



YOUTH EDUCATION AT BETH AM

Program Overview

JUDAICA:



Sunday Program (PreK-5th Grade) **Sundays, 9-11:30 a.m.**

Sunday Program is our “traditional” Jewish education model in which students study topics such as Torah, holidays and Israel. Our student community gathers together for a vibrant T’filah (worship) each week and specialists enrich classroom learning with music, library, art and more. Families attend Family Education Days 1-2 times per year by grade level.



Hagigah (2nd -5th Grade) **Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m.**

Hagigah is our theater education program for elementary aged students. Through the production of an original fall play and spring musical, participants explore a major Jewish learning theme.



Camp Beth Am (5th -7th Grade) **Week-long summer day camp 9 a.m.-4 p.m., plus periodic retreats and family education experiences throughout the school year**

Camp Beth Am is a year-round program that blends the best aspects of Jewish summer camp and congregational family education. During our summer intensive day camp on our beautiful Beth Am campus, campers engage in Jewish learning and camp-style activities like art and sports.



Lunch & Learn (6th -7th Grade) **Sundays, 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.**

With a focus on community-building, students get to know one another over lunch and then learn about Jewish values and traditions through interactive activities in the classroom.

Lunch & Learn “Make A Difference” (8th -9th Grade) **Sundays, 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. plus service projects**

Structured around several offsite community service activities, students learn about Jewish social justice, advocacy, and *tzedakah* while putting these values in action.



Confirmation (10th Grade) **Sundays, 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.**

Taught by our clergy, Confirmation students learn about significant issues facing young Jews today. The class travels to Washington, D.C. to attend the Religious Action Center’s L’Taken Social Justice Seminar, and culminates in creating a meaningful and engaging Confirmation ceremony.



Civil Rights Journey (11th -12th Grade) **Periodic Sundays 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.**

The centerpiece of this course is a Civil Rights Journey through the American South. The class meets periodically before and after the trip to use the Civil Rights Movement as a case study for how that generation of Jews expressed their Jewish values.

HEBREW:



Beginning in third grade, Jewish learning at Beth Am expands to two sessions a week, adding a session of Hebrew to Judaic learning. Four years of both a Judaica and Hebrew program are required for a Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony at Congregation Beth Am.

Hebrew Program (3rd- 7th Grade) **Sundays, 9-11:30 a.m. or 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. or Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m.**

Our classroom model of Hebrew learning also includes Hebrew Through Movement, music, interactive T’filah (worship) and an experiential capstone activity for each grade.

Individual Tutoring (3rd -7th Grade) **Weekly 45-minute sessions on family’s own schedule**

Students work one-on-one with a Beth Am tutor either in their own homes or at Beth Am. Tutors follow the same Hebrew curriculum as Hebrew Program (Tutoring requires an added cost for families).

Beit Midrash (7th Grade, 7 months prior to B’nei Mitzvah) **Sundays, 9-11:30 a.m. and weekdays during the summer**

In this “study hall,” B’nei Mitzvah students practice their prayers individually and in small groups, moderated by tutors, teen helpers, and Cantor Shpall. Beit Midrash includes a shortened version of the Shabbat service to help students become comfortable with the Shabbat prayers in a low-pressure setting with their peers.

TEEN PROGRAMS & OPPORTUNITIES:

Camp Beth Am Madrichim in Training (8th Grade) **Week-long summer day camp 9 a.m.-4 p.m.**

8th Grade MITs attend all camp sessions and learn to be leaders through their work as classroom and activity aides. These students will be eligible to volunteer or work in Beth Am programs as Madrichim.



Madrichim (9th-12th Grade)

Madrichim are teacher’s assistants in Beth Am’s youth education programs. Teens gain valuable work or volunteer experience working with our younger students.



BAJY (6th -8th Grade) & BATY (9th -12th Grade)

Our teen youth groups, Beth Am Temple Youth (BATY) and Beth Am Junior Youth (BAJY) provide spaces for teens to plan and lead fun Jewish experiences with each other. Events include social, cultural, educational and social action opportunities.