

WHAT TO EXPECT IN KITTAH DALED (4TH GRADE)

CURRICULUM

Hebrew

Fourth-sixth graders will work on continuing their development of Hebrew reading and prayers through the Chevrotah Hebrew Study Series. The Chevrotah Hebrew Series is one of the best ways to learn. It gives each student a partner to work with while developing their skills. The program is self-paced and allows students to work at their own speed and level.

Great Stories (created by Rabbi Michele Sullum)

On Sunday mornings fourth graders will study two Great Stories: The Story of How Jews Talk to God and the Story of How Jews Tell Their Stories.

The Story of How Jews Talk to God: Includes the transition from paganism to monotheism, private family Gods, spontaneous sacrifices, the Biblical sacrificial system, the 1st Temple in Jerusalem and psalms, the destruction of the 1st Temple, the evolution of synagogues in Babylonia, the 2nd Temple in Jerusalem and short prayers, the destruction of the 2nd Temple and the proliferation of prayers and synagogues across the world, the oral prayerbook, the printing press and the printed prayerbook.

The Story of How Jews Tell Their Stories: Includes Narratives, Oral history, the oral Bible, the written Bible, the Apocryphal books & Midrashim, Legal: the Mishnah & the Gemara. Literature: Poetic prayers, poetry and books. Religion: Questions and Answers, Mysticism & Magic, Philosophy: Explaining Judaism and difficult questions. Narratives: Newspaper articles, History books, Biographies, Novels.

Prayer Goals

Your child will be learning many new prayers this year. These prayers will be routinely reviewed each and every week, so not to worry. The prayers are learned through familiar melodies and by rote. A list is provided below.

T'fillot (Prayers)

Mizmor Shir Shochan Ad Barechu,
Yotzer Or Mi Chamocha
Chatzi Kadish Musaf
Amida – Avot, G'vurot
Musaf: Na'aritze'cha --- L'dor v'dor Kiddush
for Shabbat day –V'Shamru Birkat Hamazon

Music

Your child will learn many new songs in Hebrew and/or English each week.

Wednesday Elective Rotations

Every Wednesday students in grades 4-6 will rotate between three 8 week rotations. The three rotations include: Jewish cooking, Jewish art, and Torah Trope.

Cooking: Led by a professional chef students will participate in Taste of Memories where we will commemorate fallen soldiers of the IDF and victims of terrorism through cooking. The centerpiece of this project is cooking sessions, during which participants gather to cook a favorite dish of a fallen soldier or terror victim. In addition to cooking, participants learn about the person and family behind the dish through pictures, stories, videos, and anecdotes shared by the family as a way of keeping their memory alive.

Art: Led by a professional art teacher students will focus on a Jewish theme and create elaborate projects. Students will display their work at an end of the year art show.

Torah Trope and Davening: Led by Cantor Zehava Fried, students will learn how to chant Torah and review prayers, and will have the opportunity to read from the Torah in Junior Congregation.

Remember!

***If you want to know what's going on every week at Beth El Religious School,
read Rabbi Marshall's Corner.***