

HEBREW

4th – 6th grade



The goal of Hebrew in the synagogue school setting is to enable students to participate in *tefillah* (communal prayer). *Tefillah* connects us to the spiritual life of our community and in fact, any synagogue community that we visit...near or far. To that end our 4th – 6th grade students will be led in the process of engaging with *tefillah* – both it's recitation and meaning. Through practicing in class, in services, and at home our students will be able to engage with the prayers and blessings of the Shabbat evening and morning service, the Torah service, home and holiday prayers and blessings.

Our mid-week Hebrew program offers small class sizes to ensure that each student has as much one-on-one guidance as possible. We offer multiple times on Mondays and Tuesdays as well as offering a long-distance learning option. Below you will find the goals for each of our mid-week Hebrew grades:

4th gr. (Mondays or Tuesdays only)

Students will continue "Hebrew Through Movement" through the first part of the year. Letter/vowel recognition *and* decoding skills will be introduced during the second part of the year using the program, "Let's Learn Hebrew Side by Side". "Let's Learn Hebrew Side by Side"

allows students to progress at their own pace in a technology rich environment with individual support and guidance from their teacher. With steady attendance at weekly class students will quickly learn how to decode!

5th gr. (Mondays or Tuesdays only)

The 5th grade year will focus on increasing decoding accuracy and fluency. Students will also work towards "mastery" of the prayers and blessings of the Friday evening service along with home and holiday prayers and blessings. Although we do not place emphasis on *translation* we do place much emphasis on personal meaning of each of the prayers and blessings learned. This is "mastery"!

6th gr. (Mondays or Tuesdays only)

Motivation moves to a new level as our 6th graders move closer to Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Continuing "mastery" of prayers and blessings student will not only learn the prayers and blessings associated with the Shabbat morning service but the Torah service, as well.