



Primary Department

Sundays 9:30 am-12:00 pm

Overarching Value: Seder (Order & Stability)

Arba For FOURS!

Learning Goals

- Have Jewish Friends
- Participate in the Kehillah (Our Jewish Community)
- Care about and connect with Israel
- Understanding the meaning and performance of Jewish Mitzvot
- Comprehend and utilize basic Hebrew words and Jewish terminology.
- Experience Jewish arts and culture
- Experience the joy of the Jewish holiday cycle

Prayer Goals

- Motzi and Shabbat candle Blessings

Dates:

Oct 1 and 22	Jan 7 and 21	Apr 14 and 21
Nov 5 and 19	Feb 4 and 11	May 5
Dec 10 and 17	Mar 10 and 24	

Kindergarten

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Prayer Goals

- Motzi Blessing
- Shema
- Blessing for the Shabbat Candles
- Blessings for the Chanukah Candles

Children will experience and explore the:

basic concept of tzedakah through hands-on projects and activities.

beauty of Judaism through song, dance, arts & crafts, food, puzzles, games, puppetry, and dramatics.

beauty of Jewish worship through age-appropriate Tefillah (prayer) Services held in our Beit Tefillah with our Clergy

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Grade 1

Learning Goals

- Have Jewish friends and engage with Jewish role models and personalities
- Participate in the Kehillah (Our Jewish Community) and feel connected to Jews around the world
- Care about and connect with Israel
- Understanding the meaning and performance of Jewish Mitzvot and appreciate Tikkun Olam as a core Jewish value and perform gemilut chasadim (acts of loving kindness)
- Comprehend and utilize basic Hebrew words and Jewish terminology.
- Experience Jewish arts and culture, and partake in Jewish culinary traditions
- Experience the joy of the Jewish holiday cycle.

Prayer Goals

- Motzi Blessing
- Shema and Bar'chu
- Blessing for the Shabbat Candles
- Blessings for the Chanukah Candles
- Saturday Morning Kiddush

Grade 2

Learning Goals

- Have Jewish friends and engage with Jewish role models and personalities
- Participate in the Kehillah (Our Jewish Community) and feel connected to Jews around the world
- Care about and connect with Israel
- Understanding the meaning and performance of Jewish Mitzvot and appreciate Tikkun Olam as a core Jewish value and perform gemilut chasadim (acts of loving kindness)
- Comprehend and utilize basic Hebrew words and Jewish terminology, beginning Hebrew letter recognition and beginner decoding
- Experience Jewish arts and culture, and partake in Jewish culinary traditions
- Experience the joy of Shabbat and Havdalah as well as the Jewish holiday cycle.

Prayer Goals

- Motzi and Shabbat Candle Blessings
- Shema and Bar'chu
- Blessings for the Chanukah Candles
- Saturday Morning Kiddush
- Ma Nishtana and Mah Yafeh Hayom

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Elementary Department

Sundays 9:30 am-12:00 pm & Wednesdays 4:30 pm-6:00 pm

Grade 3

Learning Goals

- Feel part of a chain of Jewish tradition, as both recipient and co-creators
- Recognize the role wrestling with God has played in Jewish life
- Participate in various Jewish customs and holidays and appreciate their history and meaning
- Comprehend, utilize and decode Hebrew words and Jewish terminology
- Experience Jewish arts and culture, and partake in Jewish culinary traditions
- Participate in the Kehilla (Our Jewish Community) and feel connected to Jews around the world

Prayer Goals

- Motzi and Shabbat Candle Blessings
- Shema and Bar'chu
- Blessings for the Chanukah Candles
- Saturday Morning Kiddush
- Ma Nishtana and Mah Yafeh Hayom
- Shehecheyanu
- Mi Shebeirach

Overarching Value:
Hodaya (Gratitude)

Grade 4

Learning Goals

- Feel part of a chain of Jewish tradition, as both recipient and co-creators
- Recognize the role wrestling with God has played in Jewish life
- Participate in various Jewish customs and holidays and appreciate their history and meaning
- Comprehend, utilize and decode Hebrew words and Jewish terminology
- Experience Jewish arts and culture, and partake in Jewish culinary traditions
- Participate in the Kehilla (Our Jewish Community) and feel connected to Jews around the world

Prayer Goals

- Motzi and Shabbat Candle Blessings
- Shema and Bar'chu
- Blessings for the Chanukah Candles
- Saturday Morning Kiddush
- Ma Nishtana and Mah Yafeh Hayom
- Shehecheyanu
- Mi Shebeirach
- Full Friday Night Kiddush
- Havdalah Blessings

Overarching Value:
Hakarat Hatov
(Recognizing the Good/Appreciation)

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Grade 5 Learning Goals

- Feel part of a chain of Jewish tradition, as both recipient and co-creators
- Participate in various Jewish rituals, customs, holidays, lifecycle events, and appreciate their history and meaning
- Comprehend, utilize and decode Hebrew words and Jewish terminology
- Experience Jewish arts and culture, and partake in Jewish culinary traditions
- Participate in the Kehilla (Our Jewish Community) and feel connected to Jews around the world
- Care about and connect with Israel

Prayer Goals

- Motzi and Shabbat Candle Blessings
- Shema and Bar'chu
- Blessings for the Chanukah Candles
- Saturday Morning Kiddush
- Ma Nishtana and Mah Yafeh Hayom
- Shehecheyanu
- Mi Shebeirach
- Full Friday Night Kiddush
- Havdalah Blessings
- Avot V'Imahot and G'vurot

Family Education

Sunday, January 21: Israeli Luncheon
Wednesday, February 7: Circumcision and Naming
Wednesday, February 28: Mikvah at the Albany JCC
Sunday, March 10: Death and Dying Workshop
Sunday, March 17: Cemetery Tour
Sunday, April 10: Mock Wedding

Overarching Value:
Yirat Shamayim (Awe of God)

Grade 6 Learning Goals

- Feel part of a chain of Jewish tradition, as both recipient and co-creators
- Participate in various Jewish rituals, customs, holidays, lifecycle events, and appreciate their history, meaning and personal relevance
- Comprehend, utilize and decode Hebrew words and Jewish terminology
- Experience Jewish arts and culture, and partake in Jewish culinary traditions
- Participate in the Kehilla (Our Jewish Community) and feel connected to Jews around the world
- Care about and connect with Israel

Prayer Goals

- Motzi and Shabbat Candle Blessings
- Barchu, Shema and V'ahavta
- Blessings for the Chanukah Candles
- Friday Night and Saturday Morning Kiddush
- Ma Nishtana and Mah Yafeh Hayom
- Shehecheyanu and Mi Shebeirach
- Havdalah Blessings
- Avot V'Imahot and G'vurot
- Before and After Torah Blessings

Shabbat Morning Program Dates:

Spring Pod: Oct 21, Nov 4*, Dec 16, Jan 20

Fall Pod: Feb 17, Mar 23*, Apr 13

**D'var Torah Workshop*

Overarching Value:
Kehillah (Community)

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Secondary Department

Grade 7 - Wednesdays, 4:30 pm-6:00 pm

Grades 8-9 - Sundays, 9:45 am-11:45 am (once a month)

Grade 10 - flexible dates and times arranged with Rabbi Weitzman

Grade 7

Learning Goals

- Feel part of a chain of Jewish tradition, as both recipient and co-creators
- Explore divinity through theology, prayer, study, or other spiritual practices
- Participate in the Kehilla (Our Jewish Community) and feel connected to Jews around the world
- Understand the meaning and performance of Jewish mitzvot and appreciate Tikkun Olam as a core Jewish value and perform gemilut chasadim (acts of loving kindness)
- Engage with Jewish role models

Prayer Goals

- Motzi and Shabbat Candle Blessings
- Barchu, Shema and V'havta
- Blessings for the Chanukah Candles
- Friday Night and Saturday Morning Kiddush
- Ma Nishtana and Mah Yafeh Hayom
- Shehecheyanu and Mi Shebeirach
- Havdalah Blessings
- Avot V'Imahot and G'vurot
- Before and After Torah Blessings
- V'shamru

Shabbat Morning Program Dates:

Spring Pod: Oct 21, Nov 4*, Dec 16, Jan 20

Fall Pod: Feb 17, Mar 23*, Apr 13

**D'var Torah Workshop*

Grades 8 and 9

Learning Goals

- Regard Judaism as a relevant source of wisdom for their questions about life and its meaning
- Be able to identify critical issues facing American Jewry and be motivated to act on them
- Participate in the Kehilla (Our Jewish Community) and feel connected to the Jews around the world
- Engage with Jewish role models

Program Dates:

Oct 22, Nov 5, Dec 17, Jan 28,
Feb 11, Mar 3, Apr 14, May 5 (brief meeting)

Grade 10

Learning Goals

- Regard Judaism as a relevant source of wisdom for their questions about life and its meaning
- Be able to identify critical issues facing American Jewry and be motivated to act on them
- Participate in the Kehilla (Our Jewish Community) and feel connected to the Jews around the world
- read and interpret sacred and historical texts and be able to discern Jewish core narratives and values within them
- Feel part of a chain of Jewish tradition, as both recipient and co-creators

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