

Terri A. Ginsburg Religious & Hebrew School Curriculum Overview: 2019-20

All pre-school 3 through 5th grade students enjoy regular library and Jewish music sessions. Grades 1-5 also gather together for *tefillah*, a communal Jewish worship experience led by Rabbi Josh, Cantor Regina, and/or Rabbi Daniel, each week. Hebrew School students, grades 3-6, also participate in *tefillah* each week, ultimately learning to lead their peers in prayer.

Starting this year, Grades 3-5 will take part in Hebrew Through Movement classes.

Pre-School 3

- Dynamic and active approach for students and parents to explore Jewish holidays, symbols, and customs together
- Meets approximately once a month on Saturday mornings from 10:45am-12:30pm.

Pre-School 4

- Finding personal resonance in Torah stories, including holiday narratives
- Meets weekly on Saturday mornings from 10:45am-12:30pm

Kindergarten

- Bible Stories (Creation through Moses)
- Holiday Symbols & Celebration

First Grade

- Consecration
- Introduction to Tzedakah & Mitzvot
- Bible Stories (Moses through Jonah)
- Jewish Holidays

Second Grade

- Introduction to Hebrew Alphabet
- Jewish Symbols & Ritual Objects, focusing on Torah: Its Creation, Its Parts, Its Importance
- Our Synagogue: the Place, the People, the Symbols
- Jewish Holidays
- Trip to Matthaei Botanical Gardens to celebrate Tu B'Shevat

Third Grade

- Torah Portions
- Jewish Values
- Jewish Holidays
- **Hebrew School** begins with the basic Aleph-Bet, decoding skills.

Fourth Grade

- Jewish Calendar
- Prophets, Judges, and Kings
- Jewish Holidays
- **Hebrew**- reading fluency, simple liturgy

Fifth Grade

- Exploring prominent individuals through Jewish literature and history through the lens of Jewish heroism
- Traveling Trunk Program – learning about Michigan's Jewish history with the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan
- **Hebrew**- reading fluency, advanced liturgy and prayer vocabulary

Sixth Grade

- Introduction to reading and interpreting Torah through sacred reading practices
- Exposure to Torah commentary, both ancient and contemporary
- Empowering students to interpret for themselves as they learn to craft *divrei Torah*
- **Hebrew**- review prayers, focus on the Torah service, opportunity to lead Shabbat worship

Seventh Grade

- Mitzvot through social action
- Mitzvot as an expression of Jewish identity
- New curriculum developed in partnership with Jewish Family Services
- **Hebrew** - B'nai Mitzvah Preparation

Eighth Grade

- Exploring the American Jewish Experience – what is it like, and what does it mean, to be a Jew in America today?
- What role have Jews played in the evolution of America, and what role do we continue to play?
- Trip to New York City in the spring

Ninth Grade

- Introduction to rabbinic literature
- Exploring Jewish values through rabbinic text and discussion
- **Madrikhim** (Classroom Aide) Training Program (approx. one Saturday morning per month)
- **Trip to Nahalal, Israel** – through the Jewish Federation

Tenth Grade - Confirmation

- Led by Rabbi Josh Whinston
- Explores the personal nature and experiences of Judaism
- Examines public policy and decision making before taking part in L'taken, an advocacy program through the Religious Action Center
- Preparations for Confirmation Dinner and Service

11th-12th Grade Seminars

- Jews on the Edge: Exploring Jewish Culture

Continuing this year, students in Grades 8-12 will take part in various electives. These electives vary each semester and include a range of topics.

Terri A. Ginsburg Religious & Hebrew School Tuition: 2019-2020

Early Bird Special pricing from June 20th - July 31st

Saturday Religious School

Preschool 3	\$200
PS4-5 th Grade	\$526

Sunday Religious School

6 th -12 th Grade	\$556
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Hebrew School (Sunday & Wednesday)

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TBE Tuition Rates 2019-2020

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*For information about scholarships and non-member tuition rates, please contact [Rabbi Daniel](#) or [Melissa](#).