

Chaverim Curriculum

K, 1st & 2nd Grades

- Begin to learn and recognize letters of the Hebrew alphabet, known as the Alef-Bet.
- Celebrate Jewish holidays and Shabbat.
- Learn about mitzvot (“good deeds”) which make our world a better place.
- Appreciate the temple as a place to pray, study and celebrate.
- Learn about Judaism through music, prayers, art and more.

3rd and 4th Grades

- Chadash is our “new” learning experience for 3rd and 4th grade students of Jewish exploration that is interactive and community-driven.
- Our goal through Chadash is to provide all of our students with meaningful Jewish learning that will help them create a strong foundation upon which they will build their futures as Jewish adults.
- Chadash will focus on each student’s individualized growth with small group Hebrew learning explore Judaism through different avenues of learning, like the arts and STEM.
- See Chadash specific section for more information

5th Grade

- Study opening prayers and blessings for the Shabbat morning services as well as home celebrations.
- Recognize how the Jewish people and Judaism adapt in response to changing circumstances. Know the story of the Jewish people from life in ancient Israel through the 1880's.
- Understand how lifecycle events connect us to God, our traditions and Jewish history.
- Be comfortable with the temple as a place to pray, study and celebrate.
- Explore our Jewish prayer service, the meaning of the prayers we say and why they are important to us as Jews

6th Grade

- Learn to chant Shabbat morning prayers, select Friday night prayers and blessings before and after Torah and Haftarah portions.
- Explain how key events of the 20th century – the Holocaust in Europe, the immigration of the Jewish people to the U.S. and the foundation of the State of Israel – shaped the contemporary Jewish experience.
- Take pride in the heritage of our people through stories of courage, creativity and leadership.
- Come to the temple as a place to pray, study and celebrate.
- Explore our Jewish prayer service, the meaning of the prayers we say and why they are important to us as Jews

7th Grade

- Perfect the Torah service and concluding prayers as well as reviewing prayers including Yotzer Or, V'ahavta, Avot V'emahot, and Gevurot.
- Examine how the values expressed in Eilu Devarim (“the commandments”) prepare us for the transitions ahead.
- Know that lessons learned from the Holocaust help us to act ethically.
- Examine the history that preceded the Holocaust and how it impacted the development of hatred in Germany and beyond.
- Learn about the stories of Holocaust survivors and how we can continue to pass on their experiences to future generations
- Understand the role Judaism plays in our life and what it will be in the future.