

CURRICULA SUMMARIES

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Grades Pre-K ~ 8th

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HOLIDAYS

mitzvot

Rituals

K'dushah

Prophets

Holiness

TORAH

g'milut chasadim

Jewish

acts of loving kindness

Identity

God in the World

ma'ayan

Hineini

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Pre-K | PRE-KINDERGARTEN

This interactive class will incorporate music, movement and hands on activities focused on Jewish Holidays, Customs and Traditions. This class provides everything that a child preparing for Kindergarten will need within a warm, caring Jewish community of learners! Students must be 4 years old by August 23rd and be members of CBI.

K | KINDERGARTEN

This year the students will be introduced to a variety of foundational Jewish concepts, rituals, and ideas. The classes will focus on four major topics throughout the year: Torah, the Aleph-Bet, holidays, and continuing to build their Jewish awareness. Through hands-on projects and engaging activities, the students will be prepared to continue on their path of life-long Jewish learning. Our kindergarten class is taught by warm, nurturing teachers who provide engaging and developmentally appropriate lessons for our youngest religious school students.

Consecration | Each year we honor the beginning of our Kindergarteners and first-year students' formal Jewish education with a memorable service. We encourage parents, grandparents, family and friends to join us on **Friday, April 7th, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**

1ST | FIRST GRADE

After building a foundation of Jewish knowledge, the first graders will delve a little deeper into their Judaism. The year will primarily focus on building a strong Jewish identity and learning about the many beautiful aspects of the religion. Through holiday explorations, continued Hebrew exposure and introduction to prayer, students will further deepen their Jewish knowledge.

Also, this year marks the beginning of the CHAI curriculum, which can be reviewed on the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) website: www.urj.org/chai. The Chai curriculum for first grade emphasizes Jewish identity and discovery.

2ND | SECOND GRADE

In the second grade, students will continue laying the foundation of their Hebrew language basic skills and Jewish holidays. This year also offers students the opportunity to study *mitzvot* (commandments) and examine their importance. The Chai curriculum from the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) teaches students about the importance of Torah, prayer, and acts of loving kindness in our own lives. The students will focus on the book of Exodus. For further information, access the URJ website: www.urj.org/chai.

3RD | THIRD GRADE

Students will journey through the Jewish lifecycle, examining what happens throughout a year and throughout a lifetime. The third graders will continue working with the CHAI curriculum. In the third grade year, the focus is on K'dushah (holiness) and ways to look for holiness within ourselves, others and the world around us. Third grade students will focus on the book of Leviticus. For further information, access the URJ website: www.urj.org/chai. The third grade year marks the start of formal Hebrew learning. By the end of the year, they should be able to recognize all Hebrew letters and vowels. Our third graders have a dual curriculum on Sunday mornings with half of the day spent on Hebrew decoding and half the day spent learning Judaic content, including exploration of Jewish holidays and the Jewish year.

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4TH | FOURTH GRADE

Judaics | Sundays | In the fourth grade, students will formally examine their partnership with God, discussing in what ways they feel/see/know God in their own lives. Students will also continue with the CHAI curriculum (from the Union for Reform Judaism ~ URJ) which teaches students about the importance of Torah, prayer, and acts of loving kindness in our own lives. The Chai curriculum focuses on the books of Numbers and Deuteronomy and emphasizes the importance of community. For further information, see the URJ website: www.urj.org/chai.

Hebrew | Sunday mornings | Based upon the students' foundation of Hebrew language from previous years, the fourth grade students will begin specialized Hebrew study. During the year, students will learn intermediate level Hebrew, as well as Hebrew through prayer focusing on the study of basic *brachot* (prayers), particularly the Friday night Shabbat prayers.

5TH | FIFTH GRADE

Judaics | Sundays | This year, students will explore Jewish heroes and Jewish values. Who are the heroes in our own lives? What makes them our heroes? Who are the recognized Jewish heroes in our society...Steven Spielberg, Golda Meir, Albert Einstein, Jonas Salk? Fifth graders will also continue with the CHAI curriculum, from the Union for Reform Judaism-URJ, which teaches students about the importance of Torah, prayer, and acts of loving kindness in our own lives. We will focus on the books of the Prophets in the Tanach (Hebrew Bible) and begin to explore Reform Judaism. For further information, see URJ website: www.urj.org/chai. The students will also continue to explore Jewish holidays and the Jewish lifecycle.

Hebrew | Sunday mornings | Based upon the students' foundation of Hebrew language from previous years, the fifth grade students will continue to refine their Hebrew language skills. As students near the age for bar/bat mitzvah, Hebrew and prayer language become even more vital to students' Jewish learning. The fifth graders will focus on learning a finding relevance in the Shabbat morning prayers.

6TH | SIXTH GRADE

Judaics | Sundays / Our sixth grade students will have the opportunity to learn with different teachers throughout the year, as they rotate through different topics. Our students will spend half of the year exploring the Chai curriculum and learning how God reveals God's self in the world. They will also learn how they themselves engage with God through study of the Writings and the Torah service and how our acts of *g'milut chasadim* (acts of loving kindness) can have impact on world issues.

Hebrew | Thursday evenings or Sunday mornings | Based upon the students' foundation of Hebrew language from previous years, the sixth grade students will continue to develop their Hebrew language skills. As students near the age for bar/bat mitzvah, Hebrew and prayer language become even more vital to student's Jewish learning. The sixth graders will focus on learning the Torah service.

Family Education | As our 6th grade students and their families prepare for bar/bat mitzvah, the family education program provides these families with the opportunity to explore this exciting time together. All classes are mandatory for both the students and their families. Family education will take place 4 times during the year in the ballroom (11:00 – 12:00 p.m.) and will be facilitated by our clergy. T'fillah (service) is held immediately following family education sessions from noon - 12:30 p.m.; student attendance is required and families are encouraged to attend. Please make a note of these dates/times and contact the religious school office if you have any questions: 480.951.0323 x200.

Sundays | Ballroom, 11am | Sept. 18, 2016 | Oct. 30, 2016 | Feb. 26, 2016

7TH | SEVENTH GRADE

Gesher | Our seventh grade program is comprised of two components: The Gesher Class, which is an ongoing program that runs throughout the entire school year and takes place on Thursday afternoons from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. The topics are modular, allowing for kids to switch easily between the Gesher Class and the B'nei Mitzvah Prep class.

Six months prior to their bar or bat mitzvah, our seventh grade students will receive a letter informing them to report to the ballroom on Thursdays for B'nei Mitzvah Prep class. This class is taught by our Rabbis, Cantor and Hebrew tutors and provides small group and individualized instruction to prepare students for their bar or bat mitzvah.

Taste of Ma'ayan | Beginning in January, our post B'nei Mitzvah students will be joining our high school kids on Thursday evenings, 6:30 – 8:45pm. Dinner is included every week. This class allows our students to engage with each other socially, while exploring topics such as: Contemporary Jewish Issues, Israel Interactive, Hot Topics and more. Please call the Religious School or check our website for more information about the fun and exciting class!

Hineini | Our seventh grade students are required to participate in Hineini, a monthly service program on Sundays, with Director of Youth Engagement, Jessielyn Kreitzer. The Hineini dates can be found on our website, cbiaz.org, under Religious School tab.

An annual CBI tradition is the 7th and 8th grade trip to Los Angeles. This is the annual highlight for our middle school students as they welcome Shabbat at a local synagogue, visit the Holocaust Museum, hang out with friends at the beach, go to Universal Studios, and enjoy bonding with fellow middle school children. Please note that only students enrolled and in good standing with the congregation will be eligible for the trip. This year's trip will take place **January 20-22, 2017. SAVE THE DATE!**

8TH | EIGHTH GRADE

Ma'ayan | Our eighth graders will meet participate in CBI's own Ma'ayan program on Thursdays, 6:30-8:45pm. Dinner is included every week. This class allows our students to engage with each other socially, while exploring topics such as: Contemporary Jewish Issues, Israel Interactive, Hot Topics and more. Please call the Religious School or check our website for more information about the fun and exciting class!

Madrichim | We also encourage our 8th graders to join us on Sunday mornings in our mini-madrichim program where they learn leadership skills and rotate throughout our Religious School classrooms to assist different students and teachers.

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