirements

- Participation in Confirmation Service
- 70% Class Attendance Requirement*
- Participation in a Tzedakah project
- **2 visits to volunteer in our Congregation Beth Emeth Soup Kitchen or another comparable social justice project**

* If these attendance requirements are not met, make-up projects will be expected